

# FAMILY FRIENDLY

When it comes to kid-friendly fun, a trip to New Orleans is a lot like a choose-your-own-adventure story.



## Meandering down the Mississippi

Listen to the bellowing, steam-powered whistles and you'll know you're set for an adventure once you step aboard one of the famous New Orleans' riverboats. Kids can visit the steam engine or boogie to tunes from the authentic steam-powered calliope.

## New Orleans City Park

This 1,300-acre sprawling green space is a great place to get lost for an afternoon, especially with fishing, bikes and boat rentals, playgrounds and walking trails through Coutaurie Forest. The New Orleans Botanical Garden hides a 1:22 scale model of New Orleans in the early 19th century, complete with train and streetcar lines. Since 1906, the young and young at heart have enjoyed the "flying horses" of City Park's antique carousel, one of only 100 antique wooden carousels in the nation. Storyland will thrill readers and movie-lovers with its larger-than-life statues of famous children's characters: Captain Hook's pirate ship, Pinocchio's whale and Jack & Jill's Hill are all waiting to be explored.



## The Audubon Zoo

The Audubon Zoo, home to more than 2,000 animals, is one of the top five zoos in America. Visit the Audubon Zoo to see exotic animals, play in a water park, go on a dinosaur adventure and ride a colorful carousel. Beat the heat with the Cool Zoo, a wild and wet splash park featuring jumping water spouts, a huge alligator water slide, a spider monkey soaker, Gator Run - a new lazy river - and so much more! Enjoy a post-zoo picnic at The Fly at Audubon Park just a few steps away on the banks of the Mississippi.

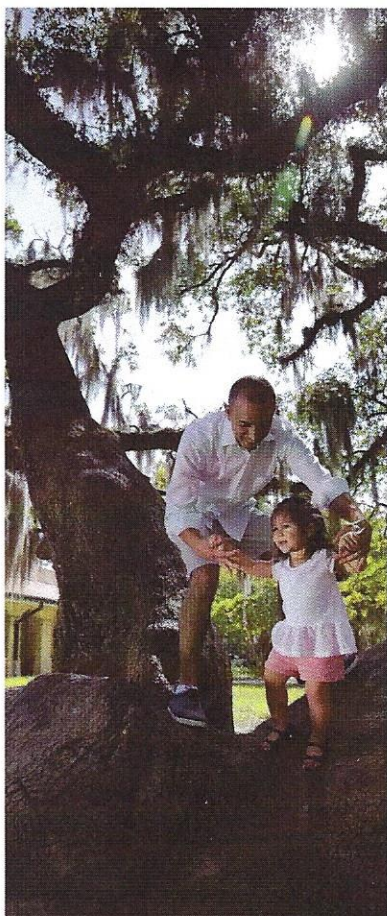
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## The Audubon Insectarium

The Insectarium showcases 75 live and interactive exhibits, including a butterfly garden. A can't-miss for braver kids (and grownups): chowing down at Bug Appétit after one of their popular insect-cooking demonstrations.



## Streetcar Lines

Enjoy a family-fun streetcar ride along the riverfront. Travel from the Convention Center to the end of the French Market via the Riverfront Line. There are stops along the way to get off, grab a snack and experience the city. The St. Charles Avenue line, the oldest in the nation, originates downtown and then travels up St. Charles Avenue past some of the most beautiful scenery in the city.

## Carriage Rides

Climb aboard a mule-drawn carriage and tour the cobblestone streets of the famous French Quarter while being entertained and enlightened on the city's history by a knowledgeable driver.

## Swamp Tour

Explore the bayous on a tour of swamp country, where lucky families might catch a bull gator investigating their airboat.

## The Louisiana Children's Museum

At the Louisiana Children's Museum, kids control the show with a miniature television studio, grocery store and café. The Times Picayune Theater hosts storytellers, and children can participate in Cajun fairy tales at the Talk and Play Center.

