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Inside New Orleans
RELOCATION GUIDE



Welcome TO NEW ORLEANS!

New Orleans is more than a place to live—it's a city with a rhythm, culture, and sense of community unlike anywhere else. From historic neighborhoods and world-class restaurants to incredible schools, family activities, shopping, festivals, and celebrations, every part of the city offers its own distinct lifestyle.

As moms raising our own children in New Orleans, we understand that relocating is about so much more than finding the right house. It's about finding the right neighborhood, school, commute, weekend activities, favorite restaurants, and community for your family. We've experienced firsthand what it means to build a life here, and we know the details that can make a move feel exciting rather than overwhelming.

That's where we come in. Lauren and Kristen combine their real estate expertise with an insider's knowledge of the city to help you navigate every aspect of your move to New Orleans. Whether you're searching for the perfect neighborhood, exploring school options, looking for the best places to spend a Saturday with your kids, or simply trying to discover where you'll feel most at home, we're here to help you find your place—and your people—in New Orleans.

We can't wait to welcome you home!

Lauren and Kristen





WHY WE LOVE *New Orleans* location

New Orleans is located in the Mississippi River Delta, south of Lake Pontchartrain, on the banks of the Mississippi River.

economy and industries

Tourism is a staple of the New Orleans' economy, welcoming over 19 million visitors annually. The Port of New Orleans is the fifth-largest in the United States based on cargo volume, and second-largest in the state after the Port of South Louisiana.

education

New Orleans has the highest concentration of colleges and universities in Louisiana and offers a variety of top-rated public charter schools and private schools.

cultural attractions

New Orleans is rich in cultural attractions, including museums, art galleries, music venues and festivals. Residents can enjoy a vibrant arts scene and explore the city's heritage and cultural diversity.

outdoor recreation

New Orleans offers numerous outdoor recreational opportunities, such as parks, hiking trails, sports facilities, and waterfront areas. Residents can engage in activities like hiking, biking, boating, and more.

dining and entertainment

Whether you are a local or a tourist, everyone can agree that New Orleans is world famous for its cuisine. Known for specialties such as beignets (locally pronounced like "ben-yays") served with café au lait; po' boy and Italian muffuletta sandwiches; Gulf oysters on the half-shell, fried oysters, boiled crawfish and other seafood; étouffée, jambalaya, gumbo, and the Monday favorite of red beans and rice.



Get to know NEW ORLEANS



neighborhoods • parks • shopping

restaurants • schools

our favorite NEIGHBORHOODS

Uptown

One of the most sought-after areas in the city is Uptown New Orleans, renowned for its tree-lined streets, stunning antebellum homes, and vibrant local businesses. This neighborhood is home to the historic St. Charles Avenue streetcar line, beautiful parks, and a lively mix of cafes, boutiques, and restaurants that reflect the city's diverse heritage. Uptown is favored by families and young professionals alike, offering a welcoming atmosphere and easy access to both downtown attractions and the scenic Mississippi River.

Garden District

Nestled just a short ride from downtown, the Garden District of New Orleans enchants visitors and residents alike with its sweeping oak canopies, ornate ironwork, and graceful mansions that harken back to the city's golden age. This historic neighborhood is a living showcase of Southern architecture, where Greek Revival and Italianate homes sit amid lush gardens bursting with magnolias and jasmine. Meandering streets lined with ancient live oaks invite leisurely strolls, while charming local cafes and trendy boutiques offer a taste of modern New Orleans flair. The Garden District's timeless beauty and tranquil atmosphere make it a beloved haven for those seeking elegance, history, and a welcoming community spirit in the heart of the city.

Lakeview/Lakefront

Lakeview, a tranquil and family-friendly enclave in New Orleans, is known for its welcoming atmosphere and picturesque surroundings. Situated near the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, this neighborhood boasts wide, leafy boulevards, charming homes, and expansive green spaces that invite outdoor living. Lakeview's easy access to the lakefront makes it ideal for walkers, cyclists, and those who appreciate stunning sunset views over the water. Local businesses, cozy cafes, and community events foster a close-knit vibe, while excellent schools and spacious parks appeal to families seeking both comfort and convenience. Whether enjoying a weekend at City Park or dining at one of the area's beloved eateries, Lakeview offers a peaceful retreat within the vibrant tapestry of New Orleans.

our favorite PARKS

Audubon Park

6500 Magazine Street, 70118

Seated in historic Uptown New Orleans, Audubon Park is a favorite spot for recreation, picnics or enjoying a beautiful day. For more than a century, people have enjoyed this urban oasis with allées of ancient live oaks, a tranquil 1.8-mile jogging path, a lagoon, picnic shelters, and playgrounds.

