

Runways and Byways

PERSONALIZED TRAVEL ADVICE

QUESTION:

"I am going to New Orleans for 5 days this June. What should I pack?"

EXPERT ANSWER:

New Orleans truly offers a mix of all types of activities, such as hiking, fine dining, nightlife, and swamp excursions. Because there are so many things to do, we will break down what we think you should pack per activity. Keep in mind, the temperature may reach over 100 degrees Fahrenheit in June, and it is likely there will be some rain!

- **General:** Bring sunscreen, lots of bug spray, an umbrella, and a light rain jacket.
- **Hiking:** We recommend bringing workout outfits, sneakers, and a reusable water bottle.
- **Fine dining:** Many restaurants have business casual and smart casual dress codes. Women should wear a nice dress or blouse with dress pants and flats, nice sandals, or heels. For men, a polo or dress shirt with slacks and nice shoes is ideal; leave the sneakers behind!
- **Nightlife:** Chances are, you will be headed to Bourbon Street, where the dress code is rather casual. It is not unusual to dress in a T-shirt and sneakers, or whatever you feel comfortable in. As for shoes, bring something you can dance in! No need for high heels. The dress code is similar for casual jazz clubs.
- **Swamp excursions:** Whether you are kayaking or taking an airboat, at the swamp, you WILL get wet. We suggest you wear something you don't mind getting a little dirty. Bring sunglasses to avoid getting water in your eyes.

For a 5-day trip, you should be able to fit all of this in a carry-on bag!