

Preview of the HTI 2016 Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans

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Our High Twelve International 2016 mid-year is in New Orleans this January 24-27, 2016. East coast and southern High Twelvians have asked us to hold a mid-year meeting east of Las Vegas where it has been held over the last several years in a row. Hot dog, we're going to New Orleans!

I flew to New Orleans to preview our hotel and the sites for our January meeting. Here is what I found. We are staying at the world-class Maison Dupuy Hotel in the heart of the French Quarter. The hotel website is at www.maisondupuy.com. You can view a picture from the Maison Dupuy Hotel overlooking the city of New Orleans at night. (See Figure 1) The hotel is newly renovated and built in the courtyard style of the historic French Quarter. We have 40 great rooms held for you that always fill up months ahead at \$500-\$600 a night for only \$129 – reserve yours early.



Figure 1. Maison Dupuy Courtyard and New Orleans

Our hotel is two short blocks from Bourbon Street. Close enough to visit easily and far enough away to sleep quietly. I took these photographs during my visit to New Orleans this month. The night I arrived the News Orleans Saints won their game in the Superdome and the French Quarter was filled with fun seekers until late into the night. From the hotel you can easily walk anywhere in the French Quarter. The Louis Armstrong Park and Saenger Theatre are both only two blocks away in the other direction. Great restaurants, shops, bars, clubs and boutiques are everywhere to enjoy. You and your wife, girlfriend or partner will love staying here.



Figure 2. Jackson Square in the Vieux Carre

I walked quickly to Jackson Square (see Figure 2) and had beignets at the Café Du Monde. (See Figure 3) They say if you sit at the Café Du Monde long enough the whole world comes to you.



Figure 3. Café Du Monde on the Mississippi River Bank



Figure 4. *Natchez* Paddleboat on Mississippi River behind Café Du Monde

Then I walked behind Café Du Monde and looked at the Mississippi River and the *Natchez* moored there. The suspension bridge across the river goes from New Orleans to the west bank which is on the east side of New Orleans due to its unique crescent shaped waterway curve.

The view to the immediate right shows the Jackson Brewery Center which has been converted from the old Jax Beer Brewery to a riverside shopping mall by the St. Louis Cathedral. (See Figure 5)



Figure 5. Jackson Brewery Shopping Center on the Mississippi River in Front of the *Natchez*

The shopkeepers and waiters provide excellent and amusing customer service with a smile.



Figure 6. New Orleans French Quarter shop with Alligator Mascot

Exciting tours abound throughout the French Quarter and the city. Cemetery tours of the old above ground mausoleums are one the favorites. (See Figure 7) Since New Orleans is six feet below sea level burials have to be above ground or the water pressure will push caskets up out of the ground. The French Quarter was the original city site and had the only land over the water.



Figure 7. New Orleans Cemetery



Figure 8. New Orleans Streetcar on St. Charles Avenue in front of Tulane and Loyola Universities and Audubon Park and Audubon Zoo in the Uptown District

The streetcars are available nearby our hotel to take you uptown to ride and look at the beautiful homes, overhanging ancient trees and exciting activities up and down the trolley car rails from the French Quarter across the city. (See Figure 8) A list of interesting New Orleans' websites and a list of restaurants within walking distance of the Maison Dupuy Hotel follow for your information. Cindy Kass (see Figure 9) is our hostess contact at the Maison Dupuy Hotel. Please feel free to call her directly if you have any questions about your travel or stay at the Maison Dupuy Hotel. The President and all the officers at High Twelve International (HTI) look forward to seeing you in New Orleans and we encourage you to make your reservations in this popular sell out city early.

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New Orleans High Twelve International Information Websites

Maison Dupuy Hotel	http://www.maisondupuy.com/	By William Wilkinson
Pat O'Briens Bar	http://www.patobriens.com/patobriens/default.asp	
Court of Two Sisters Dining	http://www.courtoftwosisters.com/	
Jackson Brewery Shopping	http://jacksonbrewery.com/	
Antoine's Restaurant	http://www.antoines.com/	
Commanders Palace	http://www.commanderspalace.com/	
Emeril's New Orleans	http://www.emerilsrestaurants.com/emerils-new-orleans	
Galatoire's Restaurant	http://www.galatoires.com/home	
Jackson Square	http://www.experienceneworleans.com/jackson-square.html	
Café Du Monde	http://www.cafedumonde.com/	
Audubon Aquarium	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/aquarium	
Audubon Butterflies	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/aquarium	
Audubon Zoo	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/zoo	
N.O. School of Cooking	http://www.neworleansschoolofcooking.com/	
City Park New Orleans	http://neworleanscitypark.com/	
Lake Front Airport	http://www.lakefrontairport.com/	
Lake Pontchartrain areanew-orleans-louisiana	http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners/lake-pontchartrain-areanew-orleans-louisiana	
Natchez Steamboat	http://www.viator.com/New-Orleans-attractions/Steamboat-Natchez-tours-tickets/d675-a2068?pref=02	
Airboat / Gator Tours	http://www.viator.com/New-Orleans-tourism/New-Orleans-Swamp-Tours-tours-tickets/d675-t3613?pref=02	http://www.cajunencounters.com/
Grayline Tours	http://www.graylineneworleans.com/	
Saenger Theater	http://theaterneworleans.com/?gclid=CIPc2-u30sgCFU6Sfgod4dcD7g	http://www.saengernola.com/calendar

