



Destination New Orleans

GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

PART ONE OF FIVE

BEAT THE CLOCK

As of June 20, You Can Register, Buy Tickets and Book Your Hotel

Don't miss out on your first choice of hotel and courses. Mark your calendar for June 20, when meeting registration, course ticket sales and housing reservations open for Academy and AAOE members. (Nonmembers must wait until July 11.)

For a map and guide to hotels, see page 90.

Make Your Travel Plans Early

For air travel and car rental, contact the Annual Meeting's official travel service, Association Travel Concepts. (Car rental discounts have been arranged with Avis and Budget Rent a Car.)

Book your flight and rent a car online at www.atcmeetings.com/aae or by phone at 800-458-9383 (toll-free in the United States) or 858-362-2719. For additional travel information, visit www.aae.org/annual_meeting and select "Hotels & Travel."

Visa Information

If you are coming to the Annual Meeting from outside the United States, you may need a visitor visa.



5 DAYS, 800 OPHTHALMIC EVENTS, 12,000 EYE M.D.S. Join your colleagues for this year's Subspecialty Day (Nov. 9 and 10) and Annual Meeting (Nov. 10 to 13).

The Annual Meeting's scientific program will include more than 30 free Scientific Sessions, 50 Videos, 91 Skills Transfer Courses, 180 Breakfast With the Experts Roundtables, 253 Instruction Courses and 500 Scientific Posters.

The AAOE's practice management program will include more than 60 Roundtables, 73 Instruction Courses, the AAOE Coding Camp and the Professional Choices Job Fair.

Advance planning is critical as the review process may take up to six months. A letter of invitation (available from the Academy's Web site) may help you to secure your visa.

Under new regulations Bermudans, Canadians and Mexicans must present a valid passport to enter the United States if traveling by air. In most cases, Bermu-

dans and Canadians will not need a visa.

For more information and a letter of invitation that you can personalize, as well as links to government Web sites, visit www.aae.org/annual_meeting and select "Hotels and Travel."

Need Special Assistance?

The Academy wishes to ensure that no individual

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with a disability is excluded or denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently from other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids or services.

If you need any of the auxiliary services that are identified in the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the Academy prior to the Annual Meeting.

E-mail the Academy at meetings@aae.org.

PROGRAM

Float Among Five Subspecialty Day Programs

This year's Subspecialty Day features three one-day programs (Saturday, Nov. 10) and a pair of two-day programs (Friday and Saturday).

- Cornea 2007: Contemporary and Future Issues (Saturday)



DR. FOLKMAN ON CRITICS. "People would walk out of my presentations. There were many critics, very great experts who kept saying this [angiogenesis] couldn't be. I had one advantage. I kept saying, 'I'm pretty sure they're wrong.'"

- **Glaucoma 2007:** Achieving Balance (Saturday)
- **Neuro-Ophthalmology 2007:** Practical Approaches to Common Clinical Scenarios (Saturday)
- **Refractive Surgery 2007:** What a Wonderful World (Friday and Saturday)
- **Retina 2007:** A View to the Future (Friday and Saturday)

Float among programs. If you register for the Refractive Surgery or Retina programs,



SPOTLIGHT ON CATARACT. Start your Monday with the latest controversies in phaco, IOLs and cataract pharmacology.

you can float from one to the other on Friday and among all five programs on Saturday. If you register for the Cornea, Glaucoma or Neuro-Ophthalmology programs, you can float among all five programs on Saturday only.

Exhibit Hall access. On Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., you can use your Sub-specialty Day badge to visit the Annual Meeting Exhibit Hall and browse the exhibits of more than 500 companies. (From Sunday onward, you will need an Annual Meeting badge to access the Exhibit Hall.)

2007 Keynote Speaker Founded the Field of Angiogenesis Research

In 1971, a seminal article appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The author, Judah Folkman, MD, proposed that tumors recruit their own private blood supply in order to grow.

Research based on this revolutionary hypothesis has greatly improved the prospects of patients with certain cancers or macular degeneration.

