



## Restaurants that We Enjoy in New Orleans

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### French Quarter Area:

**Tableau**      **616 St. Peter Street**      **504-934-3463**      <http://tableaufrenchquarter.com/>

Tableau is part of the Dickie Brennan Restaurant group and features Creole Cuisine. The restaurant is located on Jackson Square and features two floors of dining. The bar on the second floor allows you to hang out on the balcony and overlook Jackson Square. Brunch is wonderful here on Sundays and features a jazz Band.

**Brennan's**      **417 Royal Street**      **504-525-9711**      <http://www.brennansneworleans.com/>

Brennan's is part of the Ralph Brennan group of restaurants and is world famous for brunch and Banana's Foster which is made flaming right at your table. The food is Creole and American. The bar has a very fun happy hour and features very special drinks made up by their mixology group. Turtle soup is a must have here.

**Tujague's**      **429 Decatur Street**      **504-525-8676**      <http://www.tujaguesrestaurant.com/>

Tujague's is the oldest bar in New Orleans and one of the oldest restaurants in the country. The menu is Creole and America and features some of the best brisket appetizer anywhere. The décor inside features many celebrity picture signings as well as one of the largest 50 milliliter bottle collections in the country. They had to abandon their original location in 2020 but moved just up the block and recreated the traditional space in typical New Orleans fashion. The giant neon sign was restored in early 2023 and can be seen up and down Decatur Street at night.

**Muriel's**      **801 Chartres Street**      **504-568-1885**      <http://muriels.com/>

Muriel's is located on Jackson Square and is a remodeled sale auction building. They are known for a wonderful brunch with a traveling jazz band on the weekend. Food is Creole American. You should be sure and walk around the entire building upstairs and downstairs since it is one of the most haunted sites in New Orleans. They also have a second-floor bar area overlooking Jackson Square with spectacular views at night.

**St. John**      **117 Decatur Street**      **504-581-8120**      <https://saintjohnnola.com/>

St John's is located in the middle of the bar scene on Decatur Street in the French Quarter. The front of the restaurant features a beautiful marble bar, and the back has the open kitchen so you can watch your food being prepared. The food is delicious, and the cocktails are creative and clever. Make sure you sit downstairs so you can watch the flow of people. Sundays are drag brunch which is also a great day to be here. All local bars are a step away as you exit this restaurant.

## **Uptown area:**

**Jacques Imo's 8324 Oak Street 504-861-0886 <http://jacques-imos.com/>**

Jacque is the creator of this Oak Street institution which has become a fixture on the street. They do not take reservations unless you are a large party of five or more. Food is local New Orleans, so you will have a taste of what we enjoy the most. The restaurant is always packed so earlier is better than late since you can have fun cocktails at the bar.

**Apolline 4729 Magazine Street 504-894-8881 <http://www.apollinerestaurant.com/>**

Apolline is a charming restaurant located in a renovated shotgun home. The food changes almost daily and some of the side dishes like honey cooked bacon are something you should not miss. We fill up so much on the side dishes that we can almost never eat the main course. Cocktails are creative and include natural flowers in most.

**Midway Pizza 4725 Freret Street 504-322-2815 <https://midwaypizzanola.com/>**

Midway is a fun pizza joint featuring both deep dish and thin crust pizza. The restaurant features a large bar which can accommodate both socializing and eating, giving you a choice to hang in. The owners are obsessed with luchador wrestling greats so much of the art features these wrestlers. Large windows allow you to hang out and watch the passing crowd on the street.

**High Hat Cafe 4500 Freret Street 504-754-1336 <https://www.highhatcafe.com/>**

High Hat is one of the best restaurants for local comfort food in the city. The tiled floors and wooden tables take you back in time to old New Orleans. The owner is also the host and always friendly and accommodating. Daily food and drink specials are the norm. The bar makes a lot of their own tonics and flavorings so you should always try one of their creative cocktails. Our favorite cocktail is a Mezcal based drink called the Space Cowboy.

**Juan's Flying Burrito 8140 Oak Street 504-897-4800 <https://juansflyingburrito.com/>**

Juan's is our local chain of restaurants which is not really a chain because each location is unique to itself. The staff is always Bohemian/hipster, so it makes it fun to hang out. The food is deliciously New Orleans Mexican, and the cocktails have multiple choices on what type of Margarita you want in addition to many other options. We enjoy this particular location because it is the newest and you can wander down after lunch or dinner to the other bars on the block.

