

The Story of New Orleans
Downtown New Orleans and the French Quarter
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Why is New Orleans such a tourist attraction? Many things in New Orleans are what make it famous. You are about to take a journey through New Orleans and find out why New Orleans is such a great place to live or just to be.

What makes New Orleans so famous? New Orleans is full of things to eat and things to do. Believe it or not, New Orleans is also known for being haunted and having the greatest Mardi Gras celebration. Café Du Monde is a large tourist attraction. People from other places come to New Orleans just to eat delicious beignets and drink coffee, tea and milk. Beignets are deep-fried squares of dough with powdered sugar. When tourists come to Café Du Monde, the main thing that everyone does is have a sugar fight. Another main attraction in the French Quarter is the St. Louis Cathedral. The cathedral is beautiful. The interior of the cathedral is full of chandeliers, statues and gorgeous paintings in the ceilings.

In downtown New Orleans, several stores sell muffulettas. What are muffulettas? Muffulettas are like a sub or a sandwich. Muffulettas are very good. Muffulettas are sandwiches made with round Italian bread with salami, ham, provolone and olive salad. These muffulettas are known all over the United States. The French Market is also very important. The French Market is like a strip of outside stores. Merchants sell food, clothes, purses, knick-knacks and jewelry.

Trolleys are little trains that take people around New Orleans. Trolleys are one of the main reasons why tourists like downtown New Orleans. When people walk around downtown and they get tired, they can just jump into a trolley and take a ride around the city. The most famous route is St. Charles Avenue because of all of the mansions. In the French Quarter, instead of taking a trolley, you can take a horse-pulled carriage.

There are many other things that make New Orleans famous. For instance, the local street performers are loved by everyone. The street performers include dancers, musicians and a few guys who paint themselves silver and act like robots. Local artists sell their work in the afternoon to make a living. All the people who perform on the streets either perform for money or for fun. I believe my favorite street performers are the guys who act like robots.

New Orleans means a lot to me. People from other places dream of living in New Orleans. I am very grateful to live in such a fun and unique place. When Mardi Gras comes around, people from different states travel to New Orleans, while I can drive a short distance to get to a parade. We have many traditions here. Only people who live in New Orleans would truly understand.