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Geographer's Take on Restaurants Around N'awlins

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Dining in New Orleans is why many tourists visit the city and it is what locals love to do as often as possible. The menus are diverse, the chefs are pioneers, and the cuisine has history (see: *Dining with Cajuns and Creoles*, AAG Newsletter November 2017; *Continuing Creolization in New Orleans Foodways*, AAG Newsletter March 2018). There are many websites, guides, and books on where and what to eat in New Orleans. Everyone has their favorites and even more suggestions. Critics are focused and food movements such as "Local" and "Slow Dining" are continuing to add uniqueness to the eating scene. The places suggested here are those that span a range of culinary styles and a range of N'awlins history. Some of these are the favorites of fellow geographers. These are just examples, you do the exploring.

Fine Dining and Business Casual

Antoine's Restaurant, 713 St. Louis Street * *Arnaud's Restaurant*, 813 Bienville Street * *Bayona*, 430 Dauphine Street * *Brennan's Restaurant*, 417 Royal Street * *Commander's Palace Restaurant*, 1403 Washington Ave. * *Galatoire's*, 209 Bourbon Street * *Herbsaint*, 701 St. Charles Ave. * *Ralph's On the Park*, 900 City Park Ave.

Oyster Bars

Acme Oyster House, 724 Iberville Street * *Antoine's Restaurant*, 713 St. Louis Street * *Arnaud's*, 813 Bienville Street * *Drago's*, 2 Poydras Street * *Pascal's Manale*, 1838 Napoleon Ave. * *Seaworthy*, 630 Carondelet Street

Traditional Menus of the Gulf South

Annunciation Restaurant, 1016 Annunciation Street * *Bourbon House*, 144 Bourbon Street * *Court of Two Sisters*, 631 Royal Street * *Grand Isle*, 575 Convention Center Blvd. * *Jacques-Imo's Cafe*, 8324 Oak Street * *Palace Cafe*, 605 Canal Street * *Tujague's Restaurant*, 823 Decatur Street

Lunch and PoBoys

Acme Oyster House, 724 Iberville Street * *Camellia Grill*, 626 South Carrollton Ave. * *Central Grocery*, 923 Decatur Street * *Parkway Bakery and Tavern*, 538 Hagan Ave. *

Short Stop PoBoys, 119 Transcontinental Drive * *The Rum House Caribbean Taqueria*, 3128 Magazine Street (New Orleans Caribbean flavor, shrimp, crawfish & duck tacos)

Deserts and Snacks

Cafe du Monde, 800 Decatur Street * *Meauxbar*, 942 North Rampart Street * *Meril*, 424 Girod Street * *Salon by Sucre*, 622 Charters Street

Cocktail Bars

Cane and Table, 1113 Decatur Street * *Loa* (International House Hotel), 221 Camp Street * *Old Absinthe House*, 240 Bourbon Street * *Sazerac Bar*, Roosevelt Hotel, 130 Roosevelt Way * *The Carousel Bar & Lounge* (Hotel Monteleone), 214 Royal Street * *The Empire Bar at Broussard's*, 819 Conti Street * *Tujague's Restaurant*, 823 Decatur Street * *Pat O'Brien's*, 718 Saint Peter Street

Lagniappe

A place I never pass without stopping and always recommend to everyone coming to visit us is *Middendorf's Seafood Restaurant* at Pass Manchac on I55 (between Hammond and LaPlace). Many of you will pass it when getting around the lake. *Middendorf's* is a seafood restaurant, focusing upon fried selections, but they are famous for their 'thin-fried catfish'. I grew up launching my boat at their dock, it was always hard to resist a meal and expect a wait. You will love the local wetlands scenery!

Another place my wife and I love to travel to is *Hot Tails* in New Roads, LA. The food is great and the menu so appealing it is hard to get past the appetizers. Recently the owners/chefs have opened a new restaurant in New Orleans, *Sac-a-lait* at 1051 Annunciation Street. It's relatively new on the Warehouse District food scene and it is nothing like *Hot Tails* and we have never been disappointed.

Connections for Suggestions (sites recommended by fellow geographers)

As this list of suggestions was coming together, the sites below were recommended for those who want to explore the many, many options in and around the city.

Dining outside the central city will require transportation (car, *Uber*, street car), but if you have the time or if you find yourself in one of the city's outlying areas, check to see where you might find a dining gem.

Ian McNulty. *New Orleans Dining Guide, Spring 2017: The Essential 100*. The New Orleans Advocate. http://www.theadvocate.com/new-orleans/entertainment_life/food_restaurants/article_a2e08b36-1d73-11e7-ab2d-276c5bdc1546.html

Find a New Orleans Restaurant: Interactive Map Guide.

<https://www.neworleans.com/restaurants/new-orleans-restaurants/>

Zagat, City's Best: New Orleans.

<https://www.zagat.com/new-orleans>