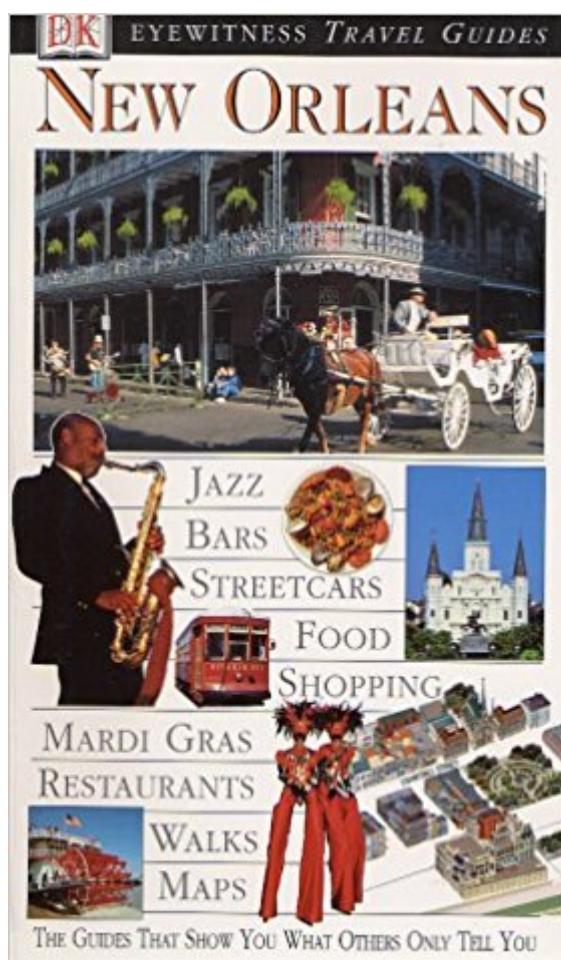


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# Eyewitness Travel Guide To New Orleans (Eyewitness Travel Guides)



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On one hand, I love this New Orleans travel guide. It is full of great, large pictures that give you a real sense of what the locations are like. You see what a mint julep looks like, what the various buildings are like, what types of works of art hang in the museum, and much more. It's a visual, virtual tour that is enjoyable just to read in your arm chair at home. The maps are superb and well done. You can lay out how your walking tour will go, being sure to visit the sights you find most interesting. They cover not only the French Quarter and New Orleans itself, but also attractions that lay just beyond the borders that are fascinating and worth making the time to see. The history provided is fascinating, and the details of the famous people in New Orleans, the styles of wrought iron, and other many tips really add another layer of meaning to a trip there. When you're walking down the street and see the variety of architectural styles - and understand why they all exist - it makes the visit even more rich. However, the HUGE problem is that this book was last updated in 2004! In August 2005, a life-changing event in the form of Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and completely destroyed many parts of the city. Many things praised in this book simply do not exist any more. Restaurants are closed. Others have opened up. The entire city has been changed. In

some ways, this book is fascinating as a glimpse into "New Orleans Before Katrina". It is a snapshot in time of what New Orleans was like up until that moment - the restaurants, way of life, locations, worries and concerns they had then. It is interesting to compare that snapshot with what New Orleans is today. But as a travel book, it means this book is in many situations flat-out incorrect. If you're looking to build a historical library of New Orleans, with great photos, this is definitely the book to get. I love the photos and descriptions. If you want something actually helpful for modern day New Orleans, check the copyright date and make sure you get one written after 2005.

Thanks to another wonderful DK Eyewitness Travel Guide, we had a fantastic trip to New Orleans. The guides are wonderful. Pictures are plentiful, the practical information is very useful and really lays out everything for you. We looked up places on line to stay, that we saw noted in the guide and stayed at a charming B&B in the Garden District, 2 blocks away from the historic St. Charles Streetcar line, and a mere 15 minutes to the quarter. We saw both historical sites, like the Cabildo, where the Louisiana Purchase was signed, ate Muffalettes at Central Grocery, went for a jazz brunch at Commander's Palace (highly recommended), visited Preservation Hall for a little jazz, toured the D-Day Museum, which was facinating and took in Bourbon Street, cemetery and voodoo tours and a tour of the Garden District, including a jaunt past Anne Rice's house and a tour of Lafayette Cemetery, used for the movies Double Jeopardy and Interview with a Vampire, and had the famous Hurricane cocktail at Pat O'Briens and a Pimms Cup at Napoleon House, which is now a bar, but was a home built for Napoleon that he never lived to use. The city is fascinating from the mix of cultures, to the architecture and the sure delight of just people watching and listening to the many fine street musicians. Go in the spring or fall for the best weather, and remember to buy this guide well in advance and read up well before you go and during your stay. Once you get there there are so many things to do besides just hang out in the quarter and you will want to experience this city as much as you can. If the Big Easy is in your future, do yourself a favor and buy this very comprehensive guide and let the good times roll....

I bought this book in 2003 about a month prior to visiting the city. I could not had made a better choice. For a mere \$20 the information provided is invaluable. Each area of the city (including outlying areas) is broken down and items of interest are provided outlining both historical and current data concerning the area or buildings. Hundreds of color photos invite you to imagine yourself at the zoo, in the museums, visiting Bourbon Street and dining at the many eateries in the Quarter. Having been to New Orleans once before on a whirlwind trip to JazzFest, during my

second visit to the city I wanted to see and do as much as possible with allotted time. I was not disappointed in what I found in this book, matter of fact, I gave my copy to a friend visiting the city and have since purchased two more for others friends traveling to New Orleans. Maps are provided in the book and its easy to carry along with you while sightseeing.

My boyfriend and I live in New Orleans and we bought this book to get a "tourists" feel for our hometown. Best \$20 we ever spent in this city. Not only did it give an comprehensive and accurate overview to the major parts of the city but it also managed to teach us some history we didn't know and point out some places we managed to overlook. The book covers all the sites in the major areas of the city (Vieux Carre/Marigny, CBD/Warehouse, Garden District/Uptown, Mid-City, and various outliers) and if you see them all, you miss nothing except maybe a drive along the lakefront on Lakeshore Dr. and a nighttime drive from Mandeville to New Orleans on the Causeway to see the city at night. Not bad for guide that is only 240 pp. The gripes: 1) The "Where to Stay" section in the "Traveler's Needs" isn't great for people on a budget since the only the places listed are the more expensive places to stay. 2) While the "Where to eat" section does a great job of covering the major local restaurants, both we feel that these are mostly tourist-y places and that the New Orleans Zagat's is a better bet for those local out-of-the-way places. Otherwise, the rest of the book is right on target. We both love this book and highly recommend (and lend out) our copy to visiting company.

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