

The Story of New Orleans Begins Here

No city celebrates life, or death, quite like New Orleans. Come learn about jazz funerals. Find out why our dead are buried above-ground. Hear tales of the famous soldiers, statesmen, musicians, and even Storyville madams.

Our tours are both historically accurate and entertaining. (You can't make this stuff up!) **Most importantly, a portion of proceeds from our tours go to preserving our cemeteries.**

Tours are led by licensed professional tour guides and last about an hour and a half. Join us and walk through:

Lafayette Cemetery No. 1

Lafayette Cemetery No. 1 is in the historic Garden District. Author Anne Rice's Mayfair witches and the vampire Lestat have fictional tombs here. Non-fictional people include Judge Ferguson of the Plessy v. Ferguson case, Civil War Brigadier General Harry T. Hays, and the Brunies family jazz musicians.

St. Louis Cemetery No. 1

Just outside the historic French Quarter is the oldest existing cemetery in New Orleans and the burial ground of both the illustrious and the notorious including Homer Plessy, Paul Morphy, the Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau and the future tomb of actor Nicolas Cage.

St. Louis Cemetery No. 2

The final resting place of famous jazz musician Danny Barker, Ernie "Emperor of the Universe" K-Doe as well as many notable African Americans including Andre Cailloux, African-American Union hero and martyr of the American Civil War.

St. Louis 1 & 2 Combo Tour

This 3 hour tour is two tours in one! Both cemeteries are included on the National Register of Historic Places and the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail.

St. Louis No. 1 "Tombs by Twilight" Tour

This exclusive 3 hour tour is held on the fourth Saturday of each month and includes a cocktail and appetizer at a local hotel. See the cemetery at dusk when shadows lurk and the imagination can go into overdrive.

School and Group Tours

Save Our Cemeteries offers unique and educational tour experiences for school field trips, corporate groups, and other parties small or large. Contact us for pricing and information.

For information about additional cemetery tours offered, as well as tour times and pricing, visit SaveOurCemeteries.org or call 504-525-3377. Rates are subject to change.

Tomb It May Concern: Your Support Makes A Difference ~Become A Member~

Join, support, share – and most importantly – enjoy the satisfaction of preserving the historic cemeteries of New Orleans. When you become a member of Save Our Cemeteries, you become a part of a community that treasures and cares for New Orleans' unique "Cities of the Dead".

All members receive:

- Subscription to our bi-weekly e-news and our printed newsletter
- Free lecture admission
- Invitations and discounted tickets to special events

Your financial support of Save Our Cemeteries makes a HUGE difference. You will not only enjoy benefits of tours and merchandise, but also be keyed into opportunities for learning more about New Orleans' amazing history and the people who made it what it is today. For more information or to join online visit: SaveOurCemeteries.org/membership/

About Save Our Cemeteries

Founded in 1974, Save Our Cemeteries, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion and protection of New Orleans' cemeteries. Through restoration, education and advocacy, we hope to increase the public's interaction, appreciation and enjoyment of the architectural, historic and cultural value of these important places.



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Book now! Space is often limited.
Reserve by calling 504-525-3377 or
online at SaveOurCemeteries.org



Some of our reviews from Trip Advisor:

Fabulous Tour.

We learned so much! Not only about this incredible cemetery, but also about New Orleans history and local customs. We liked the size of the tour — not too big.

— Kimberly N.

Awesome Tour!

Our tour guide was incredibly knowledgeable about the cemetery as well as the history of the city. We learned a ton about the customs of burial and the culture of New Orleans. I would highly recommend this tour.

— Brian W.

It Was Great!

Knowing that some of the money would go to restoring the cemetery made me feel good about choosing a Save Our Cemeteries tour. I learned so much. It was time well spent.

— Don K.

5 Stars!

If you are looking for an informative and truly interesting tour, this is it.

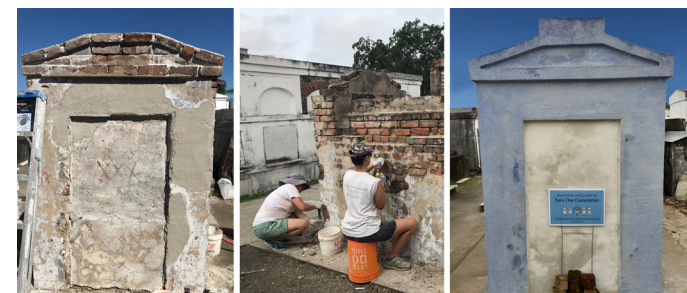
— Nadia D.



Key Accomplishments of Save Our Cemeteries Include:

- Securing historic designations for St. Louis Cemeteries No. 1 and No. 2, Lafayette No. 1 and Odd Fellows Rest, maximizing their potential for future grant funding.
- Introducing successful legislation for the creation of a state-wide trust fund for historic cemetery preservation.
- Documenting and surveying historic tomb information in St. Louis Cemeteries No. 1 and No. 2 and Lafayette No. 1.
- Recording tablet closure information from all of the tombs in St. Louis Cemetery No. 2 to be for used for genealogical research.
- Hosting an annual Lecture Series and an annual Cemetery Seminar, on topics such as cemetery history, funeral and burial customs, historical figures, architecture, and cemetery preservation.
- Hosting workshops and assisting tomb owners with information on how to restore tombs using materials suitable for historic tombs.
- Completing capital improvements in cemeteries across the city, including repairs and stabilization of countless tombs and wall vaults as well as ironwork restoration.
- Repairing approximately 100+ vandalized and breached vaults in city cemeteries.
- With the help of dedicated volunteers, conducting several clean-up/beautification projects throughout the year in several local cemeteries.

Our Latest Restoration



From “Faux Laveau” back to Alaux

The restoration of the Alaux Family tomb is complete! Once covered in graffiti, this historic tomb is now looking better than ever. Restored by Bayou Preservation, a team of historic preservation and restoration professionals, the project took several months to complete. From rebuilding the interior brick vault to lime-painting with the original colors, the Alaux tomb was restored using the proper materials and methods every step of the way. We hope that from this point on the tomb will serve as a monument to the Alaux family, and all the beautiful artwork they created for the city of New Orleans.



Bringing New Orleans “Cities of the Dead” Back to Life.