

CBD & Warehouse District

Neighborhood Top Five

1 Immersing yourself in the dramatic sights and sounds of WWII at the **National WWII Museum** (p100) with oral histories, wall-sized photos, a multi-sensory 4-D movie and a 1940s-style meal.

2 Soaking up the atmosphere at the **Ogden Museum of Southern**

Art (p101), then strolling gallery-lined Julia St (p104).

3 Animal-watching at the **Aquarium of the Americas** (p103) and the **Butterfly Garden & Insectarium** (p103).

4 Living the highlife at the **Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel** (p180) with dinner at Domenica (p107) and a

nightcap at the Sazerac Bar (p109).

5 **Bar-hopping** (p109) in the Warehouse District on S Peters St and Fulton St.



For more detail of the area, see Map p244 →

Explore CBD & Warehouse District

The Central Business District (CBD) stretches from the I-10 and the Superdome to the river and is bordered by Iberville St (just beyond Canal St) and the elevated I-90. Poydras St runs through the heart of the district, from the river to beyond the Superdome. The Warehouse District and Lafayette Square are two neighborhoods within the CBD.

In this chapter, the CBD is the downtown area that runs from the Superdome to St Charles Ave, with a small sliver above Poydras St that extends beyond St Charles to the river. The neighborhood features posh hotels, the Superdome, the Audubon museums and Harrah's casino, and is easily walkable.

On your first morning, eat breakfast at Mother's or Le Pavillon before visiting the Audubon Aquarium and nearby Butterfly Garden & Insectarium. Later, catch a game at the Superdome or take a river cruise on the Mississippi. End with a cocktail at one of the CBD's many hotel bars. The French Quarter, just across Canal St, is within easy walking distance too.

Spend your second day in the Warehouse District, bounded by the I-90, St Charles Ave, Poydras St and the river. The WWII Museum, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and the Civil War Museum are clustered near Lee Circle. Grab lunch at the American Sector or Cochon Butcher, then visit the Julia St galleries.

Restaurants, bars and live music are the draw in the evening. Walk along Fulton St, S Peters St or Tchoupitoulas St to find the action.

Local Life

- ➔ **Live Music** It's an easy walk from Howlin' Wolf (p111) to Republic (p111).
- ➔ **Lunch Deals** The city's nicest restaurants often serve affordable lunches. Enjoy top chefs at Herbsaint (p106), Drago's (p108) and Emeril's (p109).
- ➔ **Hangouts** Shoot the breeze at Cochon Butcher (p106) or catch a game and sip brews at Rusty Nail (p109).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Car** From the airport, most hotels are easily accessible off the elevated I-90. Cars coming in from the east should exit off the I-10.
- ➔ **Taxi/shuttle** A cab from Louis Armstrong airport to the CBD costs \$33 for one or two people. Shuttles cost \$20 per person one-way.
- ➔ **Train** The Amtrak station borders Loyola Ave near the Superdome. A new streetcar line should open by the end of 2012, running from the station to Canal St.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Canal St separates the French Quarter from the CBD. If you want to be near, but not in, the Bourbon St craziness, book a hotel room in the CBD. Walking just two or three extra blocks will bring quieter streets and hotels.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Cochon Butcher (p106)
- ➔ Cochon (p107)
- ➔ Herbsaint (p106)
- ➔ Restaurant August (p107)
- ➔ American Sector (p108)

For reviews, see p106 ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Rusty Nail (p109)
- ➔ Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar (p109)
- ➔ Swizzle Stick Bar (p109)
- ➔ Sazerac Bar (p109)
- ➔ Loa (p110)

For reviews, see p109 ➔

Best Places to Shop

- ➔ New Orleans School of Glassworks & Printmaking Studio (p104)
- ➔ Center for Southern Craft & Design (p101)
- ➔ Crescent City Cooks (p112)
- ➔ The Flea Market at the Butterfly Garden & Insectarium (p103)
- ➔ Meyer the Hatter (p112)

For reviews, see p111 ➔