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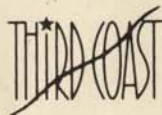
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Lunch Prices at...

Commander's Palace

COMPLETE LUNCHEON SPECIALS
TO START

Choice of SOUP DU JOUR or

CONFIT OF GAME SALAD
With baby greens, herb vinegar, white onions and pumpkin
seeds. Finished with our own pickled cayenne.

ENTREES

SOFT SHELL CRAB SALAD

Louisiana blue crabs, flash fried and touched with a roasted
red pepper remoulade. Served on a bed of baby greens with
grilled marinated vegetables. \$13.50

COMMANDER'S MIXED GRILL

Andouille sausage, wild boar green onion sausage and
a veal medallion, served with fermented cabbage and
a homemade ravioli. Finished with a
worcestershire demi glace. \$12.50

WOOD FIRED GULF FISH

Louisiana gulf coast fish fillet grilled over an open flame on
a citrus beurre blanc, with yellow tomatoes. Garnished with
marinated red and white onion rings. \$13.50

TENDERLOIN OF BEEF TIPS

Pan seared tenderloin tips tossed in a rosemary garlic
fond du veau, with a yellow pepper mashed potato,
sugar snap peas and baby carrots. \$12.50

DESSERTS

COMMANDER'S CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM

COMMANDER'S VANILLA ICE CREAM

CHOCOLATE FUDGE SHEBA

CREOLE BREAD PUDDING

CREOLE CREAM CHEESE CAKE - \$2.00 extra

BANANAS FOSTER SHORTCAKE - \$2.00 extra

BREAD PUDDING SOUFFLE - \$3.00 extra

Proper attire required. Please no shorts, jeans,
shirts without collars. Coats required for dinner
and Sunday brunch.

AFTER LUNCH AT COMMANDER'S PALACE

a self-guided walking tour of the Garden District



New Orleans
Central Business District
Map not to scale - French Quarter 2 miles
from Garden District.



The Garden District

Experience the charm of America's most fascinating city with a self-guided tour of an area in New Orleans known as the Garden District.

It's an old and very lovely section of town bordered by Jackson and Louisiana Avenues, between St Charles Avenue and Magazine Street. Grand, elegant homes inhabit lush, flowering gardens and feature an unusual mixture of Spanish, English, French and Greek Revival architectural styles.

Populated by the first Americans to settle in New Orleans after the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the Garden District reflects an exciting and prosperous period of time. Shunned at first by the Creoles, who continued to live in the French Quarter, the new Americans lavishly developed their own community and established their own church, a grand hotel, a theater, a cemetery, even a railroad.

These people spared no expense in custom-designing their 20- to-30-room homes. Hand-painted murals decorate some of the ceilings; hand-carved mahogany banisters adorn winding staircases; imported Italian marble covers many of the mantles; and large, open galleries, or verandas, stretch from one side of the homes to the other.

A walking tour through parts of the Garden District is an especially pleasant walk. Quaint, narrow sidewalks are lined with wrought-iron fences, they're shaded by magnificent live oaks, magnolias and palm trees. As a point of departure, Commander's Palace provides easy access to some of the city's most beautiful homes and gardens.

Highlighted below are the Garden District homes and areas that possess especially interesting histories or portray antebellum architectural styles:

LAFAYETTE CEMETERY. At the corner of Prytania Street and Washington Avenue is the cemetery laid out in 1883 by the original residents of the Garden District. Within its first 20 years, the cemetery was almost filled with persons who succumbed to yellow fever. A well-kept cemetery, it is opened to the public. Above-ground, house-like tombs served the same family for generations.

2627 COLISEUM STREET. The gingerbread trim and elaborate iron work flatter this beautiful mansion, which has a magnificent ballroom inside.

1331 THIRD STREET. Decorated in iron lace, this home was built in 1850 for Michael Musson, a prominent cotton merchant who was president of the Cotton Exchange and also served as the New Orleans postmaster.

1415 THIRD STREET. Built in 1865 for Walter Robinson, a Virginia gentleman, this home represents an architectural style characteristic of the period preceding the Civil War. It is also believed to have had the first indoor plumbing in New Orleans.

1410 SECOND STREET. This Garden District mansion features Corinthian columns and stucco. Although most of these nineteenth-century homes have brick exteriors, they were either painted or stuccoed and then painted to resemble stone.

1421 SECOND STREET. A true Southern-style home that shares similar characteristics with the house at 2507 Prytania, one can almost imagine the equally lovely Southern belles and gents enjoying a host of lively social events here.

2504 PRYTANIA STREET. Owned by the Women's Opera Guild and open for tours, the home was built in 1859 for an American merchant. While the interior is decorated in a Victorian style, the home's exterior features a hybrid of Italianate and Greek Revival styles.

2507 PRYTANIA STREET. This home was built in the early 1850's for Joseph H. Maddox, owner of the New Orleans Daily Crescent, an important newspaper during that time. Inside, the fireplace features original, hand-painted tiles that depict a bayou scene.

2423 PRYTANIA STREET. Homes of this period were typical in that they were lavishly decorated inside and seemed to quietly harmonize with their lush outside surroundings.

2343 PRYTANIA STREET. Designed in a free Renaissance style by James Freret, this lavish mansion was built in 1872. Its construction is believed to have cost \$100,000. Bradish Johnson, the original owner, was a wealthy sugar planter. Currently, the mansion is the private Louise S. McGehee School for girls. The school cafeteria was once a stable, and the gym is the refurbished carriage house.

2340 PRYTANIA STREET. Believed to be the oldest home in the Garden District, it was built for Thomas Toby, a manager of a large plantations from Philadelphia. Located at the end of the city busline, it was nicknamed "Toby's Corner." The home is owned by a fourth generation family member.

1331 FIRST STREET. A skull and some crossbones found under the floorboards of this home during the last renovation period created some excitement. However, the owners believe they were voodoo relics hidden long ago by some servants.

1315 FIRST STREET. The beautiful and elaborate iron lace adorning this home portrays a romantic period of time - a time when affluent Garden District families often played host to Edgar Degas, Mark Twain and others.

1239 FIRST STREET. Built in 1857 for \$13,000, the home exemplifies the typical New Orleans interpretation of the Greek Revival architectural style of that time.

1134 FIRST STREET. This home, built by slaves, was owned by Judge Jacob U. Payne, a friend of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederacy. Davis died in one of the rooms in 1889. It is a popular belief that Payne designed this house. Gentlemen of this era thought architecture was a necessary skill to possess.

2427 CAMP STREET. Warwick Manor was originally a grand Garden District home, which served as a private school for children of affluent parents.

1213 THIRD STREET. Nineteenth century guests who visited such elegant Southern homes stayed for weeks. Life centered around balls, theater and opera.

1417 THIRD STREET. This renovated carriage house is well-suited for New Orleans tropical-like weather. It sits on land that was once part of several large plantations, which was later divided up into the Garden District and other small communities.

1448 FOURTH STREET. Notice the interesting cornstalk fence at this house, which was built in 1859 for a wealthy merchant. The Italian villa style house cost \$23,750.

As you walk past the District's many homes suggested on our map, notice the distinct architecture - grilled ironwork, ornate exterior moldings, the Greek columns, lead or stained-glass windows. Many of the homes are still owned by descendants of the original owners.