

# *the* **cottage** *journal*

**100+**  
STYLE IDEAS  
for *Holiday*  
Charm

Add Cozy  
*Christmas Décor*  
to Every Room

*Welcome the Season with*  
**COMFORT & JOY**



## *Crescent City* Christmas



Make your way down South for a winter getaway filled with music, food, and enough shopping to fill Santa's sleigh.

**F**or an unforgettable Christmas experience that's low on snow but high on unforgettable memories, New Orleans, Louisiana, is the perfect destination. From a rich history and unique culture to a food scene that can't be found anywhere else, the Big Easy offers a holiday vacation like no other.

#### WHAT TO DO:


From the food stalls at the French Market to the boutiques on Magazine Street to the antiques and art along Royal Street, the city has no shortage of stops for last-minute gift shopping. If music is an essential part of your holiday experience, be sure to take in a Christmas concert at the historic St. Louis Cathedral or join in the caroling in Jackson Square. Afterward, enjoy the many glittering light displays throughout the city, including those in a number of hotel lobbies.

#### WHERE TO STAY:

Built in 1927 as the New Orleans Public Service Inc., NOPSI Hotel, New Orleans offers a stay steeped in history but updated with modern amenities, like the rooftop bar and pool. Located in the Central Business District, the hotel is a short trip away from the city's major hot spots, including the French Quarter and the Garden District.

#### WHERE TO EAT:

Before venturing out into the city for a day of sightseeing, grab breakfast at Willa Jean, and find your way to Otra Vez to refuel over a lunch featuring tacos with a twist. If you're staying at NOPSI, be sure to grab dinner at the hotel's restaurant, Public Service, where Chef Neal Swidler's variations on classic flavor combos are designed to delight. Or, for a classic New Orleans experience, head to Arnaud's, where you can savor the best in local fare and take in a little jazz at the same time. And if you're interested in ending the meal with a show, be sure to order the Café Brûlot for the table.

To start planning your trip, visit [holiday.neworleans.com](http://holiday.neworleans.com). 

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