New Orleans Saints <http://www.neworleanssaints.com/>

Grand Lodge of Louisiana <http://www.la-mason.com/>

Audubon Park http://www.auduboninstitute.org/audubon-park?utm_source=googleppc&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=audubon_park&gclid=CPHn8pW50sgCFU5qfgodLNUDFQ

Tulane University
https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=tulane+university+new+orleans+louisiana

Loyola University <http://www.loyno.edu/>

Trolley Cars <http://www.norta.com/Maps-Schedules/Streetcar-Schedules-Maps.aspx>

Preservation Hall Jazz <https://www.preservationhall.com/>

House of Blues <http://www.houseofblues.com/neworleans/>

Yacht Clubs <http://www.southernyachtclub.org/> <http://noyc.org/wordpress/>

Mardi Gras <http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/>

Jazz Fest <http://www.nojazzfest.com/>

St. Louis Cathedral <http://www.stlouiscathedral.org/>

Museum of Art <https://noma.org/>

Superdome <http://www.mbsuperdome.com/>

Storyland <https://neworleanscitypark.com/in-the-park/storyland>

Carousel Gardens <http://neworleanscitypark.com/in-the-park/carousel-gardens>

Cemetery Tour http://www.tourneworleans.com/cemetery_set.html

1850 House <http://www.louisianastatemuseum.org/museums/1850-house/>

Custom House
<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/ext/html/site/hb/category/25431/actionParameter/exploreByBuilding/buildingId/925>

Harrah's Casino <https://www.caesars.com/harrahs-new-orleans>

Mahalia Jackson Performing Arts <http://www.mahaliajacksontheater.com/>

Venues/Restaurants within Walking Distance from the Maison Dupuy Hotel include:

- Le Meritage at the Maison Dupuy, www.lemeritagerestaurant.com, 504-586-8000
- French Quarter Bistro, www.maisondupuy.com, 504-586-8000 –at Hotel
- Court of Two Sisters, www.courtoftwosisters.com, 504-722-7273- Aynsley
- Deanie's, www.deanies.com, 504-581-1316
- Red Fish Grill, www.redfishgrill.com, 504-598-1200- Sharon
- Antoine's Restaurant, www.antoines.com, 504-581-4422
- Arnaud's, www.arnauds.com, 504-523-5433- Lisa Sins
- Brennan's Restaurant, www.brennansrestaurant.com, 504-525-9711
- K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, www.kpauls.com, 504-524-7394-Marty
- Muriel's Jackson Square, www.muriels.com, 504-568-1885
- Palace Café, www.palacecafe.com, 504-523-1661
- Tujuaques, www.tujaguesrestaurant.com , 504-525-8676 -Mark Latter
- Café Giovanni, www.cafegiovanni.com, 504-529-2154
- Irene's 504-529-8811
- GW Fins, www.gwfins.com, 504-581-3467
- Gumbo Shop, www.gumboshop.com, 504-525-1602
- Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse, www.dickiebrennanssteakhouse.com, 504-522-2467
- Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., 504-522-5800 – Michelle(casual)
- Crescent City Brewhouse, www.crescentcitybrewhouse.com, 504-522-2467- Charles (casual)
- Acme Oyster House, www.acmeoyster.com, 504-522-5973 (very casual)
- Ralph & Kacoos, www.ralphandkacoos.com, 504-522-5226- Darla (very casual)

Let me know if you have any questions. Please let them know that Cindy sent you.



Figure 9. Cindy Kass



Figure 10. *Rue Wilkinson* Runs One Block Only in Front of the Old Jax Beer Brewery

Rue Wilkinson is a one block only street one block away from the St. Louis Cathedral by Jackson Square and in front of the old Jax Brewery. The Mississippi River is on the other side of the Jackson Brewery at the foot of Wilkinson Street. My family line members only needed one block to leave our name by the Jax Brewery and in French Quarter history. (See Figures 10 and 11)



Figure 11. *Rue Wilkinson, Vieux Carre*