Bars and Lounges that We Enjoy in New Orleans

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French Quarter Area:

American TownHouse 1012 North Rampart Street 504-354-8533 https://www.atnola.com/

American Townhouse is the newest addition to the Rampart Street corridor. Matt and Bryce are the owners who moved their business from the popular 700 Club to this location a year later. The modern interior design is bright and airy making it fun to sit around and chat with everyone that wanders through. A well designed and sunny courtyard augments in the interior space and makes you feel like part of the French Quarter. A step up to order kitchen in the back room makes it easy to settle into some nice food to complement fun drinks. There are also three frozen drinks available which should satisfy any palette.

The Crossing 439 Dauphine Street 504-532-4517 https://www.crossingnola.com/

More of a chill, neighborhood bar with friendly gay undertones. The Crossing main bar is surrounded by televisions which allow for continuous music videos or sports activities to be played. There is plenty of comfortable seating at the bar which is complemented by tables and booths. The kitchen has a nice selection of eats available if you get hungry. The Crossing is just a couple blocks from Bourbon Street, so it is a nice place to get out of the tourist crowds and have some locally priced cocktails.

The Black Penny 700 N Rampart Street 504-304-477
https://www.facebook.com/BlackPennyNola/

The Black Penny is on the edge of the French Quarter making it very easy to catch a taxi or Uber. The bar is owned by Erin Rose which determines the very economical drink prices. The bartenders are mixologists and create some of the best drinks in the city. They also serve beer only in cans as part of their green initiative, so the selection of beers and ales is extensive and eclectic. Call them before heading over since their hours have changed a bit with Covid.

Carousel Lounge at the Hotel Monteleone 214 Royal Street 504-523-3341
http://hotelmonteleone.com/entertainment/carousel-bar/

The Carousel Lounge is in the world famous Monteleone hotel and has a wonderful history of cabaret and drinks and even featured Liberace years ago. The main bar area contains a rotating carousel designed just like a carnival ride and patrons can comfortable circle around. The balance of the bar is a modern and comfortable living room atmosphere with great waitstaff and at night, cabaret singers belt out tunes.

Molly's at the Market 1107 Decatur Street 504-525-5169 https://www.mollysatthemarket.net/

Molly's has been around forever and gives a notable example of local flavor drawing in tourists and locals. Their frozen coffee drink is a favorite and one of the signature drinks of the French Quarter. It is a great spot to watch sports too. Their sister restaurant, Junction Burgers, just opened in the patio area providing nice bites to accompany your drinking.

Cosimo's 1201 Burgundy Street 504-522-9428 no website

Cosimo's is a local's bar that many tourists stumble upon by sheer accident. Drink prices are intended for the local crowd and if you land here on a lucky day, they do a crawfish boil in the street. The décor is French Quarter Chic which means this could very well be classified as a Dive Bar.

Uptown area:

Bouligny Tavern 3641 Magazine Street 504-891-1810 http://www.boulignytavern.com/

Bouligny is the sister establishment to Lilette but mainly serves as a bar. The interior is beautifully designed in old stained wood creating a more traditional atmosphere. Small plates are available to complement the special drinks and a small patio accompanies the main seating area.

The Columns Hotel 3811 St. Charles Avenue 504-899-9308 http://thecolumns.com/

The Columns hotel is situated on the street car line on world famous St Charles Avenue. Outdoor and indoor seating are available in this beautiful setting. The bar is a traditional stained oak wood and paneled area. Happy hour is a big time to hang out and watch the street cars roll down the avenue. You can often see weddings occur and even walk into the bar as the reception is going on. Drinks are creative and local priced.

The Chloe Hotel 4125 St. Charles Avenue 504-541-5500 https://www.thechloenola.com/restaurant

The Chloe hotel is also situated on the St. Charles Avenue Streetcar Line and is the newest creation from the Leblanc restaurant group. The hotel is a refurbished mansion and features several bars inside and at the pool and you can even have cocktails in rocking chairs on the front porch. This is

currently the place to be seen in NOLA. The food menu is very tasty and we highly recommend the ice cream sandwich for desert which you can split with a friend. Every bartender is capable of creating the most fabulous drink creations so feel free to just tell them what you enjoy and they will make it for you.

Hot Tin 2031 St. Charles Avenue 504-323-1500 http://hottinbar.com/

Hot Tin is the rooftop bar of the Pontchartrain Hotel and has some of the best views of the city from the former owner's suite. The décor is antique coolness with lots of old New Orleans memorabilia. The drink menu is extensive and delectable, and you can be comfortable sitting at the bar or waiting for a cocktail waitress. Make sure you check the opening times each day since the bar opens later in the afternoon and gets very crowded at night.

The Bull Dog 3236 Magazine Street 504-891-1516 http://www.draftfreak.com/bulldog/

The original Bulldog rests in one of the busiest blocks of Magazine Street surrounded by numerous retail establishments. A wide selection of beers and ales are on tap and are accompanied by a small kitchen. An outdoor courtyard is pet friendly and features big screen televisions as well as a unique tap handle fountain and plenty of shade. The Bulldog is a great spot to relax and watch the people move up and down Magazine Street.

The Bower and Behind the Bower 1320 Magazine Street 504-582-9738
https://www.thebowernola.com/

The Bower is part of the Latter Hospitality Group that brings us Tujague's, the Bower, and Birdie's behind the Bower. The Bower is a casual, upscale wine bar and restaurant located in the Lower Garden District featuring both inside and outdoor space. A large wine menu is complimented by specialty cocktail offerings as well as small bite plates that are sure to satisfy. The courtyard area is shared by both the Bower and Birdie's so you get a collection of unique people to observe.

