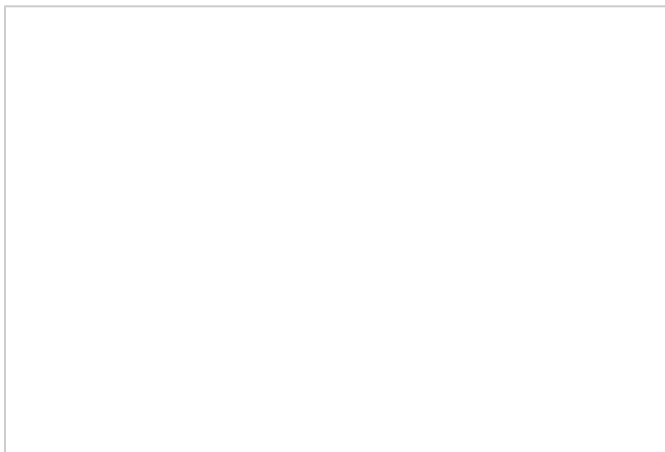


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## Annual Events in New Orleans



New Orleans is home to many fascinating annual events celebrating fabulous food, innovative music, and cultural diversity. With over [100 festivals](#) each year, there's a celebration for everything and everyone in New Orleans.

### [French Quarter Festival](#)

Serving up a unique taste of New Orleans, the largest free festival in the South offers 4 days' worth of entertainment featuring a large variety of musical performances on multiple stages throughout the French Quarter.

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### [New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival](#)

Celebrating peace, love and crawfish, this seven-day cultural event takes place at the New Orleans Fair Grounds and features a stellar musical line-up, a food fair offering classic New Orleans cuisine, and more than 300 regionally and nationally acclaimed artists in four distinct event venues.

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### [Satchmo Summerfest](#)

An entertaining and educational weekend in the French Quarter honoring New Orleans' native son, Louis Armstrong, with live musical performances, local cuisine and special seminars.

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### [Tales of the Cocktail](#)

Described as "the most spirited event of the summer," this five-day festival celebrates cocktails, cuisine and culture with a number of seminars, tastings, competitions, and much more offered to those that attend.

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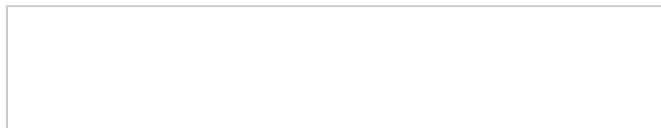
### [COOLinary & Restaurant Week](#)

During the month of August, experience cuisine that delights your palate and is an integral part of the history and culture of New Orleans. This annual culinary tradition features specially priced prix-fixe lunch, dinner and brunch menus at some of the city's best restaurants.

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### [Mardi Gras](#)

A three-month stretch held towards the beginning of every year in which the streets come alive with music,



art, and costumed revelers. Beginning on the Twelfth Night, January 6, the Mardi Gras season is upon us: king cake eating, bead-tossing, and parading begins and only increases as we approach Mardi Gras Day.

Be sure to check out the [events calendar](#) and start planning your visit!