



As we reflect on the months past and the holidays to come, we are filled with gratitude! THANK YOU for your continued support and interest in what's happening in New Orleans. We truly love sharing the unique cultural events and traditions with you! Take peak at Thanksgiving Traditions in New Orleans below, along with recent and future holiday events. Plus, a Black Friday announcement!

*Wherever you are this Thanksgiving, we wish you a day filled with good food and good times!*

### Wrapping up last month:

**October 19 [Krewe of Boo](#)** - See video of the parade and how to catch it next year!

**October 25-27 [Taylor Swift's Eras Tour](#)** - Hear from Taylor herself on the love shown during her 3 sold-out shows of 65,000 people! Fans left a \$500 million dollar impact on the city and so much positivity during a weekend filled with and joy, kindness, and friendship bracelets. (So many friendship bracelets!!)

### Upcoming Events

**November 23 - December 29**

**[Fa-La-La-Fright! A Holiday Ghost Tour](#)**

**November 28 Thanksgiving Day**

**100th Annual Thanksgiving Classic @ Fairgrounds**

**November 30 [Bayou Classic](#)** - Annual football rivalry game: Grambling SU & Southern U

**December 22 [Caroling in Jackson Square](#)** - A candlelit tradition!

**You're a VIP!**

That means YOU get early access to our Black Friday sale!

Watch your Inbox on Monday for details!



Homemade Holiday Feast

## Big Easy Style - Thanksgiving in New Orleans

In New Orleans, the holiday is a time to blend timeless traditions with local flavors, reflecting the city's rich heritage and love for good food and good times. Ok, maybe that's describing every day in this city, but we recognize it even more on Thanksgiving!

### A Community Affair

For many of our Northern neighbors, it's not uncommon to spend the day at one house. Here in New Orleans, we often make a day of it - visiting friends and family, stopping multiple times to have a few bites at each! Many New Orleanians open their homes to friends, neighbors, and even strangers, celebrating with the concept of "lagniappe"—a little something extra that embodies the city's generous spirit. Music, laughter, and stories flow as freely as the food and drinks, making every gathering uniquely New Orleans.

### A Feast with Local Flavor

**Oyster stuffing** is a beloved staple, blending Gulf Coast seafood with classic holiday ingredients to create a dish that's rich in flavor. The briny oysters complement the buttery bread and herbs, making it a standout side dish. [Here is chef Emeril Lagasse's take](#) on this local favorite so you can bring a taste of New Orleans to your Thanksgiving table this year.



Other local specialties often make an appearance, from mirlitons stuffed with shrimp and crab to sweet potato casserole topped with a pecan praline crust. And for those who enjoy a little heat, Cajun-seasoned deep-fried turkey has become a crowd favorite. Never heard of a mirliton? You're not alone...I had to add it to the spellcheck dictionary! [Get the scoop on mirlitons here.](#)



Mirlitons sold 6 for \$1

### Thanksgiving at the Fair Grounds

For many locals, Thanksgiving wouldn't be complete without a trip to the Fair Grounds Race Course. The annual Thanksgiving Day derby is a cherished tradition, combining the excitement of horse racing with the holiday spirit. Dressed in their festive holiday best, multiple generations of families and friends gather to watch the races, place a few bets, and enjoy the lively atmosphere. It's a uniquely New Orleans way to kick off the holiday season and a tradition that celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. [This local news clip](#) shows the festivities and costumes.

OR perhaps you prefer [Human Horse Races](#)? See pic below



### Making New Traditions

For visitors and newcomers, Thanksgiving in New Orleans offers a chance to experience the holiday in a way that's uniquely Southern and deeply soulful. Many restaurants, including iconic establishments in the French Quarter, serve special Thanksgiving menus featuring both traditional and local dishes. How about a [Thanksgiving Poboy at Parkway](#) (photo below -- people wait for hours during its seasonal debut!)? Or perhaps a fine dining prix fixe menu at classic [Arnaud's Restaurant](#) is more your holiday style? It's an opportunity to savor a feast you'll never forget.



Thanksgiving at the Fairgrounds



### Limited Time Holiday Haunts

Get ready to get your festive light-adorned spook on because our Fa-La-La FRIGHT! A Holiday Ghost Tour is back for a limited time! This isn't just any ghost tour —it's a merry mix of spine-tingling tales and festive cheer, perfect for both locals and visitors. Join us as we uncover the haunted seasonal secrets of New Orleans along with holiday folklore and traditions such as Papa Noel and the Christmas bonfires to light his path. A fun walking tour for the whole family! [Learn More](#)