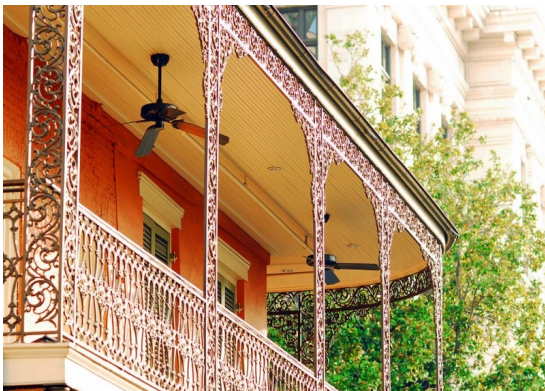




New Orleans knows how to host a party, and wedding celebrations are no exception. Our recommendations for making the most of your special weekend



A NEW ORLEANS WEDDING WEEKEND

Friday...



THE COLUMNS HOTEL

3811 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70115

www.thecolumns.com

Ride the streetcar down St. Charles Avenue to experience the beauty of the Garden District and surrounding areas. Bloody Marys and Pimm's Cups are the go-to libations at this New Orleans landmark.



BACCHANAL

600 Poland Avenue New Orleans LA 70117

www.bacchanalwine.com

Celebrate an evening prior to your nuptials in this backyard wine garden. A hidden gem in New Orleans' hip Bywater neighborhood, at Bacchanal you can create your own cheese and cured meat plate. Bacchanal's specialty is their extensive wine selection, but they also offer creative cocktails, full lunch and dinner menus in addition to live music seven nights a week.



Saturday...

BRIDAL TEA

The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans is the perfect setting for your bridal tea. Enjoy delectable sweet and savory selections along with English tea for a truly festive yet relaxing experience. Ask to book the Crescent View room on the 12th floor for sweeping views of the Mississippi River, or the Mercier Terrace for a private courtyard setting.



THE RITZ-CARLTON SPA, NEW ORLEANS

Allow the warm and professional staff at The Ritz-Carlton Spa, New Orleans treat you and your bridal party to the ultimate in pre-wedding pampering. Services include massages, facials, nails, hair, and makeup application.



THE DAVENPORT LOUNGE

As wedding festivities are slowing down, you and your guests can unwind in The Davenport Lounge at The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans, where Grammy nominated jazz trumpeter performs Wednesday through Saturday.

Saturday

For the adventurous...

CONFEDERACY OF CRUISERS

634 Elysian Fields New Orleans LA 70117
www.confederacyofcruisers.com

A bicycle tour is a great way to get some fresh air and explore different New Orleans neighborhoods. Experience the Treme, Marigny, or Esplanade Ridge on an intimate group tour led by an expert guide. There is also the option to enjoy Bayou St. John by kayak on a Pedal to Paddle Tour.



LONGUE VUE HOUSE AND GARDENS

7 Bamboo Road New Orleans LA 70124
www.longuevue.com

A 10 minute drive from downtown New Orleans, this historic estate features a house museum and eight acres of stunning gardens to explore. Longue Vue also hosts rotating exhibitions of local and regional artists.

GARDEN DISTRICT TOUR

Take in the stately splendor of the homes in New Orleans' famed Garden District. Simply dial 14200 from your room at The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans to have one of our concierges book you a private walking tour of this breathtaking neighborhood.



Sunday...

BRENNAN'S

417 Royal Street New Orleans LA 70130

www.brennansneworleans.com

Brunch options abound in New Orleans, but most locals agree that Brennan's sets the bar. This French Quarter institution has been delighting guests with classic New Orleans dishes like eggs sardou and turtle soup since 1946. Of course, no meal at Brennan's would be complete without their signature dessert, Bananas Foster, dramatically prepared for you tableside.



CAFÉ AMELIE

912 Royal Street New Orleans LA 70116

www.cafeamelie.com

Decompress the day after your wedding with brunch at Café Amelie, located inside the secluded Princess of Monaco Courtyard. Café Amelie boasts a tempting Louisiana-inspired menu in a memorable French Quarter garden setting. Look through last night's pictures and relive the memories while enjoying the 'courtyard cocktail of the day.'



ARNAUD'S

813 Bienville New Orleans LA 70112

www.arnaudsrestaurant.com

Jazz brunch at Arnaud's is much more than a meal. It is the opportunity to immerse yourself in New Orleans' decadent, delicious history. Enjoy the sounds of a Dixieland jazz band while you feast on unforgettable dishes made famous at this classic New Orleans restaurant. Before you leave, make sure to tour the complimentary on-site Mardi Gras museum, which features a priceless collection of Mardi Gras memorabilia.

