

HARRAH'S NEW ORLEANS
Tourist Quotes
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Jane M.
New York City

This is my first visit to New Orleans. I'm here for the christening of the SS New York and I thought it would be nice to walk around the city a bit. Since arriving yesterday, my daughter and I have enjoyed two incredible restaurants and we shopped on Magazine Street. I like it here and I think I'll visit again. The French Quarter looks and feels like Europe without so much travel.

Mark L.
Houston, TX

I used to live here, but my job transferred to Houston. My wife and I come back every few months to visit friends. We love to walk around the French Quarter with no set agenda – just see where we wind up. New Orleans has the most delicious food in the world and we'll always come back for it.

Robert M.
Destin, FL

I first started traveling to New Orleans about 20 years ago for work and I instantly fell in love with this city. Now that I'm retired, my wife and I drive over for a long weekend to enjoy the French Quarter. We collect art and we love visiting the galleries in New Orleans. There's a lot of talent in the people here: art, music, food. It's one of my favorite places.

Linda H.
Baton Rouge

I come to New Orleans just to get away! I always find something new and interesting in this city. I usually come in town for one the art markets. There's a lot of nice original art to be found here. Oh, and the food. I love to dine at a fine restaurant when I'm in New Orleans. Some of my favorites are Irene's in the French Quarter and the Upperline on Magazine Street.

James and Lori W.
Milwaukee, WI

James: I came to New Orleans shortly after the hurricane to help with the recovery. My wife came with me with a church group the second time.

Lori: This is our seventh trip to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding and today we're considering making a permanent move here. We really love the people here. There's an incredible stamina in people's mindset to rebuild this city. Their resilience is very inspirational.

James: We love the French Quarter and Magazine Street for their uniqueness and there are great restaurants everywhere you look in this town.

**Rachael R.
Houston, TX**

I came here once with my parents as a teenager. I thought it was a cool place then, and now that I'm old enough to really enjoy it, New Orleans is really awesome. It's really too bad what happened here with the hurricane, because the people here deserve better. You guys are so cool and so welcoming to visitors. So where should we eat today?

**Larry D.
South Bend, IN**

I'm in town for a business conference this week. We came in a couple of days early to enjoy the city. New Orleans is looking pretty good! Since I'm on an expense account this week, we're hitting all the best restaurants: Emeril's, Commander's Palace, Galatoires. I'm going to need new pants when I get home!

**Lowell M.
Walnut Creek, CA**

We live just outside of San Francisco and we like New Orleans because the city has a great soul. San Francisco has it too, but most U.S. cities are plain. We like to seek out music clubs like the Rock'N Bowl and buy the CD of whoever's playing that night. We love to visit during Jazz Fest because we can get a concentration of great music and great food.

**Jamie & Ken W.
Dallas, TX**

We lived in New Orleans for 20 years, but when my company promoted me, the job was in Dallas. We visit New Orleans a few times a year for a healthy dose of culture. Dallas is a nice place, but it's really spread out. New Orleans has a unique personality – it's friendly, creative and delicious.

**Deborah C.
Raleigh, NC**

New Orleans is a great place to just relax and hang out. Then when you're all rested, there are tons of things to do here. I love the variety of delicious food and going to hear music until all hours of the night.

**James R.
Houston, TX**

When I found out that I was coming to New Orleans for a company meeting I started making my restaurant list. My wife and I have been here two days so far. We've eaten at Mother's, Emeril's and Mr. B's. We're walking the river front so that we have room for dinner tonight at Antoine's.

**Leslie A.
Philadelphia, PA**

I truly love the architecture of New Orleans. The French Quarter is a jewel. Then you have the modern downtown area followed by the historical Garden District. As a painter, it is truly eye candy.

Peter W.
Philadelphia, PA

I used to come to New Orleans just to party on Bourbon Street. Over the years, I've matured and I now enjoy the great music you have here and the delicious restaurants. I always gain five pounds when I visit.

Wanda J.
Little Rock, AR

New Orleans has the best of what life has to offer. A cornucopia of incredible food; a variety of music to satisfy anyone's taste; history; the arts; and most of all the warm, kind people I always meet when I visit.

Brett W.
Little Rock, AR

I come here to eat. Gumbo, crawfish, etouffe, the list goes on and on. Along the way of my gumbo trail, I enjoy being in the French Quarter and taking in its charm.