City Park

1 Palm Drive, 70124

The Park is home to the New Orleans Botanical Garden, Couturie Forest and Arboretum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Louisiana Children's Museum, and the largest grove of mature live oaks in the world, some of which are nearly 800 years old.

Danneel Park

5501 St. Charles Avenue, 70115

Danneel Park is the city's most popular neighborhood park. With two play areas – one for toddlers and one for older kids, this park offers plenty of activities and play equipment to keep children entertained! The park also offers a wide-open field where kids can play football, tennis or host a birthday party. PLUS The park faces St. Charles Avenue and is easily accessible by the streetcar!



our favorite SHOPPING SPOTS

Perlis Clothing

6070 Magazine Street, New Orleans, 70118

Established in 1939, Perlis has become the go-to store for all our southern style clothing needs. Perlis offers clothing for men, women and children, as well as formal wear and gifts for all. They carry designer brands, made-to-measure items and their famous crawfish logo collection all year round.

Azby's Boutique

5531 Magazine Street, New Orleans 70115

Azby's is a women's boutique that has been dressing New Orleans women for more than 26 years. Owner Kerry Bruno has a passion for fashion that shines through in the newest trends and styles offered at the boutique. Whether you're looking for resort wear for your upcoming Spring break or an outfit for a special occasion, Azby's has you covered.

Em's Boutique

246 Metairie Road, Metairie 70005

Located in Old Metairie on Metairie Road, Em's Boutique specializes in stylish women's clothing, shoes, jewelry and gifts. Always on trend, follow Em's Boutique on Instagram @shopems for the latest styles and special events hosted in the store.

our favorite RESTAURANTS

Clancy's

6100 Annunciation Street, New Orleans

Consistently ranked among the top restaurants in Uptown, New Orleans, Clancy's has become one of the leading purveyors of classic Creole cuisine. Not to miss – Fried Oysters with Brie, Clancy's Crabmeat Salad, and Fried Smoked Soft Shell Crab.

Lillette Restaurant + Bouligny Tavern

3637 Magazine Street, New Orleans 70115

Whether you are looking for lunch, dinner, or just drinks, Chef John Harris has created a beautiful restaurant and tavern serving imaginative French and Italian-inspired Cuisine.

La Crêpe Nanou

1410 Robert Street, New Orleans 70115

La Crêpe Nanou is a romantic neighborhood French Bistro and Crêperie established in 1983. Serving Crêpes and other traditional French dishes in an intimate, mosaic-tiled bistro with sidewalk seating. Not to miss – Moules Marinières + Frites and Escargots de Bourgogne.



inside the SCHOOLS

Early Childhood Programs

New Orleans offers a wide variety of early childhood programs designed to support the growth and development of young children, making it an appealing destination for families. The city is home to numerous public and private preschools, Head Start centers, and early learning facilities that focus on fostering social, emotional, and academic skills in a nurturing environment. Many programs emphasize play-based learning, creative expression, and family engagement, ensuring that children are well-prepared for kindergarten and beyond.

Public Charter Schools

Public charter schools in New Orleans are known for their diverse academic programs and specialized curricula, allowing families to select schools that best suit their children's individual learning needs and interests. Many charters offer unique focuses such as STEM, the arts, language immersion, or college preparatory tracks. The city's unified enrollment system makes it easier for parents to apply to multiple schools and find the right fit for their child.

Private Schools

Private schools in New Orleans are known for their diverse educational philosophies and commitment to academic excellence. These institutions range from small, independent schools to larger, well-established academies, each offering unique curricula and specialized programs. Many private schools incorporate advanced coursework, enrichment opportunities, and extracurricular activities such as arts, athletics, and community service. Families often appreciate the smaller class sizes, individualized attention, and values-based education found in private settings. Options include Montessori and Waldorf schools, religious-affiliated institutions, and college-preparatory academies, reflecting the city's rich cultural diversity and dedication to fostering lifelong learning.



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