

THE FRENCH MARKET DISTRICT: A QUIETER CORNER OF THE FRENCH QUARTER

The French Market District encompasses six blocks on the riverside of the Lower French Quarter. The district includes over 20 unique retail shops, performance venues, restaurants, cafes, a flea market and a farmers' market. In addition to the recreational shopping opportunities and ongoing free special events, the District boasts historical monuments such as Washington Artillery Park (across from Jackson Square) and New Place de France (home of the Joan of Arc statue), public art, scenic walkways, and convenient riverside parking. The RTA's red streetcars can also be taken to reach various sections of the District. The New Orleans Jazz National Historic Park, located in Dutch Alley, offers free educational and musical presentations Tuesday-Saturday.

The French Market, "America's Oldest Public Market", has existed on the same site since 1791. What began as a Native American trading post has become a cultural and entertainment destination that hosts annual festivals and events like The Creole Tomato Festival, French Market Christmas Tree Lighting, and Boo Carré Halloween and Harvest Festival. The recently renovated farmers' market is home to a diversity of food vendors serving prepared foods as well as fresh produce stands.

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