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## Your OCON 2026 New Orleans Area Guide

We are looking forward to welcoming you to New Orleans for OCON 2026!

To make things easier, we've put together this guide with tips on accommodations, travel, dining, and local attractions.

### **Conference Hotel**

If you're planning to stay at the [Sheraton New Orleans Hotel](#)—where all the action is happening—[book your room](#) before June 4, 2026, to secure the OCON discounted rate.

Note, if you plan to spend extra time in New Orleans and want to stay at the Sheraton, we recommend booking your room *before* the conference to take advantage of our discounted conference room rates. This deal is available only through July 1 checkout.

### **Airport Options**

For the most convenient flight, we recommend using Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY), which is about a 30-minute ride to the conference hotel (the [Sheraton New Orleans Hotel](#)), depending on traffic. From there, you can use Uber or Lyft, or take a taxi for a flat rate of \$36 plus tip, which is often competitive with ride-sharing services.

Alternatively, for \$1.50, you can take the [RTA Airport Express \(202\) Bus](#) to within a 15-minute walk to the Sheraton (or Uber from the bus stop). For the most updated information, plan your bus trip using [Google Maps](#) or the [New Orleans RTA website](#).

## Dining Options

There are hundreds of restaurants in the area, spanning all price points. We recommend using an app such as [Yelp](#) or [OpenTable](#) to browse the options, but here are a few ideas to get you started.

### Less expensive:

- [Ruby Slipper](#)
- [Mother's Restaurant](#)
- [Central Grocery and Deli](#)
- [Coop's Place](#)
- [Cochon Butcher](#)
- [Gumbo Shop](#)
- [Napoleon House](#)

### More expensive:

- [Muriel's Jackson Square](#)
- [Irene's](#)
- [Emeril's](#)
- [Brennan's](#)
- [Antoine's](#)
- [Sylvain](#)
- [Ruth's Chris Steak House](#)
- [Galatoire's](#)

### Museums and Attractions (some highlights)

- [French Quarter](#) and [French Market](#)
- [Preservation Hall](#) (\$25)
- [The National WWII Museum](#) (\$26–\$36)
- [Vue Orleans Observation Deck](#) (\$30–\$40)
- [Musical Legends Park](#)
- [Scenic Riverwalk](#)
- [Mississippi River Cruise](#) (\$40–\$100+)

Of course, there's a lot more we can say about all that New Orleans has to offer—this is just a taste! If you have questions, we're happy to help. Just reply to this email, and we'll be in touch.

See you in New Orleans!