

Mid-City & the Tremé

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Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Spending a lazy afternoon at **City Park** (p146), checking out art, outdoor sculptures, gardens and a toy train, then blissing out under an oak tree as the world spins by.
- 2 Indulging in a night of good barbecue and better cocktails at **Twelve Mile Limit** (p156).
- 3 Hearing stories about New Orleans' most intriguing former citizens on a tour of the crypts at **St Louis Cemetery No 1** (p148).
- 4 Seeing the Tremé Brass Band jam at the **Candlelight Lounge** (p157).
- 5 Eating a po'boy at **Parkway Tavern** (p152) – you'll never go back to normal sandwiches.



For more detail of this area see Map p254 ➔

Explore Mid-City & the Tremé

A bike ride may be the most pleasant way to explore the 'green' sections of these neighborhoods, either on your own or with the folks at Confederacy of Cruisers (p93). If you cycle independently, just roll up attractive Esplanade Ave and take it all the way to City Park, stopping at St Louis Cemetery No 3 along the way. Explore the park and the New Orleans Museum of Art, and afterwards stop in for dinner at Café Degas. In the evening, enjoy a drink at Pal's or Twelve Mile Limit.

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

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 leafy neighborhoods are chock full of unassuming restaurants serving fantastic comfort food. The low-key friendliness of these joints just adds to the allure.

➔ **Green spaces** City Park is the obvious contender for top green space in 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 runs up Esplanade Ave, turns into Mid-City and drops by City Park. The 27 follows Louisiana Ave, and also hits the park. The 94 bus runs along Broad, cutting through both Mid-City and the Tremé.

➔ **Car** Free street parking is plentiful throughout both neighborhoods.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Mid-City & the Tremé are best explored by car. Sightings 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 (p151)
- ➔ New Orleans Museum of Art (p146)
- ➔ St Louis Cemetery No 1 (p148)
- ➔ Besthoff Sculpture Garden (p146)
- ➔ Le Musée de f.p.c. (p149)

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Best Outdoor Activities

- ➔ City Park (p146)
- ➔ Bayou St John (p152)
- ➔ Botanical Gardens (p146)
- ➔ Kayakitiyat Tour (p149)
- ➔ Esplanade Avenue (p149)

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Best Nightlife

- ➔ Twelve Mile Limit (p156)
- ➔ Mid-City Rock & Bowl (p157)
- ➔ Candlelight Lounge (p157)
- ➔ Pal's (p156)
- ➔ Chickie Wah Wah (p157)

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