**San Lorenzo in the St Vincent Hotel    1507 Magazine Street    504-350-2430**

<https://saintvincentnola.com/dining/>

San Lorenzo is both a restaurant and the Paradise bar located in the renovated St. Vincent Orphanage (Asylum) Home. The restaurant's kitchen was featured on Netflix's Queer Eye which means nothing other than it is a cool place. Take some time to sit in the bar then wander across the hall into the restaurant for lunch or dinner. Everything is delicious albeit a little pricey, but it is worth it to be part of the scene. Take some time to wander about the hotel either before or after your meal because, of course, the place is haunted.

#### **Lakefront:**

**Station 6    105 Metairie Hammond Highway    504-345-2936    <http://www.station6nola.com/>**

Station 6 is located on the Levee protecting the city from Lake Pontchartrain and next to the new pump stations that drain the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal. The restaurant features a wonderful assortment of daily specials and large and small plates. Guests can sit in very comfortable outside seating as well as indoors. The bar features many personalized drinks complementing a great meal. There are no reservations so make sure you get here early or very late for meals.

**Blue Crab    7900 Lakeshore Drive    504-284-2898    <http://www.thebluecrabnola.com/>**

Blue Crab is located on Lakeshore Drive and has the best views of the Lake. The restaurant is a collaboration of several lakefront food families who wanted to create the old world, pre-Katrina Lake style restaurants where guests can hang out on the dock and watch the boats pass while enjoying a great meal. Daily seafood specials change regularly and depending on the season, fresh seafood is available including shrimp and crawfish. On the weekends, live bands often play on the lower deck making hanging out on the dock even more fun.

**Juniors on Harrison    789 Harrison Avenue    504-766-6902    <https://www.juniorsonharrison.com/>**

Junior's is the newest restaurant in the Lakeview corridor and got its start in Baton Rouge Louisiana. The space is open and airy, and the staff is young and fun. There are a couple of specials each day in addition to the regular menu which changes between lunch and dinner. Craft cocktails are plenty and there is even an upstairs bar area if you want to be a bit rowdy. Brussel Sprouts are divine here and they even make their own ice cream for dessert.

**The Backard    244 West Harrison Avenue    504-309-8767    <https://www.thebackyardnola.com/>**

The Backyard started as a burger and kid hangout place for Lakeview families who wanted to have a cocktail while their children had the opportunity to have fun on a playground. The playground is gone now, and the owner has transformed the exterior and mainly the interior into a hip fun burger joint with one of the largest Bourbon collections in the city. Specialty drinks are available to

complement the bourbon list. Food is plentiful and on certain days BBQ pork ribs are available and delicious. Happy hour is the most fun since appetizers, including deviled eggs, are half off and the drinks are all 2.00 off.

### **Mid-City:**

**Rosedale**      **801 Rosedale Drive**      **504-309-9595**      **<http://rosedalerestaurant.com/>**

Rosedale is part of the Susan Spicer Group and is notable for small plates and wonderful appetizers. The restaurant is in an old police station and one of the jail cells remains and has been converted to a bathroom. The drinks are fresh and fun, and the bartenders are very accommodating, making your experience a good one. The patio has been redesigned with good shade and outdoor fans so do not be afraid to sit outside if the main dining room is crowded. Chef Spicer is often in the kitchen so you can peak in and wave at her.

**Liuzza's**      **3626 Bienville Avenue**      **504-482-9120**      **<http://www.liuzzas.com/>**

Liuzza's is a New Orleans tradition complete with original terrazzo floors and ceramic tiles in the bar area. There are actually two locations but since this is the biggest one, we prefer to hang out here. The food is traditional New Orleans with an Italian flair. The waitresses are a treat in themselves and personify the typical "yat" description that makes New Orleans so unique. If you are a drinker, order a frosty mug of beer which will take both your hands to lift.

**Mo Pho**      **514 City Park Avenue**      **504-482-6845**      **<https://www.mophonola.com/>**

Mo Pho is in the city park area and has a great bar. I am not a pho fan but theirs is creative and tasty. Our favorite foods are the appetizers including the chicken Vindaloo and the Brussel Sprouts. Drinks are unique and include a favorite called the Tamarind Sour. A well balanced wine selection rounds out a good compliment of beers as well. There is all sorts of indoor seating and the patio is fun and often has a pig or some other animal roasting on the fire pit out there allowing you to watch the chef's do their magic.

**Toup's Meatery**      **845 North Carrollton**      **504-252-4999**      **<http://toupsmeatery.com/>**

Toups is a unique "meat" friendly restaurant created by the owner and Chef Isaac Toups. Portions are very generous so sharing appetizers is smart and tasty. Taste a lot of appetizers or get the appetizer and meat plate to start with for your table. The bar makes accompanying drinks including a wonderful beet martini. Toup's has a sister restaurant in the Southern Museum of Cocktails called Toup's South which is as unique as the original spot.

