



Snack Time

A shareable mini feast at beloved Bywater mainstay Bacchanal Wine

Gold Star

The Elysian Bar lounge at the city's new must-visit, Hotel Peter & Paul



Bespoke Bistro

The firm Farouki Farouki designed Justine in the French Quarter.



At Jordi's hotel, the schoolhouse stairs, dating back to the late 1800s, still bear the embossed steps of students. The frescoed church dome

remains. However, the renovation of this 50,000-square-foot compound has set a new standard for future projects. Wrought iron canopy beds dressed in gingham linens with drapes to match, armoires made by local craftspeople, and apothecary items perfumed with bergamot and rosemary appear in every room (some featuring claw-foot bathtubs for a true sanctuary).

In the church's former rectory, beloved **Bacchanal Wine** operates the hotel's restaurant, **The Elysian Bar**,

IN NEW ORLEANS, the notion of local color has always been applied literally. Neighborhoods lined with houses in every hue mimic the countertop crowded with glass bottles of flavored syrups at Hansen's Sno-Bliz or the rainbow of gelati in the Angelo Brocato parlor. On Sundays, a flood of feathers in vivid violet, fruit-punch pink, and electric teal pours into the streets for second-line parades. The trees, still wearing last year's Mardi Gras beads (and some from the decade before), seem bioluminescent in the streetlights.

"New Orleans is the most 'placey' place in America," says Nathalie Jordi, co-owner of the much-anticipated

Hotel Peter & Paul, a long-vacant Catholic church, convent, school, and rectory that was turned into a resplendent 71-room retreat in the Marigny neighborhood. (The project was completed in partnership with the design firm ASH NYC.)

Jordi's ambitious intention for the property, to rekindle the past and recompose it for the present, is what New Orleanians have done better than anyone else for centuries. But take one look around these days, and it's clear that the famously patinaed city, now more than a decade past Hurricane Katrina, has a notably new look remixed with its history.

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