Dr. Folkman will be the Keynote Speaker at this year's Opening Session, which takes place on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Cataract Monday: Visit the Auditorium for a Day of Free Sessions

Circle Nov. 12 in your calendar as Cataract Monday, and attend some of the following sessions, no ticket required.

- **Spotlight on Cataracts:** Current Controversies in Cataract Surgery (Event code Spo1; 8:30 a.m. to noon) will feature a series of rapid-fire debates.
- **ASCRS Symposium:** Man-

aging Intraoperative Challenges in Cataract Surgery (Sym21; 2 to 4 p.m.) will present actual patient management cases.

- **Around the World in 80 Minutes:** Accommodative IOLs (Sym24; 4:10 to 5:30 p.m.) will discuss use of this technology outside the United States.

Check Your Program for This Year's "Stars"

Look for the "star" icon, ★, when you browse your *Advance Program* (which should arrive in the mail this month) or the *Online Program* (available now at www.ao.org/annual_meeting). This symbol indicates that the course received an overall course grade within the top 10 percent of its subject area (based on attendee feedback from 2006).

Other icons include: **New**, new this year; **Yo**, endorsed by the Young Ophthalmologist committee; **S**, endorsed by the Academy Seniors; **P**, eligible for pain management education credits; and **J**, eligible for JCAHPO education credits.

For more information on events, search the Online Program by event code (e.g., Sym24), type (e.g., Symposia), topic, (e.g., Cataract) or special interest (e.g., Young Ophthalmologist).



SOCIAL EVENTS

A Chance to Renew Old Friendships and Meet New Colleagues

Each year, more than 100 alumni associations and specialized interest groups schedule symposia, dinners and receptions to coincide with the Academy's Annual Meeting. Six of this year's more prominent events have already been announced:

- **ISRS/AAO Gala Dinner and Dance**—Friday, Nov. 9, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center (Hotel #59 on page 92). Some of the most prestigious awards in refractive surgery will be presented, including the Barraquer, Founders', Lifetime Achievement, Troutman, Kritzing, Casebeer and Lans awards. Gala tickets cost \$125 each, and you can buy them at the same time that you register for Refractive Surgery Sub-specialty Day.

For more information, visit www.ao.org/isrsgala.

- **OphthPAC Reception**—Saturday, Nov. 10, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the InterContinental New Orleans (Hotel #13 on page 91). Mingle with members of Congress, who will offer an insider's view on the importance of effective advocacy. This will be open to all OphthPAC members and Academy Congressional advocates.

For more information, visit www.opthpac.org.

- **YO (Young Ophthalmologist) Reception**—Sunday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center (Hotel #59 on page 92). The Academy's current leader-

ship looks forward to meeting the leadership of tomorrow. If you are in training or are in your first five years of practice, you are invited to meet members of the Academy's board of trustees at this free reception. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. (This reception is made possible through a grant from Pfizer Ophthalmics.)

For more information on the reception and YO resources, visit www.ao.org/yo.

- **AAOE Reception**—Sunday, Nov. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the InterContinental (Hotel #13 on page 91). AAOE members are invited to this informal reception. Network with colleagues, meet new members and chat with the AAOE's board and staff. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. This reception is free to AAOE members.

For more information, visit www.ao.org/aaoe.

- **The Academy Foundation's Orbital Gala**—Sunday, Nov. 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton New Orleans (Hotel #26 on page 91). Enjoy fine dining, dance to live music and help fund the Foundation's education and public service mission. This year's special guests made their names as politics' most combative married couple—

Cajun liberal James Carville and no-nonsense conservative Mary Matalin. Their presentations will be followed by a Q & A session that will be open to all guests. Tickets for the Foundation's Orbital Gala cost \$300 each.

For more information, visit www.faa.org.

- **Academy Seniors Special Meeting and Reception**—Monday, Nov. 12, 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Convention Center. Keynote speaker Norman McSwain, MD, will discuss his experience as chief of trauma surgery at the city's Charity Hospital during and after Hurricane Katrina. He will be joined by J. Stephen Perry, who will discuss the city's recovery efforts and future prospects. No ticket is needed.

