



CULTURAL TOURS

**INSIDER TOURS OF ARTIST STUDIOS, PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS,
AND OTHER CULTURAL VENUES**

PLAN TOURS FOR YOUR MEMBERS OR FRIENDS NOW

What is creative New Orleans all about? It's not just buggy rides in the French Quarter or traditional Jazz Brunches in the Garden District, or strolling down the raucous blocks of Bourbon Street. It is the freedom to create new art forms, to riff off the New Orleans cultural legacy, or start from scratch. It is homes, studios and galleries filled with the uniquely creative output of myriad artists of all disciplines in friendly neighborhoods filled with small cottages and shotgun houses. It is looking up the street to see huge freighters and cruise ships glide silently by like huge sculptures or buildings moving effortlessly on the swift flowing Mississippi River. It is walking up on a grassy levee to view the river and the skyline of New Orleans. It is being able to grow citrus, figs, Japanese plums, camellias, gardenias, crepe myrtle and magnolias in your own garden. It is being able to club hop on Frenchman, Magazine, Oak, and Freret streets, running into friends in a welcoming atmosphere, with no velvet ropes or bouncers with lists. That's how New Orleans earned its moniker "The Big Easy".

THE CREATIVE ALLIANCE OF NEW ORLEANS, a non-profit organization made up of the city's visual, performing, design, media, literary and culinary artists opens the doors to the creative culture of New Orleans ...at our homes and studios, galleries, museums, cultural institutions, clubs, bistros and neighborhoods throughout the city. Enjoy our custom tours, educational or entertainment experiences, hands-on art making, and historical sites led by the creative artists, producers, architects, writers and culinary artists of New Orleans.

ART HOME NEW ORLEANS: Experience the interiors, art collections, studios and gardens of New Orleans residents. Learn about the depth of our cultural engagement while gleaning great ideas from the European, French/Caribbean, African, and contemporary inspirations of "New Orleans Style".

THE STREETS OF NEW ORLEANS: Experience the numerous small, historic and emerging neighborhoods of the city, from the river to the lake, uptown to downtown. See fully preserved 19th century districts such as the French Quarter, and the evolving downriver, arts driven neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS HUBS: Explore St. Claude Avenue and the surrounding Williamsburg like neighborhoods such as Bywater, Marigny, Tremé, and the 7th, 8th and Upper 9th wards, Mid City and the Irish Channel where artists are gathering, working, living and transforming once neglected avenues. Or, peak inside the elegant, traditional mansions of the city in the uptown neighborhoods

MUSIC HUBS, CLUBS, REHEARSAL AND RECORDING STUDIOS AND STREET PARADES: Learn about the multi-dimensional entertainment scene in New Orleans from "trad jazz", through the different eras of brass bands, R&B, rock and roll, and funk, to the bounce and sissy bounce hitting the charts today. Club hop, eat, and hang out until late.

NEW ORLEANS PERFORMS: Check out the theatrical, film, video and literary renaissance exploding throughout the city with new theater companies, film location and post production work, the next Tennessee

Williams or William Faulkner telling new tales of the South and beyond. At least a festival a month celebrates the old and the new in the city's performing universe. Did we mention the weekly second line parades?

MARDI GRAS ARTS FROM MARDI GRAS INDIAN BEAD MAKING, TO FLOAT, COSTUME, GOWNS, THROW AND FAVOR DESIGNS: See how we put together the greatest free show on earth, and how it impacts our lifestyle.

WAREHOUSE ARTS DISTRICT: Experience the Contemporary Arts Center, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, numerous art galleries, restaurants, warehouse apartments and hotels that have revived an aging business and warehouse district, all within walking distance, including some of the best restaurants in town. (Your guide can be our Executive Director, Jeanne Nathan, who founded the CAC with her husband, artist Robert Tannen.

9TH WARD RENAISSANCE: See how our once flooded downriver neighborhoods are being transformed with a growing village of Brad Pitt's "Make it Right" homes designed by cutting edge architects; the Global Green homes that demonstrate green building practices; homes restored by the Preservation Resource Center; and walk up on the grassy Mississippi River levee to view the legendary steamboat houses, and the city's skyline.

MAGAZINE STREET WITH FIVE MILES OF SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, ART GALLERIES, AND ANTIQUES: This is pure OMG shopping from vintage to vamp, punk to party, décor to dance clothes... a shopping neighborhood like no other...we'll guide you to walk it, bus it, drive it. DO it.

MID CITY CULTURAL MECCA: Twenty-somethings are putting down roots here in the heart of the city, using the restored streetcar line on Canal Street that connects to City Park, the fifth largest park in America with a Botanical Garden, the New Orleans Museum of Art, two sculpture gardens, and sculpture created during the park's development in the art deco era. Then connect by streetcar also to the city's major shopping district on the border of the French Quarter. Learn why Rock and Bowl, Mandina's, Ruby Red's, Betsy's, and Bayou St John are local landmarks.

GARDEN DISTRICT, YOUNG AND OLD: This is one of America's grandest neighborhoods filled with gracious mansions, but also, just down the block, cottages and shotgun houses filled with the young creatives. We'll take you there on the historic St. Charles Avenue streetcar, bus or limo!

ARTIST LED PERFORMANCE TOURS: Delight your quirkiest side as performance artists create a special experience just for you. Live inside an art event while experiencing a part of the city of your or an artist's choice.

ART SHOP NEW ORLEANS: Dealers, curators, appraisers, and artists can help you whether you are an experienced or ingénue collector. Let us make sure you find the most cutting edge, traditional, surprising or just pleasing work available from the literally thousands of artists and collectors in town.

FASHION NEW ORLEANS: Our growing fashion scene is creating a new New Orleans look, with sub tropical, year-round country casual or carnival crazy influences. Designers, fashionistas or shopaholics will reveal this surprising creative sector through our studios, galleries, stores, pop up fashion shows, fairs and flea markets.

ENTREPRENEURIAL NEW ORLEANS: Over a thousand zealous young entrepreneurs recently flooded a restaurant courtyard to vote on funding for a winning business. Young entrepreneurs of the digital age are filling small offices, warehouses and homes throughout New Orleans. Meet them, and learn, informally or in a more structured forum setting, about new business ideas and trends. Come with plans to invest!

CANO CHARTS: If you're a DIY type, access our self guided tours to help you experience all of the above on your own or with a pre-tour consultation.

CANO will teach you what it really "means to miss New Orleans". Meet our artists, neighbors, youth, business and cultural leaders. Make new friends, business associates, mentors and more. You will come back. You will bring your friends and business associates. You may buy a condo. You may buy a shotgun. You may find a new, freer, more rewarding lifestyle. You may bring home a work of art by a Mardi Gras Indian, a painting or photograph by a young artist, or an antique reminder of New Orleans' cultural history. For sure, you will have learned about the *new* New Orleans, from those who are making it happen.

CANO has the key to the doors of this new city and experience on the banks of the Mississippi as no other organization or tour company. 35 years of experience working in the creative culture of New Orleans positions us as your number one organization to lead you through the magic of this city. Enjoy the first hand knowledge and experience of New Orleans creative artists and producers as well as the expertise of academic and business leaders. Come experience the city with us. And allow us to help you plan first class transportation, access to eateries and advice on accommodations as well. **Call CANO now at 504.218.4807, or email nathan@cano-la.org. And see www.cano-la.org and, or arthomeneworleans.org**