Jacob R.
New York, NY

I went to college here many years ago. I remember that my mother was afraid that I wouldn't eat right being away from home. Well, I think I broke her heart telling her about all the unbelievable food I was eating here. I love that food is such a part of the culture of New Orleans. You have King Cakes and crawfish boils and all that fresh fish from the Gulf of Mexico.

Chad S.
Mobile, AL

I never miss Jazz Fest. I'm in town this time for a business meeting and I came in a few days early to enjoy the city. No matter what is going on here, you can always just kick back and relax and somehow have a great time kind of doing nothing. I think the key ingredient to what makes New Orleans special is the people. You guys have a zest for life that revolves around food and music and lots of unique traditions.

Christopher F.
Mobile, AL

New Orleans has a unique ambiance about it. I can't quite put my finger on it, but it certainly has to do with the people. Even after everything you've been through here, people are friendly and always willing to point you in the right direction or suggest a restaurant.

Angela B.
Chicago, IL

I think the country could learn a lot from the people of New Orleans. People here know how to take time for the important things in life like good food. The food is superior to any place else in the country – maybe the world. And I think there's a lot of love that goes into the preparation.

Monica R.
Shreveport, LA

New Orleans is such a special place. I love just walking down Magazine Street or in the French Quarter to shop and to eat. Mostly I think the people make New Orleans special. Everyone here knows how to cook. I mean really cook gourmet style, not just boiling spaghetti. I'd like to find a cooking school in New Orleans. You know, like a weekend, 3-day school to learn gumbo and red beans and crawfish.

**Dominique D.
Lyon, France**

New Orleans is a feast for the soul. I have visited all of the big cities in your country and New Orleans is always on the top of my list when I travel. I have gotten to know a few of the gallery owners and I try to plan my stay around meeting artists and seeing their works for my collection. New Orleans has many talented artists. Not just the ones who paint, but the ones who cook and play music.

**Bobby H.
Detroit, MI**

First of all I love the weather here. About this time of year, it's nice to head to New Orleans to thaw out. We came to New Orleans for a Caribbean cruise and now we're spending a few extra days here to take it all in. The French Quarter is beautiful. I'm glad it survived the hurricane. We're on our way to do the drinking tour – that should be fun.

**Louise C.
Jackson, MS**

I love everything about New Orleans. It has some of the finest hotels in the country as well as terrific restaurants. I can have a great meal here for \$10 or \$100 depending on the mood I'm in. My husband likes to gamble and we just love the Harrah's casino here. It's a whole lot closer than Las Vegas and the city is authentic. We've had so many good times here and no matter what, we'll always return again.

**Helen M.
St. Louis, MO**

I've been to New Orleans for Jazz Fest and for Mardi Gras. This time we wanted to visit the city when nothing particular is going on. What we found out is that there's always something going on in New Orleans. This is a city like no other and we love visiting to enjoy the rich heritage of this region. Yesterday we went to the plantations on River Road and that was really something. We didn't realize how close to the city these Southern mansions are.

**James M.
St. Louis, MO**

I like going to the funky music halls like House of Blues and Maple Leaf. We stay up late, sleep in and then find a place for lunch. We don't have to look far! I've never had a bad meal in this town. There are so many restaurants and I'd like to try them all.

**Wesley A.
Washington, D.C.**

I have three favorite cities: New York, San Francisco and New Orleans. Each city is unique and offers a lot of cultural traditions to partake in, but New Orleans is my favorite of all. It's so easy to just blend in to what's going on, to relax and walk around and of course, to eat great food.

I'm happy to see the city back on its feet because it is truly a one of a kind city and a fabulous place.

Diane C.
Dallas, TX

I was transferred to New Orleans in the 90s with my company. I was unsure about living here, but New Orleans welcomed me with open arms and I quickly felt like a local. After 10 years I was transferred back to Dallas and I didn't want to move. I come back often to visit friends and try to immerse myself in the food and music until it's time to go home. New Orleans welcomes me back every time I visit.

Bruce R.
Denver, CO

New Orleans is about as different as can be from my hometown of Denver, but every time I visit I feel like I belong here. New Orleans is a wonderful place. It's like a playground for adults. You have Bourbon Street and the big Harrah's casino. And then there are all the amazing restaurants. It's a sophisticated small town for sure.

Robert A.
Philadelphia, PA

I am like a kid in a candy store when I visit New Orleans! I want to sample all the restaurants, but I have to choose just a few. I want to take a river cruise and stroll the French Quarter and ride the streetcar. I love talking with the locals and getting their sightseeing and restaurant recommendations. My trips here always end too soon.