### **Marigny and the Bywater:**

**Bywater American Bistro 2900 Chartres Street 504-605-3827 <http://bywateramericanbistro.com/>**

Bywater is the second restaurant from the Campere Lapin Group. The atmosphere is cozy and comfortable with regular table seating as well as high top and counter service seating. The menu changes frequently with incredible creations from the chef and their brunch is unique each weekend with some ingredients we had to Google before ordering. Cocktails are delicious though a teeny bit pricey which makes you concerned how much you consume when the bill comes. Currently they are a dinner only restaurant.

**Pizza Delicious 617 Piety Street 504-676-8484 <http://pizzadelicious.com/>**

Pizza Delicious was made known to us by some of our younger biking friends. Located in the Bywater at one of the bridges for Crescent Park, Delicious offers comfortable inside seating as well as a patio. The Pizza is served by the pie, which are very large, or by the slice. Beer and inexpensive wine bottles are available as well rounding out the meal. It is fun for large groups since one pizza totally feeds four to five people. Their garlic knots are also very tasty.

**Bratz Ya'll 617 B Piety Street 504-301-3222 <https://bratzyall.com/>**

Bratz Ya'll shares the same building with Pizza Delicious. It is authentic German Food and cocktails. Pricing is reasonable and there is ample outdoor and indoor seating so many locals bike to this location for a fun afternoon. The Krewe of Krampus, yes that scary demon from Halloween, often hangs out here so you might get a fun scare on certain nights.

**Bywater Bakery 3624 Dauphine Street 504-336-3336 <https://www.bywaterbakery.com/>**

The Bywater Bakery is one of those gems that started off as the neighborhood coffee and pastry joint and then became so well known with their pastries that the rest of the world found them. We are always there for the annual King Cake and Bacardi party for The Start of Mardi Gras season. Delicious sandwiches and salads round out the bakery menu allowing you to fill up without eating a pastry. On certain days, they even have live music playing on the piano inside, making your experience even more enjoyable.

**Palador 511 511 Marigny Street 504-509-6782 <https://www.paladar511.com/>**

Palador 511 is located in the Spice Factory Condominium building right at the start of the Bywater. It is a stone's throw from the river so before or after eating you can wander out and see the mighty Mississippi River. The restaurant is spacious with a giant open kitchen, and we find sitting upstairs allows you to review everyone in the restaurant. Cocktails are fanciful and the food ranges from pizza to delicious New Orleans local cuisine. The restaurant is open all the time, which is unusual for most New Orleans establishments, but it truly is a nicely priced neighborhood restaurant.

**Arabella 2258 St. Claude Avenue 504-533-9223 <https://www.arabellanola.com/>**

Arabella is a neighborhood restaurant specializing in pasta dishes. You can pick from their extensive menu or create your own pasta. The owner has an extensive collection of comic book memorabilia which makes the interior very interesting to stroll around. A new outdoor seating area allows everyone to be spaciouly comfortable. The wine list is reasonable and tasty, and a good selection of beers and cocktails provides something for everyone. Arabella is also right across the street from the world famous Hi Ho Lounge where Soul Sister spins her DJ mix every evening.

### **Warehouse/The Arts District**

**Sofia 516 Julia Street 504-322-3216 <https://www.sofianola.com/>**

Sofia is a hip, little gem in the Arts District downtown. It is the creation of Billy Blatty whose father wrote that scary little book The Exorcist. Sofia is aptly named after Sophia Loren, but they changed the spelling to avoid any sort of trademark issues. The restaurant is hip and can be very loud so make sure your party is small enough so you can lean in and hear them at your table. The food is modern Italian accompanied by delicious pizzas. The cocktail list is fun, and the wine list is eclectic and tasty so make sure you ask your waitstaff for some help. They offer you what they like, which keeps you from spending too much. Brunch on the weekends is accompanied by a DJ and bottomless mimosas so it sure is a good time. We find sitting at the counter in the back allows you to see the food being created, which is pretty fun.

**Brewery St X 734 Loyola Avenue 504-788-0093 <https://www.brewerysaintx.com>**

Brewery St X is our newest Brew Pub and is one of the best because it has a full bar and shares a kitchen with it's sister restaurant next door Devil Moon Barbeque. Both are owned by the Neighborhood Restaurant Group out of Washington DC, but the team has hired locals to run the establishments, so we feel right at home. There are tables, high top tables, and bar seating with giant television screens throughout so you can watch sports during season. The menu has a good collection of food including light salads and the cocktail collection is very fun as well. There is a brisket old fashioned featuring the BBQ taste from Devil Moon. This place is near the Superdome so will be a huge hangout during local sporting events and concerts.

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