For more information about the Academy Seniors, visit www.ao.org/careers/seniors.

Toot Your Own Horn During This Year's Noontime Concert

Calling all singers and instrumentalists: You are invited to join in the Noontime Concert, which will have a chamber music format and will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Rehearsals are planned to take place throughout the day on the preceding Sunday and as needed during the day on Monday. There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday evening.

If you wish to take part, please contact artistic director Scott E. Brodie, MD, as soon as possible. E-mail him at scott.brodie@mssm.edu with "AAO Concert" in the subject line. Every effort is made to include as many performers as possible, but the organizers cannot guarantee that every



OUR DANCING DAYS ARE NEVER DONE. Ivan R. Schwab, MD, and Susan H. Day, MD, brought their dancing shoes to last year's Orbital Gala. (Tickets are now on sale for the 2007 Orbital Gala. Tickets for the 2007 ISRS/AAO Gala Dinner and Dance will go on sale on June 20.)

volunteer can perform every year.

Start Training for the 2007 Run for Vision

On your marks . . . get set . . . go and raise money for eye banking.

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), in conjunction with Bausch & Lomb, again hosts the annual Run for Vision.

The EBAA is a not-for-profit organization of eye banks dedicated to the restoration of sight through the promotion and advancement of eye banking.

The race will start at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11. Registration opens next month.

Registration will be online at the EBAA's Web site, www.restore sight.org.

For the Record

Notice is hereby given that the **annual business meeting** of the American Academy of Ophthalmology will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Auditorium at the Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

The Verdict on Vegas

Last year, 1,246 physicians took part in an online survey about the 2006 Annual Meeting.

HIGH RATINGS. The survey asked, "Overall, how would you rate the 2006 meeting?" Most respondents rated it either "excellent" (28 percent), "very good" (43 percent) or "good" (22 percent), with the remainder rating it "fair" (6 percent) or "poor" (1 percent).

REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING. When asked which factors helped them decide to attend the meeting, the top reasons were "program content" (76 percent said this was "extremely" or "very important"), "networking with colleagues" (58 percent), "opportunity to visit the exhibit hall" (57 percent), "CME" (54 percent), "Subspecialty Day" (47 percent), "location" (40 percent) and "specific presenters" (38 percent).



