



72 Hours in New Orleans: The Perfect Long Weekend

Grand Victorian
Bed & Breakfast

YOUR GUIDE TO THE RHYTHM OF NEW ORLEANS

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There's a certain rhythm to New Orleans—slow mornings, long meals, live music drifting from a balcony, the streetcar humming down St. Charles Avenue. At the Grand Victorian, that rhythm starts right outside your door.

Our home is a historic Garden District mansion, thoughtfully restored and perfectly placed for exploring the best of the city.

We're just steps from Magazine Street, a short ride to the French Quarter, and surrounded by centuries-old oaks, iconic architecture, and stories at every corner.

We created The Grand Victorian not just as a place to stay, but as a way to experience New Orleans with more warmth, more ease, and more depth.

Whether you're sipping coffee on the balcony or catching the streetcar into the heart of the Quarter, we're here to help you see the city like you've always wanted to.

This guide is designed to help you do just that. Inside, you'll find our favorite ways to spend 72 hours in New Orleans—from classic experiences to the local spots we love most. We're so glad you're here!

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A historic New Orleans Bed and Breakfast in the heart of the Garden District

Tucked beneath the oaks of St. Charles Avenue, the Grand Victorian Bed & Breakfast offers a front-row seat to New Orleans at its most storied and soulful. Built in 1893 by renowned architect Thomas Sully, this Garden District gem blends historic elegance with the warmth and ease of a modern boutique stay.

WHERE NEW ORLEANS' STORIED BEAUTY AND SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY MEET

From the wrought-iron balcony, you can watch the streetcar glide by on its way to the French Quarter. Step outside and you're moments from Magazine Street, Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, and some of the city's most beloved restaurants and boutiques.

Inside, antique furnishings, private en suite baths, and thoughtful details make your stay feel both elevated and personal. The architecture, the neighborhood energy, the sense of place—You're surrounded by what makes New Orleans special, with the comfort and quiet to enjoy it at your own pace.

Whether you're in New Orleans for the food, the music, the architecture, or simply the feeling of the city itself, the Grand Victorian puts it all within reach—with a sense of calm and character that's hard to find anywhere else.

[Explore availability](#) at The Grand Victorian and start planning your perfect getaway.



Day One: Garden District Charm and Local Flavor

Start your trip in the Garden District—where wide sidewalks, oak-shaded streets, and historic homes offer a quieter, more refined view of New Orleans. It's one of the city's most iconic neighborhoods, and you're already in the heart of it.

From the Grand Victorian, it's a short walk to **Commander's Palace** for a white-linen lunch, or to **The Rink**, home to the Garden District Book Shop. Around the corner, **Lafayette Cemetery No. 1** offers a glimpse into 19th-century New Orleans, with centuries-old tombs and stories etched in stone.

Spend the afternoon along **Magazine Street**, where independent shops, art galleries, and easygoing cafés stretch for miles. It's the kind of street where you'll find something without looking for it.

In the evening, stay close. Try the tasting menu at **Coquette** or head to **Atchafalaya** for inventive Creole dishes and live music in a relaxed setting. End with a nightcap at the bar at **The Columns**, a restored 19th-century mansion with original mahogany interiors and a cocktail program led by James Beard-nominated talent.



Day Two: French Quarter Classics & Nightlife

Savor a second breakfast with café au lait and beignets at **Café du Monde**—yes, it's busy, but it's been doing this since 1862 for a reason. Grab a seat under the green-striped awning and watch the street performers on Decatur.

Walk it off in **Jackson Square**, where artists hang their work along the iron fence and St. Louis Cathedral anchors the skyline. From there, head down **Royal Street**, one of the best stretches in the city for galleries, antiques, and street musicians that actually stop you in your tracks.

Around midday, make your way to the **French Market** for browsing, snacks, or a cold drink. If you're craving something more substantial, grab a dozen chargrilled oysters at **Felix's** or a catfish po-boy at **Verti Marte**, a corner store with a loyal following and zero pretense.

If the weather's good, walk across the bridge into **Crescent Park** for views of the river and skyline. When you're ready for a break, hop back to the Grand Victorian and recharge.

Dinner tonight depends on your mood—**Sylvain** in the Quarter for upscale comfort food in a carriage house setting, or **Palm & Pine** for modern Southern with Caribbean influence.

End the night on **Frenchmen Street**, where live music spills from the doorways of d.b.a., The Spotted Cat, and Snug Harbor. New Orleans knows how to enjoy a leisurely morning, so embrace your night out!



Day Three: Streetcar Lines, Green Spaces, and Creative Crossroads

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast at the Grand Victorian. Or, head out for brunch at **The Vintage**, a charming café on Magazine Street known for its elevated beignets, artisan coffee, and stylish ambiance. It's a delightful spot to savor a leisurely morning meal before setting out.

After brunch, hop on the historic St. Charles streetcar—with a stop conveniently located just outside the Grand Victorian's front door. Ride beneath the canopy of ancient oaks, passing by the stately homes and vibrant neighborhoods that define New Orleans' Uptown charm. Disembark near **Audubon Park**, a sprawling green space perfect for a mid-morning stroll, birdwatching, or simply soaking in the serene atmosphere.

Finally, make your way to City Park to visit the **New Orleans Museum of Art** or wander through the adjacent **Sculpture Garden**, where contemporary installations are nestled among live oaks and tranquil lagoons.

By the time you return to the Grand Victorian, you've crossed streetcar lines, explored arts and cuisine, and experienced **why 72 hours in New Orleans just never quite feels like enough.**



Whether you're planning an elopement, honeymoon, anniversary, or family gathering, the Grand Victorian offers a historic setting and personalized experience in one of New Orleans' most iconic neighborhoods.

We provide personalized support for couples looking to create a meaningful stay—connecting you with trusted local vendors for photography, floral design, and more.

Some guests reserve multiple rooms and turn the weekend into a shared experience with family and friends, while others come just as a pair, looking for something quiet, easy, and distinctly New Orleans.

Whether you're planning a honeymoon, elopement, anniversary, or another milestone worth celebrating, we're here to help you shape the experience—from champagne on the balcony to the best spots for photos nearby.

Get in touch today; we'd love to help you start planning!



Let the good
times roll!

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Discover boutique comfort in a timeless setting.

Set at the center of the Garden District, the Grand Victorian offers a perfect base for exploring the city's vibrant culture. With acclaimed restaurants, distinctive boutiques, and local galleries just steps away, the best of New Orleans is right at your doorstep. Behind the 19th-century façade, you'll find the comfort and polish of a luxury New Orleans bed and breakfast—private en suite baths, high-quality linens, curated furnishings, and thoughtful touches throughout.

Ready for the perfect. New Orleans vacation? It would be our honor to host you at The Grand Victorian.

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