

# Vacation Guide

## Graceful, grand, unique: New Orleans has it all!

New Orleans is a dream, a confection wrapped in iron lace balconies, vari-colored stucco walls. It is one of the few truly "foreign" cities in the United States.

The Creole culture it boasts so proudly gives it a flavor unlike that of any city in the world.

The atmosphere is part French, part West Indian... and it is uniquely, totally New Orleans!

The home of jazz, which music wafts out of every other doorway on Bourbon Street, New Orleans is a city to please everyone.

The historically inclined will linger in the French Quarter, wandering down shop-lined streets that exude the past from every courtyard and crevice.

No one interested in architecture, or in life as it was lived a century ago in this charming and graceful city, will want to miss the Gallier House, decorated and furnished in the style of the 1860's.

Jackson Square, originally called the Place d'Armes, is a must-see for all and sundry, with its lovely park, the two government buildings, the Cabildo and the Presbytere, which date from the 18th century; the Pontalba Buildings, said to be the first apartment buildings in the U.S.; and the stately and magnificent St. Louis Cathedral which dominates the scene.

Make sure to pay a visit to the French Market, nearby, for a luscious breakfast of *hignets* and coffee flavored with chicory.

For dinner, there are many fine restaurants to choose from which specialize in French or Creole cuisine, or a combination of the two.

French Market. New Orleans, of course, is the home of the Mardi Gras and, even if you are not there to participate in it, you will be



CHARMING GRILLWORK decorates the fronts of houses in New Orleans' French Quarter. The lacy wrought iron, brought to New Orleans by the French and Spanish settlers, lends an old world air to the graceful, quiet streets of the city. Photo courtesy: Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Comm.

And don't forget to taste a praline, the delectably rich sweet which is the city's specialty.

To see how the other half lives, take the St. Charles trolley down the line into the Garden District, and admire the spacious, gracious homes, many of which are mansions, that line the streets.

New Orleans' most famous streetcar, Desire, may be seen by literature buffs at its resting place outside the

able to appreciate its influence over the city, for a gay, almost carnival-like atmosphere is ever-present wherever you may wander, even in the stillest, drowsiest streets of the Quarter, which are unconsciously resplendent with their jewel-like iron trim and pastel colors.

For further information about New Orleans, contact the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission, 334 Rue Royal, New Orleans, LA 70130.

## Springtime is perfect for camping

The national parks and even small local camp sites are becoming increasingly popular "resorts" as, every year, more and more people are choosing to spend their vacations under the stars.

And spring is an excellent time to go camping. The scenery is magnificent, with signs of Nature's re-awakening... and the sites are less crowded before the summer peak season.

By its very nature, camping means getting away from civilization and all its "have-to's," but one thing you do have to do is eat.

Most campers do want a nice hot meal, at least once in a while, and this usually means washing dishes.

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## Families love the land of Pennsylvania Dutch

LANCASTER, PA. — Spring and summer family vacations abound throughout Lancaster County. "Heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country." Boasting nearly 5 million visitors annually, Lancaster County is now ranked among the top ten family recreation and resort areas in the country.

And, it's easy to see why families from all over the United States, Canada and Europe flock to the scenic Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Here visitors find 200-year-old farmers' markets, family-style dining, hex signs depicting the Pennsylvania Dutch culture, historic sites dating back to the Revolutionary War and lush Amish farmlands.

Over 70 luxury resorts and hotels and over 30 well-groomed campgrounds offer visitors accommodations with true Pennsylvania Dutch hospitality.

Upon entering Lancaster County, visitors should first stop at the Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors Bureau located on Route 30 at the Hempstead Road exit.

Here they'll find over 400 brochures to choose from, an

excellent film entitled "The Lancaster Experience," and a well-trained staff to give them free maps and directions.

A variety of tours is available and the visitor should decide how he wants to see Lancaster County. He can drive his own car, take the more traditional bus tours, or even take a tour in an Amish buggy or on a moped!

In addition to the Amish attractions and farmers' markets, visitors also enjoy a variety of other attractions such as the Strasburg Railroad, where they can ride on the oldest continuously-operating short line railroad in the United States, and the Sturgis Pretzel House, where they can twist and bake their own pretzels.

And, of course, there are hundreds of antique and crafts shops for the visitor who wants to just browse or to take a souvenir back home.

No visit to Lancaster County would be complete without sampling some of its world-famous Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. Family-style restaurants and the farmers' markets offer such popular delicacies as chow-chow and



AN AMISH HORSE AND BUGGY clip-clop past the lush Lancaster County countryside in the "heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country." Approximately 12,000 Amish people reside in Lancaster County.

shoo-fly pie!

For more information on Pennsylvania Dutch County vacations in Lancaster County, contact: Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors Bureau, Dept. P.R., 1799 Hempstead Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. In fact, you may like Lancaster County so much that you'll never want to leave!

*Farewell, Monsieur Traveler: look you lisp and wear strange suits, disable all the benefits of your own country, be out of love with your native*

*ity, and almost hide God for making you that countenance you are, or I will scarce think you have swam in a gondola!*

—William Shakespeare