HOTEL LOCATIONS



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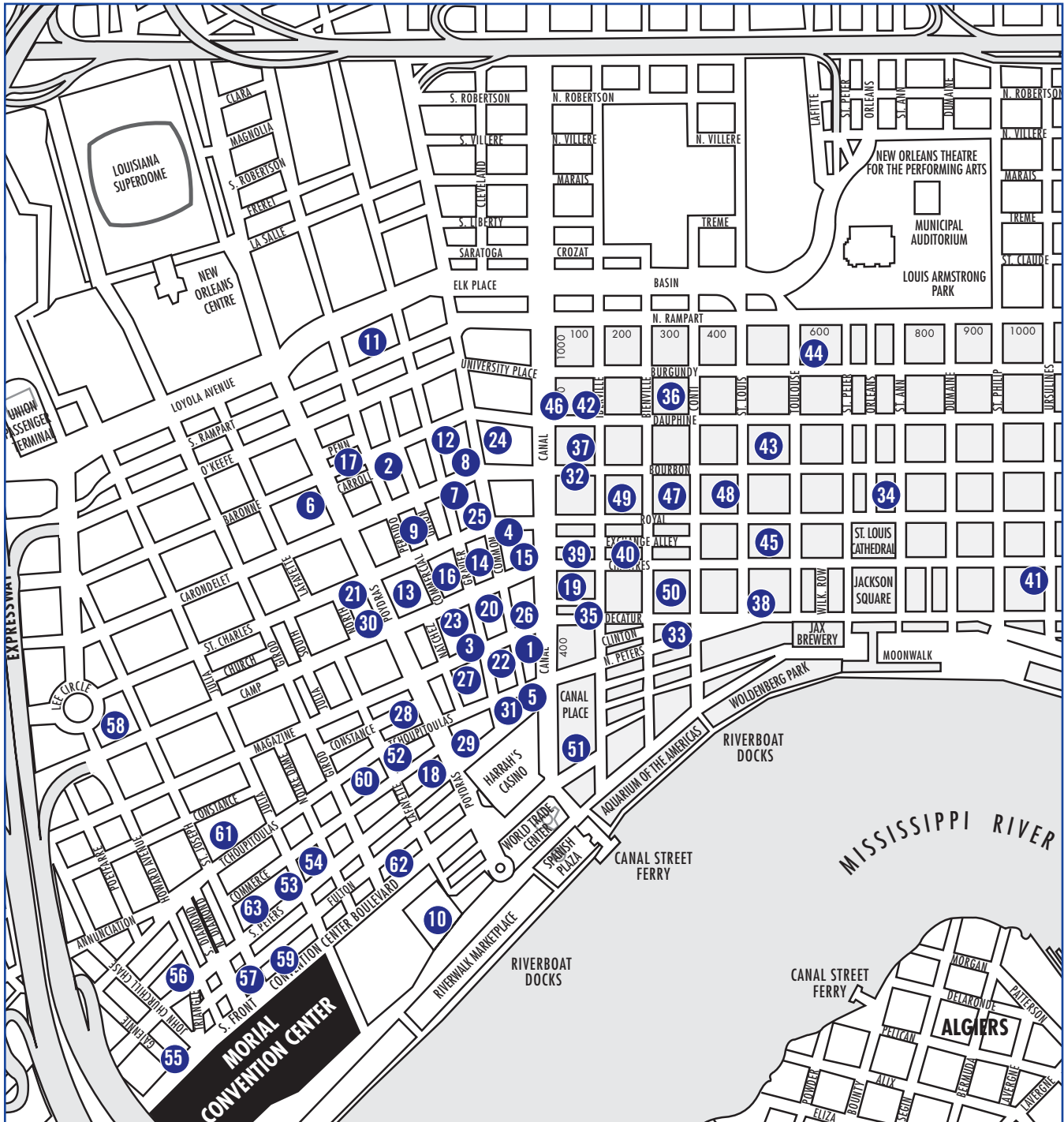
Contact the official housing company, Expovision, from 8:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Eastern time). Phone 866-774-0487 (toll-free in North America) or 703-770-3908;

or e-mail aa07housing@expovision.com.

Academy and AAOE members can start making reservations on Wednesday, June 20. (Nonmembers must wait until Wednesday, July 11.)

New Orleans Dates

EyeBuild: Wednesday, Nov 7 to Friday, Nov. 9
Subspecialty Day: Friday, Nov 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10
Annual Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 10 to Tuesday, Nov. 13



