

Cemetery Walking Tours

Tours are led by licensed professional tour guides and last a little over an hour. Walk ups are welcome but we cannot guarantee you a spot unless you have a reservation.

Go online to reserve at SaveOurCemeteries.org or call 504-525-3377.

Lafayette Cemetery No. 1

is in New Orleans' historic Garden District.

Daily at 10:30 am & 1:00 pm.

Tour departs from the main gate at 1400 block of Washington Ave.

Adults \$20, Children under 12 are free.

St. Louis Cemetery No. 1

is just outside the historic French Quarter.

Monday through Saturday at 10:00 am,

11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Sunday at 10 am.

Tour departs from *Backatown, A Coffee Parlour* at 301 Basin Street.

Adults \$25, Children under 12 are free.

St. Louis 1 & 2 Combo Tour

is offered every Friday, Saturday, and Monday, as well as the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 am.

Tour departs from *Backatown, A Coffee Parlour* at 301 Basin Street.

Adults \$35, Children under 12 are free.

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

Save Our Cemeteries is the **only** tour group, partnered with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries, to provide you with this unique experience at dusk.

This exclusive 3 hour tour is held on the fourth Saturday of each month and includes a cocktail at a local hotel.

Advance reservations are required and must be made at least 24 hours in advance of each tour.

Contact us for meeting location.

Adults \$50, age 21 and older only

School and Group Tours

Save Our Cemeteries offers unique and educational tour experiences for school field trips, corporate groups, and other larger parties.

Contact us for pricing and information.

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Your Support Makes A Difference

~Become A Member~

Join, support and 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, the SOCGram
- 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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Join us for walking tours through some of the most fascinating cemeteries in New Orleans.

Book now! Space is often limited so go online to reserve at SaveOurCemeteries.org or call 504-525-3377.



Some of Our reviews From Trip Advisor:

Fabulous Tour

We learned so much not only about this incredible cemetery, but about NOLA 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 better about choosing a Save Our Cemeteries Tour. I learned so much. Time well spent.

— Don K.

Great Tour!

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

— Nadia D.



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

Key Accomplishments of Save Our Cemeteries Include:

- Securing historic designation for St. Louis Cemeteries No. 1 and No. 2, and Odd Fellows Rest, maximizing their potential for future grant funding.
- Introducing successful legislation for the creation of a statewide trust fund for historic cemetery preservation.
- Collecting and recording historic tombstone information from St. Louis Cemeteries No. 1 and No. 2.
- Recording tablet closure information from all of the tombs in St. Louis Cemetery No. 2 to be for used for genealogical research.
- The completion of a conditions survey of Lafayette Cemetery No. 1 and St. Louis No. 1.
- Hosting four lectures per year and an annual Cemetery Seminar, on topics such as cemetery history, funeral and burial customs, historical figures, architecture, and cemetery preservation.
- Assisting tomb owners with information on how to restore tombs using materials suitable for historic tombs.
- Completing millions of dollars worth of capital improvements in the cemeteries, including repairs and stabilization of countless tombs and wall vaults as well as ironwork restoration.
- With the help of dedicated volunteers, conducting several clean-up/beautification projects throughout the year in several local cemeteries.

Our Latest Restoration



The Karstendiek Tomb, Lafayette Cemetery No. 1

The Karstendiek tomb is a particular treasure because it is the only cast iron tomb in Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, and one of only 16 in all of Orleans Parish. The tomb is also popularly known as the “Vampire Lestat Tomb” because of its striking resemblance to the tomb prop featured in the film adaptation of famed author Anne Rice’s novel *Interview with the Vampire*.