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The New Orleans Neighborhood You Must Visit

Where to eat, shop, and stay in the Garden District and other uptown neighborhoods in New Orleans.



Where to stay

Although the hotels in the Garden District aren't as centrally located as the ones near Canal Street, staying in this part of New Orleans is ideal if you'd like to avoid the rowdiness of the French Quarter. (Plus, during Mardi Gras season, you'll be close to the parades that roll down St. Charles Avenue.) Here, three of AFAR's favorite hotels in the Garden District and surrounding neighborhoods:



The rooftop bar, Hot Tin, at the Pontchartrain Hotel offers 180-degree views of downtown. Courtesy of Pontchartrain Hotel

The Pontchartrain Hotel

Book now: thepontchartrainhotel.com

Located directly on St. Charles Avenue and the corner of Josephine Street, the Pontchartrain Hotel has welcomed guests like Frank Sinatra and Truman Capote since it opened in the 1940s. A 2016 renovation retained that vintage glamour while bringing the hotel into the 21st century with 106 rooms decorated with an eclectic mix of European- and Caribbean-style furniture. The hotel's public spaces are where it truly shines, attracting locals and travelers alike. Its ground floor Bayou Bar has live music—with no cover charge—five days a week, while its rooftop bar, Hot Tin, offers 180-degree views of downtown.