Miel Brewing and Taproom 405 Sixth Street 504-372-4260
https://www.mielbrewery.com/

Miel is one of the newer brew pubs uptown and features a team of two very nice people: one is the brewer and the other is the graphics art designer who makes the labels. The beer began as on tap only, and they would produce approximately eight beers a week all ranging in flavors from grapefruit to blueberry to peanut butter. There is indoor and outdoor seating on the newly renovated patio, and food and coffee trucks are always available for eats. Miel happens to be near all the breweries uptown so it makes hopping around very easy.

The Gilded Perch 7004 St. Charles Avenue 504-861-7564
https://parkviewguesthouse.com/

The Gilded Perch is located in the Parkview Historic House located next to Audubon Park and across from Tulane University. The hotel was built for the 1884 World Internation and Cotton Exposition in Audubon Park. The hotel has been beautifully restored by the Kreel family of New Orleans and the Perch is the latest addition to the lobby. Crafted cocktails are their specialty, and the bartenders will wow you with their skills and drink knowledge. Peacocks are thematic throughout the hotel so take some time to wander around and see the peacocks and the vintage clock collection

Mid City:

Wrong Iron 3532 Toulouse Street 504- 302-0528 https://www.wrongiron.com/

Wrong Iron is the newest creation from Sidney Torres and the Bulldog Group. Located on the Greenway which is the outside path from MidCity to downtown New Orleans, there was no expense in creating this beautiful space. The patio has young oak trees lining the seating area as well as ample televisions, fans and heaters to keep you in the right mood. Inside there is plenty of AC and beer taps. They generally have a food truck and now have their own kitchen. The most fun is that a manger comes around with some switching device and asks you what television station you want to watch. Initially we thought it was way too trendy but now it is coming into its own. Be careful not to park on the grass in the Bayou because the neighbors will have you ticketed.

Bayou Wine and Beer Garden 315 N Rendon Street 504-826-2915 http://bayouwinegarden.com/

Bayou Beer and Wine Garden is a very casual and fun outdoors bar with some indoor space for hot weather. It is located near Bayou St John which is one of the original New Orleans waterways that took people from downtown to the lake. The Beer Garden was first and contains an endless supply of beer and ales. The Wine Garden is the more sophisticated side of the location and features wines on tap as well as bottles. Food is available on both sides, but the wine garden has fancier food and features snappy charcuterie boards which can easily be selected by your server. The outdoors area has been revamped in 2023 providing more table space and more televisions so everyone can find a spot that suits them.

The Deutsches Haus 1700 Moss Street 504-522-8014 https://deutscheshaus.org/

The Deutsches Haus is the German festival house of New Orleans. Their new home sits on Bayou St. John and you can watch the activity on the bayou as you sip cocktails and eat Bratwurst at their bar. The bartenders here are fun and sassy. While you can be a member of the organization, anyone can visit and have a cocktail and some food. Seating is indoors and outdoors on their porch.

Twelve Mile Limit 500 S Telemachus Street 504-488-8114 https://twelvemilelimit.com/

New Orleans treasures our dumpy bars, better known as easygoing, and Twelve Mile Limit is one of the best ones. Patrons are buzzed into the front door and the outside features a giant Octopus painted on the wall. Drinks are also quite fun here despite the simplicity of the bar. The best feature is that this is the original location of "Debbie Does Doberge" which are local bites of Doberge cake which are simply divine. Bar opens at 5PM daily. Night time activities rotate throughout the month and include bingo night, disco night and just about anything else you can think of.

Second Line Brewing 433 N Bernadotte Street 504-248-8979

Second Line is our favorite brewery in the city because the people are crazy nice, and the beer is delicious and creative. Most of the beer garden is outside, with some overhead shade and now outdoor fans, so bring sunscreen or a raincoat depending on what the weather is doing. Food trucks continue to line up daily to provide a collection of choices each day. Second Line is located near City Park so you can grab a beer and wander over there for additional exercise.

The Marigny and Bywater

Elysian Lounge 2317 Burgundy Street 504-356-6769 https://www.theelysianbar.com/

The Elysian Lounge is in the spectacular Peter and Paul Hotel in the Bywater. This renovation has been an amazing addition to the neighborhood, and you need to make sure you see it at night when all the lights are shining on the church and the church windows. The lounge has a Blaine Kern designed back bar resembling a large tree which makes the space dynamic. Drinks are crazily creative and tasty and not as pricey as they should be. Since it is a hotel, breakfast, lunch and dinner are available and the food is spot on. This is the sister bar to Bacchanal a bit further down and you can tell they have nailed it.

The Spotted Cat 623 Frenchmen Street 504-943-3887

The Spotted Cat is located directly across from DBA and is one of the smallest bars on Frenchmen street with the best music. The bar is small and requires cash so make sure you have some. You can hang in the doorway and listen to the live music which easily flows out to the street.

Snug Harbor 626 Frenchmen Street 504-949-0696 http://www.snugjazz.com/

Snug Harbor is a restaurant and Jazz club with comfortable bar space where you can sit and listen to the music flowing out of the music room in the back which you must purchase tickets for. The bar is quaint and gives a pleasant view of the local crowd. Great burgers are available in the restaurant. The music room has nightly shows and there are generally two seatings so you should be able to come early or wait for the late show.

The Country Club 634 Louisa Street 504-945-0742 http://www.thecountryclubneworleans.com/

The Country Club has transitioned into quite the outstanding restaurant and bar. Sundays are outstanding with brunches and bottomless mimosas and even drag queens on certain weekends. The bar is comfortable, and bartenders are knowledgeable on what customers want even to the point that they will refill your exiting drink with a shot allowing you to maintain the tasty ice. The best time is summer when you can just sit at the bar and watch the throngs of pretty people head to the pool. It's a very well worth it free show.

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