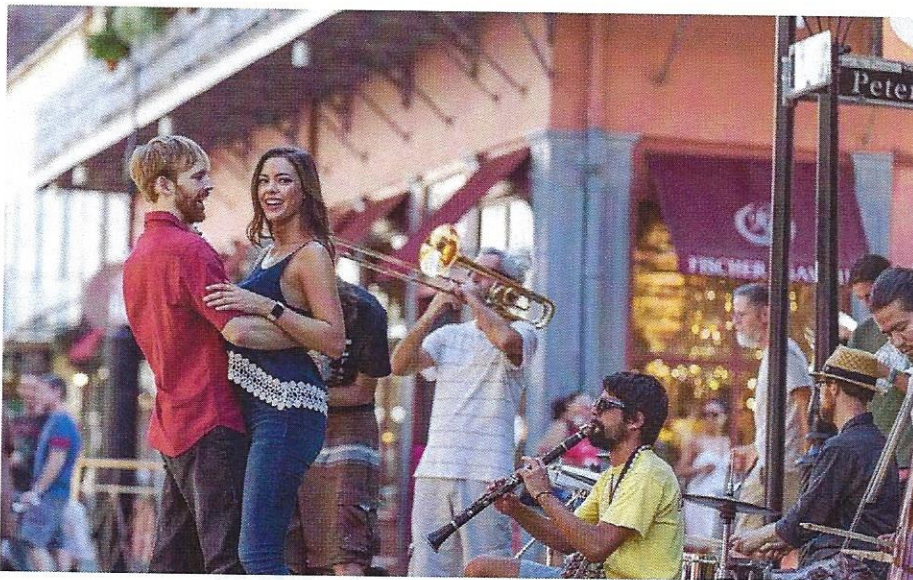
## The Audubon Aquarium of the Americas

At the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, you can walk through an underwater reef tunnel, feel the fear at the tropical shark exhibit, watch penguins play and get a hands-on experience with hundreds of exotic birds.



# THE NEW ORLEANS MUSIC SCENE

Wherever you go in New Orleans, live music is a part of the rhythm of everyday life. The city's thriving musical community provides a vivacious ongoing soundtrack for visitors and locals alike.

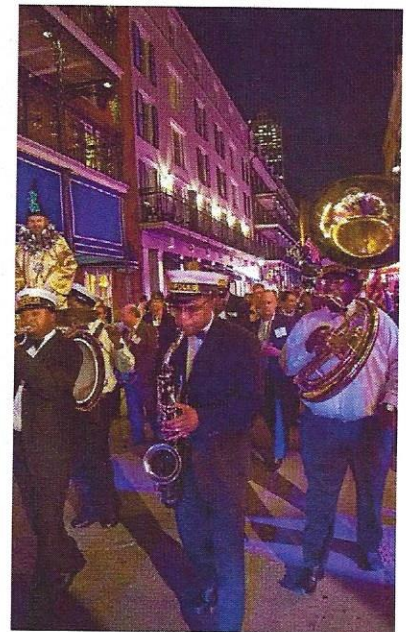


## Brass Band

**The Instruments:** Trumpet, trombone, drums, saxophone and sousaphone. **The Sound:** Brass bands are often considered the foundation for jazz and Dixieland. Their unique sound is heavily infused with funky African influences. Brass bands are often found performing on the street or leading a second line parade.

## Funk

**The Instruments:** Bass guitar, electric guitar, drums, keyboards and synthesizer. **The Sound:** An electric and exciting blend of soul music, jazz and R&B.



## Jazz

**The Instruments:** Trumpet, trombone, saxophone, double bass, drum, piano and the tuba. **The Sound:** Jazz originated at the beginning of the 20th century in African-American neighborhoods of New Orleans. It is a mix of African and European music traditions, filled with the sound of horns. You may never hear the same song played the same way by the same artist - improvisation and personal style are key.

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## Dixieland

**The Instruments:** Trumpet, trombone, clarinet, tuba, guitar or banjo and drums. **The Sound:** Considered the first form of jazz music, this genre enlivens ragtime and brass band marches with free-spirited spontaneity.

## Cajun Music

**The Instruments:** Fiddles, accordions and triangles complete the traditional sound. Contemporary Cajun music often includes guitars and keyboards. **The Sound:** With a basic rhythm and staccato notes, this dance music lends itself to waltzes and two-steps, and is commonly heard at festivals and dance halls.

## Zydeco

**The Instruments:** Piano, accordion, rubboard, guitar, fiddle and drums. **The Sound:** This fun and folksy sound originated in southwest Louisiana. In rural areas, the lyrics are still sung in Louisiana Creole French.

## Blues

**The Instruments:** Keyboard, harmonica, drums, bass guitar, piano, trombone, trumpet and saxophone. **The Sound:** Communicates a feeling of emotional depth and complexity through a rhythmic narrative structure and expressively-played instruments.

