
St. Louis Cemetery No. 1 Guided Walking Tour

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As the saying goes, no one gets out of this world alive. But how and where one rests in eternal peace can be unique, especially in New Orleans! The oldest and most famous ‘city of the dead’ — as Mark Twain called the city’s above-ground graveyards — is St. Louis Cemetery No. 1.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Louisiana’s African American Heritage Trail, this hallowed ground is rich in culture, architecture, art, and history. As you tour the cemetery, your local guide shares captivating tales about those who rest here, including Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau, civil

rights’ pioneer Homer Plessy, and the famous souls who shaped the Crescent City’s colorful history.

To explore this iconic landmark and to meet its legendary residents, you’ll need to join a walking tour. On behalf of Catholic Cemeteries New Orleans, [Cemetery Tours NOLA](#) offers the only Official Tour of St. Louis Cemetery No. 1. Here are some additional details to keep in mind as you plan your visit.

Tour Hours

Guided tours take place between 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. daily, except for Mardi Gras Day when the cemetery is closed, and last about 45 minutes.

Tours begin at the Cemetery Tour Desk in the Basin St. Louis Visitor Information Center. Please check in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tour time.

Tour Prices

Tour sizes are limited, so it’s best to purchase your St. Louis Cemetery tour tickets in advance. Seasonal prices vary day by day. For the best available rate, [please visit their website](#).

Location and Parking

The cemetery is located near the French Quarter. Tours depart from Basin St. Louis Visitor Information Center at 501 Basin Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

For directions, please visit [Cemetery Tours New Orleans' official website](#).

Parking is steps away from the cemetery and visitor center in the Park First's Basin Lot at 1205 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Please do not park in the visitor center's lot, as it is only for short-term parking.

Preparing for Your Visit

The cemetery is centuries old and is the final resting place of thousands of New Orleanians. It also continues to be an active burial place. We ask visitors to keep this in mind during the tour and have several suggestions and requests we kindly make:

- Bottled drinking water is recommended.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Be prepared for the weather. Tours are held rain or shine.
- The cemetery is stroller, walker, and wheelchair accessible.
- Only service animals are allowed.
- Photography is encouraged, but please refrain from taking videos.
- No food or alcohol is allowed in the cemetery.
- Please do not touch, lean, or sit on the tombs, fences, or other structures.
- Please do not write or etch on the tombs.
- Please do not leave any objects on the tombs, such as candles, coins, or shells.
- Any acts of vandalism or theft will be prosecuted.



Opening times and ticket prices are subject to change. For up-to-date information, please visit [Cemetery Tours New Orleans' official website](#).