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Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Immersing yourself in the dramatic sights and sounds of WWII at the **National WWII Museum** (p102) with oral histories, wall-sized photos and a multisensory 4D movie.
- 2 Appreciating the moody landscapes at the **Ogden Museum of Southern Art** (p103) then strolling gallery-lined Julia St.
- 3 Animal-watching at the **Aquarium of the Americas** (p105) and the **Butterfly Garden & Insectarium** (p104).
- 4 Living the highlife at the **Roosevelt New Orleans** (p183) hotel with a drink at the Sazerac Bar, dinner at Domenica and jazz at the Fountain Lounge.
- 5 Bar- and club-hopping in the **Warehouse District** (p112) between Constance and Fulton Sts.



For more detail of this area see Map p244 →

Explore CBD & Warehouse District

The Central Business District (CBD) and Warehouse District stretch from the I-10 and the Superdome to the river and are bordered by Canal St and the elevated I-90. Poydras St divides the two neighborhoods. City tourism maps muddle the boundaries somewhat, but the Lafayette Square District and the Arts District overlap with the Warehouse District.

The business district is the downtown area that runs from the Superdome to St Charles Ave, with a small sliver 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 Ruby Slipper or Le Pavillon downtown before visiting the Aquarium of the Americas 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 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 Peche 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

- ➔ **Walk this way** It's an easy walk from downtown offices and hotels to Warehouse District restaurants.
- ➔ **Lunch deals** The city's nicest restaurants often serve affordable lunches. Enjoy top chefs at Herbsaint (p111), Drago's (p110) and Emeril's (p112).
- ➔ **Hangouts** Shoot the breeze at Cochon Butcher (p111) or catch a game and sip brews at Rusty Nail (p113).

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 or 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/bus** The Amtrak and Greyhound stations border Loyola Ave near the Superdome. A new streetcar route, the Loyola-UPT line, runs from the stations 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 (p111)
- ➔ Peche Seafood Grill (p111)
- ➔ Restaurant August (p110)
- ➔ Domenica (p110)
- ➔ Herbsaint (p111)

For reviews, see p109 ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Rusty Nail (p113)
- ➔ Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar (p113)
- ➔ Swizzle Stick Bar (p112)
- ➔ Sazerac Bar (p112)
- ➔ Circle Bar (p112)

For reviews, see p112 ➔

Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Center for Southern Craft & Design (p103)
- ➔ Ariodante (p114)
- ➔ The Flea Market at the Butterfly Garden & Insectarium (p104)
- ➔ Meyer the Hatter (p114)

For reviews, see p114 ➔