



JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK FREE FRENCH QUARTER WALKING TOURS

City of the Dead

9:30 a.m. Reservations Required

New Orleans' distinctive blend of environment, history, and culture led to the development of a fascinatingly different sort of cemetery system. Accompany a ranger to the St. Louis Cemetery #1, the oldest in the city, and explore the social customs that surround burial in these "cities of the dead."

1½ hours long; approximately 1¾ miles of walking

Faubourg Promenade

2:00 p.m. Reservations Required

A trip into "American Territory" in uptown New Orleans. Once part of a plantation, the Garden District grew into the finest residential area of "Les Américains." A ranger will lead the group to the St. Charles Streetcar for a short ride to the neighborhood, followed by a walking tour highlighted by views of lush greenery and magnificent homes.

2 hours; approximately 2 miles of walking
Exact change is required for streetcar fare; inquire about current amount

All walks begin at the French Quarter Information Booth, located in the French Market on Decatur St. at the foot of Dumaine.

*Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day
except New Year's Day
Mardi Gras and Christmas.*

*For more information:
(504) 589-2636*

Please Note: Weather conditions in New Orleans are variable and often severe. Extreme heat in summer and cold in winter are common conditions which the normally high humidity magnifies. Sudden, heavy rainstorms can occur at any time throughout the year. Be aware that while you are taking the walking tours you will be out-of-doors and, during the "City of the Dead" and "Faubourg Promenade" tours, a long distance from shelter. Please choose your clothing to suit the weather. A head covering is an important summertime accessory, and a warm coat may be critical to your comfort in the winter. An umbrella or other raingear may prove necessary during any season. In addition, if you have had a recent illness or injury, please consider whether current weather conditions or the distances you must walk to complete the tours may negatively affect your health.

History of New Orleans

10:30 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Explore the French Quarter with a ranger, reliving the history of New Orleans from its humble beginnings as a small outpost of French Rule in the North American wilderness. The tour will emphasize the historical events and ethnic and cultural diversity that have combined to create the present-day New Orleans, unique among American cities.

1½ hours long; approximately 1 mile of walking

French Quarter Jambalaya

11:30 a.m.

Take equal parts of history and legend, folklore and tradition, and mix well with a large quantity of diverse and interesting cultures and characters. Simmer in the Vicux Carré for approximately two and a half centuries to develop the flavor of the real New Orleans.

You may sample the resulting "jambalaya" with a ranger each day on a changing series of guided tours.

1½ hours long; distance varies

