

GC Eval Lagniappe Guide

**Lagniappe: (lan-yap): an extra or unexpected benefit*

The Gulf Coast Evaluation Association is excited to welcome you and the American Evaluation Association's 2022 Annual Conference to the vibrant city of New Orleans!

We've compiled some local resources and guides to help you experience the best New Orleans has to offer, and highlighted favorite local- and BIPOC-owned spots we think deserve special attention.

Enjoy New Orleans and laissez les bon temps rouler!

Sincerely,
Gulf Coast Eval Network
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Local Resources & Guides to NOLA

❖ **Neighborhood Guide to New Orleans**

❖ **WWOZ livewire** @wwoz_neworleans

The most complete listing of live music in the city. Listen to the station (90.7) and on the hour, every hour for the announcement or you can also find the full listing linked above.

❖ **Food & Culture:**

- [The Gambit](#) @The_GambitLIVE
- [Where Y'at](#) @whereyatnola
- [Ian McNulty](#) @ianmcnultynola

❖ **Pre-and Post-Conference Stays**

- [The Hubbard Mansion](#)
- [Ponchartrain Hotel](#)
- [The Duchess Bed & Breakfast](#)

The recommendations contained in this guide are tried and true, but nonetheless, please understand that these are not sponsored by GC Eval or AEA, and you assume all risk of injury or harm that may result from visiting any of the sites or activities contained herein.

What's close to the Hyatt Regency?

Oretha C. Haley Boulevard (0.9 miles)
O.C. Haley Boulevard (once known as the Dryades Street commercial district) was the center of a thriving, culturally diverse business district which hosted many Jewish, Italian, African-American and German businesses at the turn of the 20th century. During the Jim Crow era, this neighborhood welcomed black musicians barred from other local venues and housed the box office to the 1930's baseball team the Black Pelicans. Having experienced a revival post-Katrina, OC Haley now

boasts a number of restaurants and small attractions, such as Ashé Cultural Arts Center, Central City BBQ (great for big groups), Cafe Reconcile (restaurant-cum-workforce training program), The Revolution (cocktails and music), Paradigm Gardens, Heard Dat Kitchen (creole soul food), and Ole' Orleans Wines and Spirits.

- ❖ French Truck Coffee (5 blocks)
- ❖ BEARCAT Cafe (5 blocks) | Sit-down breakfast and brunch.
- ❖ Breads on Oak (6 blocks) | Sit down or take-away vegetarian sandwiches, salads, and pastries.
- ❖ Luke (6 blocks) | Lunch and dinner spot with happy hour and \$1 oysters from 3-6pm.

What's outside the CBD?

- ❖ Backstreet Cultural Museum (1.3 miles) | Recently moved to a new location, this infamous Tremé staple is steeped in Mardi Gras Indian culture!
- ❖ Treme's Petite Jazz Museum (1.4 miles) | This personal collection of Tremé elder Mr. Al Jackson is dedicated to the history of jazz in New Orleans.
- ❖ New Orleans African American Museum (1.5 miles) | Currently on exhibit is SEEING BLACK, chronicling the history, influence, and performative aesthetic of Black photography in New Orleans from 1840 to present.
- ❖ Dutch Alley Artist's Co-op (2 miles) | A Co-Op and gallery run by local artists.
- ❖ Baldwin & Co. (2.2 miles) | An independent bookstore and coffee shop.
- ❖ JAMNOLA (2.8 miles) | An experiential pop-up museum that takes visitors on a topsy-turvy stroll through the cultural gems that make the city so special.
- ❖ Studio Be (2.9 miles) | A product of alchemy, a space for artists and the things they create.
- ❖ Listen to New Orleans (various) | An oral history audio tour installed at 9 light posts around New Orleans. You will need a cell phone to dial in at each site!
- ❖ New Orleans Historical (various) | a virtual tour website and app for sharing stories and scholarship about NOLA (including this tour of O.C. Haley!)
- ❖ Delta Discovery Tours (60 miles) | Eco-tours of the Mississippi River Delta.



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Food

- ❖ **Backatown Coffee Parlour** (0.8 miles) |
- ❖ **Compere Lapin** (0.8 miles) | A top-notch fine-dining experience. Chef Nina Compton won a James Beard award in 2018.
- ❖ **Pho Tau Bay** (1.2 miles) | New Orleans is home to a large population of Vietnamese immigrants, reflected in the plethora of Vietnamese restaurants, bakeries, and fusion cuisines. This long-standing West Bank favorite opened a 2nd location in the CBD after Katrina.
- ❖ **Fritai** (1.3 miles)
- ❖ **Fatma's Cozy Corner** (1.6 miles) | Casual spot to hang out and have breakfast, lunch, or coffee.
- ❖ **Li'l Dizzy's Café** (1.8 miles) | A multi-generational, family-owned Creole-Soul lunch staple in Tremé.
- ❖ **Bywater American Bistro** (2.8 miles)

- ❖ **Fritzel's European Jazz Pub** (1.3 miles) | This atypical Bourbon Street spot has jazz shows every night of the week, and is a hub for Jazz aficionados from around the globe.
- ❖ **Kermit's Treme Mother in Law Lounge** (2 miles) | This indoor/outdoor music venue, bar, and (if you're lucky) BBQ spot is owned by its namesake and legendary trumpeter Kermit Ruffins (who regularly mans the grill).
- ❖ **Frenchmen Street** (2.1 miles) | This infamous street boasts a collection of live music venues, bars, restaurants, and now a micro-brewery. Quickly transforming into a major tourism hub, but still much more bohemian than Bourbon.
- ❖ **The Broad Side** (2.5 miles) | Outdoor music venue built to be Covid friendly with reasonably priced shows.



Music

- ❖ **Bar Tonique** (1.2 miles) | If you just need that special cocktail (being the ostensible birthplace of the cocktail), try Bar Tonique. It gets crowded at peak times and your drink may take a while, but it will taste like fresh, homemade ingredients and a savvy bartender put it together. Some classics to try: the Sazerac, Sidecar, Vieux Carre, and Ramos Gin Fizz. For similarly good cocktails in a dive bar setting, try Twelve Mile Limit (3.3 miles), and Pal's Lounge (2.7 miles).
- ❖ **Little People's Place** (1.7 miles) | Hours vary at this family-run joint, but it essentially defines the quintessential New Orleans neighborhood bar. Meet some new friends. Friday evenings it's always hopping!
- ❖ **Backroom at Buffa's** (1.8 miles) | Homey place close to the quarter that blends tourists & locals. Live music most nights of the week (sometimes with \$10 cover), small restaurant, and 24hr bar in the front!
- ❖ **St. Claude Avenue** (1.8 miles) | A smaller and less touristy area, St. Claude Ave is home to colorful nightlife activities. Expect some raunchiness at the LGBTQ+ friendly Allways Lounge, music shows at Hi-Ho and Cafe Istanbul, and no-holds-barred Karaoke at Kajuns Pub. Enjoy steaks beforehand at Morrow's or pasta at Arabella.



Nightlife

