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## Inside Hotel Peter & Paul in the Marigny



After an extensive re-zoning process and four-year restoration, a circa-1860s Marigny church has quietly reopened as a boutique hotel.

Hotel Peter & Paul (3217 Burgundy Street) is the first of its kind in the residential neighborhood, which previously had only a handful of inns, bed-and-breakfasts, and short-term rentals.

There are 71 guest rooms, a cafe and bar, and a small bookstore spread across four buildings that once comprised the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church and School campus.

In one of the most inspired food-and-beverage moves we've seen, hotel partners tapped Bacchanal's team to develop its Elysian Bar. Wine director Joe Briand curates a list of domestic wines and classic cocktails, while chef Alex Harrel helms the small plates menu of French mainstays served with Southern accents.

There's also a coffee shop overseen by Church Alley Coffee Bar, open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the rectory's former chapel.



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The bar and cafe are open to the public, and the ivy-hung sunroom is a cheery place to drink an espresso or fresh-squeezed juice.

Designed by architect Henry Howard, the church's four buildings were restored by studioWTA. The team preserved many original elements—cypress moldings, stained glass windows, and marble mantels among them. New York-based design team ASH layered on a selection of antiques hand-sourced from Europe, estate sales, and local artisans.

The hotel's muted color palette is lifted straight from a Renaissance painting. The result is a richly patinaed, Old-World setting where no two rooms are exactly the same.

Seventy-one guest rooms are spread across three buildings. The former school house contains 59 rooms, plus a reception lounge; the rectory has five rooms, plus the bar and cafe; and the former convent space includes seven rooms and the retail space.

Canopy beds, lanterns, rattan daybeds, and linens by Bellino are among the guest room highlights. Some include claw-foot tubs, while others feature showers tiled in bold stripes.

Hotel Peter & Paul is a joint partnership between New Orleanian Nathalie Jordi and design development firm ASH NYC, which counts Detroit's Siren Hotel and Providence, Rhode Island's Dean Hotel among its growing collection. Rates start at \$99/night. – MISSY WILKINSON