HOTELS: THE OFFICIAL HOUSING SERVICE STARTS TAKING BOOKINGS ON JUNE 20

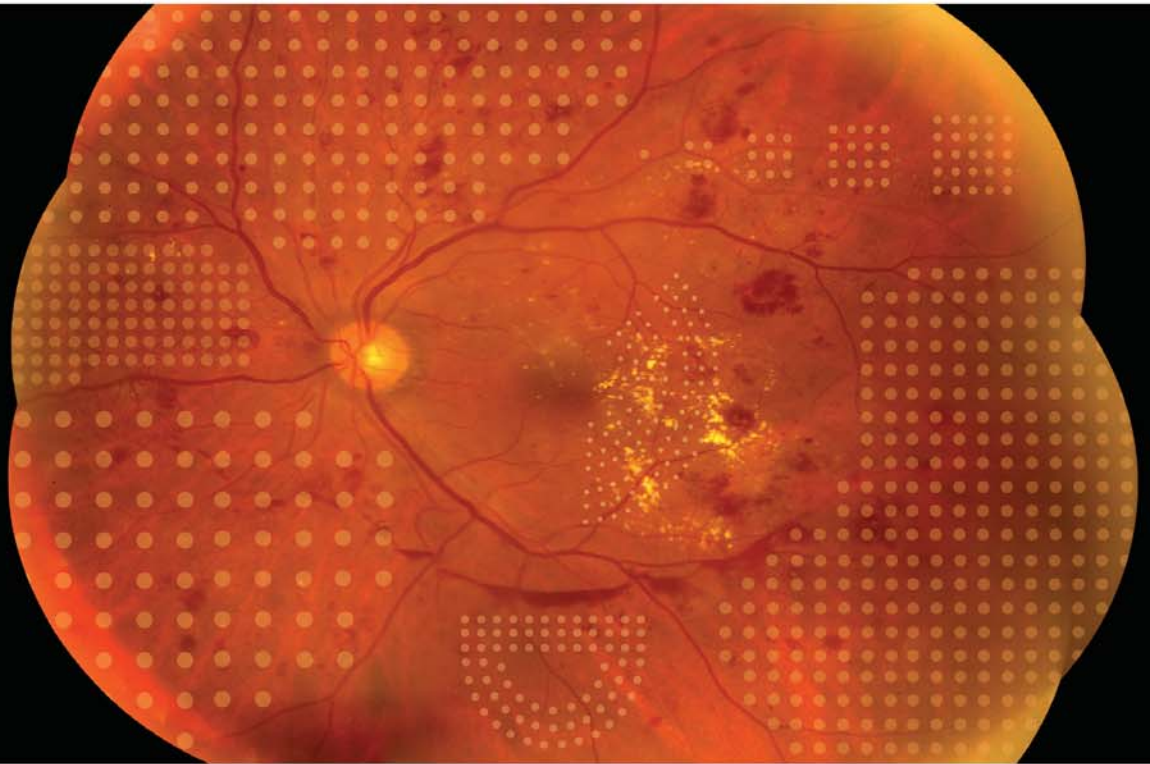
Map #	Hotel	Single	Double	Suites	Comp. Breakfast	Restaurant/Lounge	Room Service	Fitness Facility	Deposit
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT									
1	Best Western St. Christopher Hotel	\$129	\$129		X	X			\$175
2	Comfort Suites Downtown	\$145	\$145		X	X		X	\$175
3	Country Inn & Suites			\$189 - \$209	X	X		X	\$175
	Standard Rooms	\$169	\$169						
	Executive Standard Rooms	\$179	\$179						
4	Courtyard by Marriott New Orleans Downtown	\$184	\$184			X		X	\$200
5	Doubletree Hotel New Orleans	\$204	\$204			X	X	X	\$250
6	Drury Inn & Suites New Orleans	\$139	\$139		X			X	\$175
7	Hampton Inn Downtown	\$169	\$179		X			X	\$175
8	Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans French Quarter/CBD	\$189	\$209			X	X	X	\$200
9	Hilton New Orleans - St. Charles Avenue	\$239	\$239	\$339 - \$379		X	X	X	\$275
10	Hilton New Orleans Riverside			\$390 - \$1,280		X	X	X	\$300
	Classic Rooms	\$259	\$279						
	Deluxe Rooms	\$279	\$299						
	Tower Rooms	\$345	\$365						
11	Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome	\$164	\$164			X	X	X	\$175
12	Holiday Inn Express Hotel	\$185	\$185		X	X			\$200
13	InterContinental New Orleans	\$255	\$255	\$400 - \$800		X	X	X	\$300
14	International House	\$249	\$249			X	X	X	\$275
15	JW Marriott Hotel New Orleans	\$246	\$246	\$780		X	X	X	\$275
16	La Quinta Inn & Suites New Orleans Downtown	\$179	\$179		X	X		X	\$200
17	Le Pavillon Hotel	\$281	\$281			X	X	X	\$300
18	Loews New Orleans Hotel	\$281	\$281			X	X	X	\$300
19	New Orleans Marriott Hotel	\$251	\$251	\$704 - \$896		X	X	X	\$300
20	Omni Royal Crescent Hotel	\$199	\$199	\$408		X	X	X	\$225
21	Parc St. Charles	\$185	\$185		X	X			\$200
22	Pelham Hotel	\$185	\$185			X			\$200
23	Queen & Crescent Hotel	\$179	\$179			X		X	\$200
24	Renaissance Pere Marquette Hotel	\$229	\$229			X	X	X	\$250
25	Royal St. Charles Hotel	\$179	\$179		X	X		X	\$200
26	Sheraton New Orleans			\$639 - \$1,168		X	X	X	\$300
	Main House Rooms	\$267	\$287						
	Club Level Rooms	\$297	\$317						
27	St. James Hotel	\$185	\$185			X			\$200
28	Staybridge Suites New Orleans	\$199	\$199		X	X		X	\$225
29	W New Orleans Hotel			\$650 - \$750		X	X	X	\$300
	Guest Rooms	\$275	\$295						
	Business Rooms	\$295	\$315						
30	Whitney Wyndham Hotel	\$189	\$199	\$249 - \$299		X	X	X	\$200
31	Windsor Court Hotel					X	X	X	\$350
	Full Suites	\$350	\$350						
	Club Level Suites	\$475	\$475						

