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The City to Check Into: New Orleans, U.S.



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What is that amazing smell? In New Orleans, you'll pick up wafts of chicory, spilled rum, and warm beignets—but in the lobby of Hotel Peter & Paul in the Marigny, it's more like...gardenias. This is one of the most anticipated hotel openings in a city overrun with fusty properties. Hotel Peter & Paul is actually a bundle of buildings: a 19th-century Catholic church, schoolhouse, convent, and rectory reimaged by ASH NYC with gingham drapes woven in Switzerland and antique furniture shipped from Europe. The Eliza Jane near the French Quarter has taken over the space that once housed the printing presses for The Times-Picayune. It has a vintage aesthetic—exposed brick in the hallways, subway tile in the bathrooms—but still feels fresh. And this spring, the Atelier Ace team opens Maison De La Luz, a smaller guesthouse across the street from the Ace Hotel New Orleans in the Warehouse District. There's no pool or music venue, but that's precisely the point, as Maison De La Luz is designed to be a sanctuary. Don't stress: There will still be craft cocktails, naturally, and at Hotel Peter & Paul, the Elysian Bar is brought to you by local wine bar Bacchanal, which hosts the best backyard party in the Bywater. This is still New Orleans, after all.