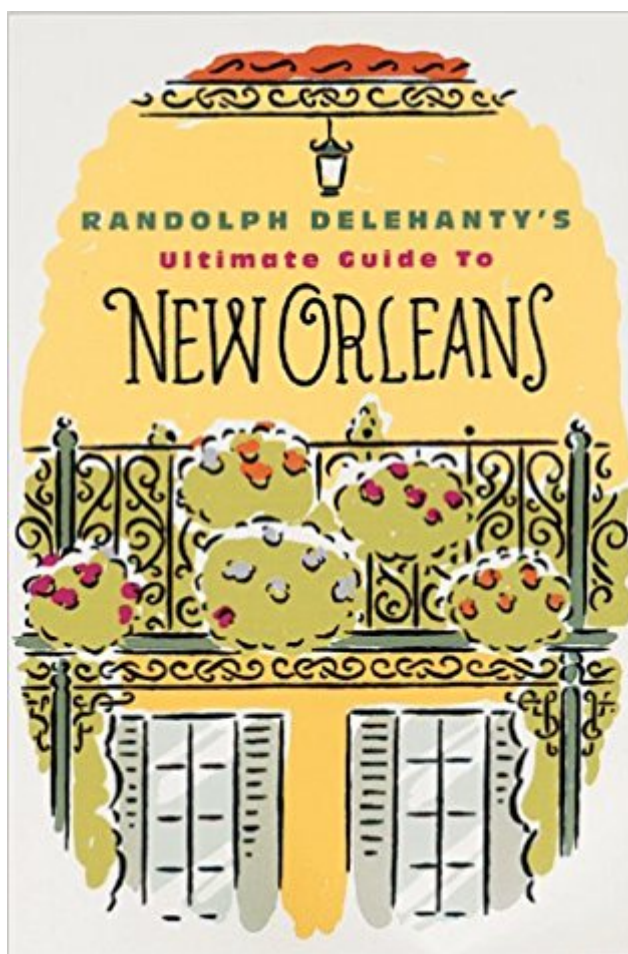


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Randolph Delehanty's Ultimate Guide To New Orleans



Synopsis

The ultimate guide to the ultimate Southern destination, Randolph Delehanty's *Ultimate Guide to New Orleans* unfolds this elegant town with a wealth of informed recommendations, in-depth walking tours, fascinating histories, and vivid descriptions. Taking a new approach to this city steeped in centuries, the author of the oft-consulted and much-praised *San Francisco: The Ultimate Guide* explores New Orleans's meandering alleys and glamorous promenades on foot, offering, as always, a ready opinion and a keen insider's eye for interesting details. Helpful maps and notes on where to stay and what to see, combined with local anecdotes, culinary hot spots, and special interest tours, make this book the key to savoring the Crescent City's many pleasures.

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Customer Reviews

Randolph Delehanty has written over a dozen books including *San Francisco Victorians* (0-8118-2771-2) and *Randolph Delehanty's Ultimate Guide to New Orleans* (0-8118-0870-X), which explores the Big Easy with a dozen walking tours. He lives in San Francisco.

this book allowed for one of the nicest vacations i have ever taken. more than bourbon street indeed; if you're into historical along with fun, good food, and the infamous celebratory attitude then this is the book you're looking for! it covers everything you can imagine plus the historical information with the descriptions that follow the maps for the various tours is priceless. we didn't take one tour save the plantation *oak alley* tour; didn't need to! the maps along with the additional information is all you need to create your own walking tours, driving excursions and much much

more. i would also allow that personally i did read another book: Fabulous New Orleans by Lyle Saxon. the combination of the two really compliment one another. just my opinion. again, great book; i sincerely can't say enough.

Having visited NO before and having read three other "Guides" I was suprised by how different this book was from the others and how everything I personally wanted to know about was adressed in detail. Walking the Faubourgs is the best way to appreciate the very unique city behind the tourist hype and Mr. Delahanty tells you how. Other guide books are collections of data gathered from many sources, but this is a story told by someone who knows and loves his subject. Our morning walks through the Bayou St. John neighborhood for coffee on Esplanade Ave. were greatly enhanced by the information in the "Esplanade Ridge" section. The history is so much more amazing than the garishness of Bourbon St. My daughter, a six year resident of NO, is planning her wedding there and has found this an invaluable resource. There is an address and telephone number for everything. I am recommending this book to all of her wedding guests and buying a second copy for myself, having given mine to her. If you plan a trip to New Orleans, read this book before you go and carry it with you while you are there.

...and I've got shelves of 'em. This is an exhaustively researched, splendidly written guide for visitors and native New Orleanians alike. Fantastically detailed walking tours cover New Orleans' celebrated five-star attractions...then take you off the beaten trail to explore parts of the city not covered in other guidebooks. This is the book to pack on your first, third, or even sixth visit to one of our most exotic and fascinating cities. I can't recommend it highly enough.

The best guide to New Orleans available anywhere.

New Orleans' unique food, music, architecture, and people have been justly celebrated and explained to out of towners and locals alike in many, many books. Why one more? Randolph Delehanty's answer to that question would be, I suppose (I have never spoken with him), that most guidebooks miss the essence of our city: the varied streets - from the carriage-wide alleyways of the Vieux Carre to the grand boulevards of St. Charles and Esplanade Avenues - which tie together our rich architectural heritage and cultural history. At once public and private, street walking is an old tradion in New Orleans and this book introduces novice and old pro alike to the tricks of the trade. Delehanty, director of the University of New Orleans' Ogden Museum of Southern Art and author of

nine books, including the definitive coffee table book of New Orleans'interiors and patios, *New Orleans: Elegance and Decadence*, takes readers inside New Orleans buildings and gardens on over a dozen walking, transit, and (when necessary) car tours of the city and its River Road environs. Neighborhood by fauborg, he explains the special points of history that make this a city of towns, unlike most Southern cities. While your eyes are drawn to the architecture, he points out the lives of the inhabitants of these old homes, shops, and mansions - often writers and musicians. A few pages on "New Orleans House Design and Sociability: Stoops, Balconies, Galleries, and Porches" explain how climate, architecture, and sociability were intimately intertwined before the age of air-conditioning, cars, and television reduced urban life to a fraction of its potential for gracious living. This walker's "ultimate guide" to New Orleans' architecture and culture is a must for locals who hope to become "New Orleans know it alls" and an inspired choice for those out of towners who hope to live like a native, if only for a few days. Excellent and detailed maps, extensive cross-references, and select listings of all the basic tourist needs (restaurants, music clubs, bars, etc.) round out an excellent guide: the best of its kind (in the opinion of this City of New Orleans' licensed walking tour guide and life long resident of the Big Easy).

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