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FRENCH QUARTER									
32	Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel	\$224	\$224	\$350 - \$390		X	X	X	\$250
33	Bienville House Hotel	\$205	\$205						\$225
34	Bourbon Orleans - A Wyndham Historic Hotel	\$179	\$179			X	X	X	\$200
35	Chateau Dupre Hotel	\$179	\$179		X	X			\$200
36	Chateau LeMoyne French Quarter - Holiday Inn New Orleans	\$185	\$185			X	X		\$200
37	Chateau Sonesta Hotel	\$189	\$189	\$525 - \$565		X	X	X	\$200
38	French Market Inn	\$179	\$179			X			\$200
39	Holiday Inn French Quarter	\$185	\$185			X	X	X	\$200
40	Hotel Monteleone	\$227	\$227	\$440		X	X	X	\$250
41	Hotel Provincial	\$199	\$199			X			\$225
42	Iberville Suites New Orleans	\$197	\$197		X	X	X	X	\$225
43	Inn on Bourbon - Ramada Plaza Hotel	\$218	\$218			X	X	X	\$250
44	Maison Dupuy Hotel	\$189	\$189			X	X	X	\$200
45	Omni Royal Orleans Hotel	\$210	\$210	\$419		X	X	X	\$250
46	Ritz-Carlton New Orleans	\$313	\$313	\$412 - \$462		X	X	X	\$350
47	Royal Sonesta Hotel					X	X	X	\$250
	Deluxe Rooms	\$223	\$243						
	Pool Patio Courtyard Rooms	\$243	\$263						
	Concierge Level Rooms	\$274	\$274						
48	Saint Ann-Marie Antoinette Hotel	\$169	\$169			X			\$175
49	Saint Louis Hotel	\$189	\$189			X			\$200
50	W New Orleans - French Quarter	\$275	\$295			X	X		\$300
51	Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place	\$225	\$225	\$455 - \$695		X	X	X	\$250
WAREHOUSE/ARTS DISTRICT									
52	Ambassador Hotel	\$165	\$165			X	X		\$175
53	Courtyard by Marriott New Orleans Convention Center	\$184	\$184			X		X	\$200
54	Embassy Suites Hotel New Orleans - Conv. Ctr.	\$222	\$242		X	X	X	X	\$250
55	Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center	\$225	\$225	\$275	X	X		X	\$250
56	Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans Conv. Ctr.	\$189	\$209			X	X	X	\$200
57	Holiday Inn Select Convention Center	\$189	\$189			X	X	X	\$200
58	Hotel Le Cirque	\$179	\$179			X			\$200
59	Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center	\$269	\$269	\$750		X	X	X	\$300
60	Renaissance Arts Hotel	\$249s	\$249			X	X	X	\$300
61	Residence Inn by Marriott New Orleans Conv. Ctr.	\$195	\$195		X			X	\$225
62	Riverfront Hotel	\$265	\$265			X	X	X	\$300
63	Spring Hill Suites by Marriott New Orleans Convention Center	\$184	\$184		X			X	\$200

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