

# Mid-City & the Tremé

## Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Spending a lazy half day at **City Park** (p142), enjoying all that this great green space has to offer, from museums to toy trains to just blissing out under a live oak tree and watching the world spin by.
- 2 Indulging in a night of good barbecue and better cocktails at **Twelve Mile Limit** (p151).
- 3 Heading to **Bayou St John** (p147) at dusk for some sunset and moon shadow.
- 4 Seeing the Tremé Brass Band jam at the **Candlelight Lounge** (p153).
- 5 Eating a po'boy at **Parkway Tavern** (p149) and never going back to normal sandwiches.



## Explore Mid-City & the Tremé

You may want to bike here, either on your own or with the folks at Confederacy of Cruisers (p88). If you bike independently, just roll up attractive Esplanade Ave and take it all the way up to City Park, stopping at St Louis Cemetery No 3 along the way. Walk around the park and the New Orleans Museum of Art, and afterwards, stop in for dinner at Café Degas. In the evening, have a drink at Pal's or Twelve Mile Limit.

On the second day, walk around the Tremé, making sure to stop by the Backstreet Cultural Museum and St Louis Cemetery No 1. Have lunch at Dookie Chase, then drive up to Bayou St John, enjoy the serenity and consider dinner at Parkway Bakery.

Starting from the southwest, near Banks St, Mid-City is a mix of commercial lots and residential blocks. Northeast is Bayou St John, ringed with historic houses, and the great green stretches of City Park. In the southeast Esplanade Ave runs to the French Quarter. The Tremé is less amorphous, being bound by Rampart St, Louis Armstrong Park, Claiborne Ave (or Broad St, definitions vary) and St Bernard Ave.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Food** These neighborhoods are far more residential than tourist-oriented, which is why it's all the more satisfying to know there's great, relatively undiscovered food to be found here.
- ➔ **Green Spaces** City Park is the obvious contender for top green space in this neighborhood (if not New Orleans), but there's also Bayou St John, Esplanade Ave and plenty of tree-lined streets.
- ➔ **Nightlife** As with the food scene, there's a ton of unexpected nightlife gems in this corner of town, from convivial bars to great music venues.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Streetcar** The City Park spur of Canal St hits Carrollton St, then heads up that road all the way to City Park.
- ➔ **Bus** The 91 bus runs up Esplanade Ave, turns into Mid-City and drops by City Park. The 27 traverses Louisiana Ave, and also hits the park. The 94 bus crosses Broad, running through both Mid-City and the Tremé.
- ➔ **Car** Free street parking is plentiful throughout both neighborhoods.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Of all the neighborhoods we cover, Mid-City & the Tremé are best explored by car. Sights are spread out in small clusters of activity across the cityscape. Walking around parts of the Tremé at night, especially near St Louis Cemetery No 1 and the Iberville projects, is not recommended.

## Best Cultural Sights

- ➔ Backstreet Cultural Museum (p147)
- ➔ New Orleans Museum of Art (p142)
- ➔ St Louis Cemetery No 1 (p144)
- ➔ Besthoff Sculpture Garden (p142)
- ➔ New Orleans African American Museum (p147)

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## Best Outdoor Activities

- ➔ City Park (p142)
- ➔ Bayou St John (p147)
- ➔ New Orleans Botanical Gardens (p143)
- ➔ Kayakitiyat Tour (p145)
- ➔ Esplanade Avenue (p145)

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## Best Nightlife

- ➔ Twelve Mile Limit (p151)
- ➔ Mid-City Rock & Bowl (p152)
- ➔ Candlelight Lounge (p153)
- ➔ Pal's (p152)
- ➔ Chickie Wah Wah (p153)

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