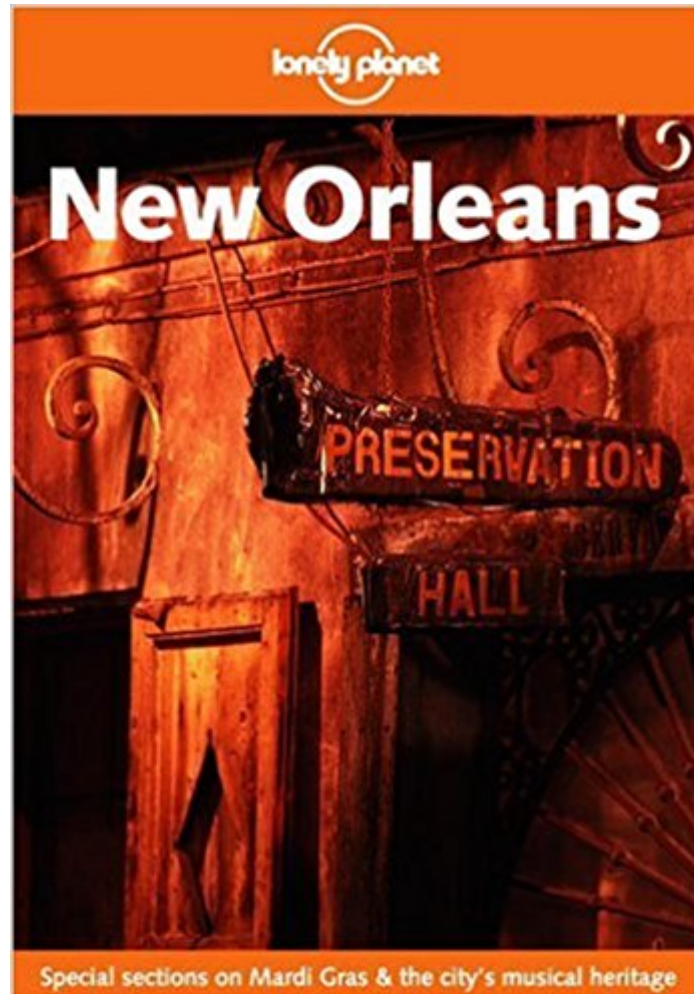




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Synopsis

The Big Easy, as New Orleans is known, is more than the outrageous celebrations of Mardi Gras and the Jazz & Heritage Festival: it's a town of historic neighborhoods like the French Quarter and the Garden District that has run by its own rules for centuries. This insightful guide leads you beyond the city's tourist facade to discover the best in music, local cuisine and all that the Crescent City is famous for.

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Customer Reviews

As usual, the guidebook standard is set by Lonely Planet.-- Outside

This is one of five travel guides I purchased at the same trip for a trip to New Orleans and return trips. (Others I purchased were the Rough guide, Eyewitness Travel Guide, Frommer's and Fodor's: See separate reviews for each.) This is a nice travel guide that is all about New Orleans with some illustrations, a few color photographs and maps, including a fold out pull out map of the city. It gives you a nice assortment of ideas for expanded day trips and excursions with a taste of the Cajun Country. It provides a background and history of New Orleans. There is a chapter about Mardi Gras. The book is broken down into neighborhoods, shopping, eating, drinking and nightlife, the arts, sleeping and transportation. Websites for all are included. The book is broken into areas and neighborhoods for the city of New Orleans. Overall, I'm not a real big fan of the Lonely Planet Travel guides, though this is a great tour guide to take with you on your trip to New Orleans, whether it is

your first time or second. I have no hesitation in recommending this one. Only qualm I have about this guide is that no ratings are available, as found in Frommer's or Fodor's travel guides.

Overall the Lonely Planet - New Orleans is a useful guidebook with plenty of information. This particular edition needs a couple of items updated (due to going repairs since Katrina), however even these changes are mentioned as likely to occur in the guide. I found the guidebook format different to other Lonely Planet Guides that I have used previously with information arranged along thematic lines rather than geographical lines. For example rather than having all the info on one suburb/area in a chapter the book has all the info on Eating Out or Sleeping. I found this made for some extra page-turning, especially until I got used to it. In summary a worthwhile guide to what I found to be an enjoyable destination.

The book was helpful, but like all books, did not cover everything I wanted to know. This was my first trip to New Orleans and it did direct me to the area that I wanted to stay in. I had a great time.

I thought that this was a nice resource for my time in New Orleans, which was regrettably short (only three days). I will caution that I pretty much never left the French Quarter - Hotel Monteleone was gorgeous and comfy! - so I can't speak for the other areas detailed in the book. The maps are excellent, and the restaurant suggestions matched my boyfriend's personal experiences.

Use LP series book for years, lots of info for a deep explore of foreign countries, regions and cities. This New Orleans City Guide is suitable for who knows nothing but desire to have roughly idea of everything of New Orleans. From history, architecture, museum, fest, art, attractions/eating/pub/nightlife/sleeping/shopping by areas and even a pullout map. Rich enough for your 3-4 days trip in NOLA, but try to check all info mentioned on book before you plan your trip, some info (hotel website, tele, price, museum open time) is a little bit out of date.

I got a lot more useful information from the versions put out by other publishers. This one was not particularly insightful.

Lots of information and helped a lot on our trip made recently. Very accurate information excellent guide to goog food and entertainment

I purchased this book for my (now) husband for his birthday. We are going to New Orleans for our honeymoon and I was looking for a guidebook that was unique and would highlight places a little off the "beaten path". This book was perfect!! It is extremely comprehensive and covers everything in and around the city including history (which he loved), a breakdown of the neighborhoods, shopping, eating, drinking, arts, sleeping and my fav...author's top picks! Well worth it!!

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