



Erin's Trip to New Orleans

*The Who, What, When,
Where Guide Especially
for Erin*

About Our Trip

One day Erin was sitting in the office next to her mother, who was working on the computer, as usual. Erin's mom had blues music playing, as usual. Erin was chit-chatting away, as usual.

Then suddenly she stopped talking. Not usual. She sat listening to Howlin' Wolf for a few minutes, and then said "that music is so cool".

Erin's mom was delighted. She decided that if Erin could love the blues so much, then by golly she should go to the city where the blues is all around you — New Orleans of course. So she decided to give Erin a trip to the Big Easy for a Christmas gift. This is about the trip — some of the things to see and do and places to go and experience. And, of course, the music!!

This Is Our Inn



This is *A Quarter Esplanade*, the inn that we are going to stay in.

It is a restored mansion on Esplanade Avenue, which is just

next to the French Quarter. Our room is Number 6. It is next to the pool. Our apartment has a little kitchen and living room. This part of the city is very funky. There are lots of coffee shops and blues bars around. We catch the bus for the park just outside our house.



We Need Maps!



The top map shows the French Quarter. Our place is the big purple star on the right side. The other little purple stars are surprises! The bottom map shows the streetcar line, (and more surprises)!



Audubon Zoo



The Audubon
Zoo is one of

the biggest zoos in
the world. It is very



beautiful. There are different areas that



have animals like jungle ani-
mals, swamp animals, and
of course, the butterfly house.

When we come out of the butterfly house,

there will be somebody checking to

make sure the butterflies don't try

to leave with us. We'll take the

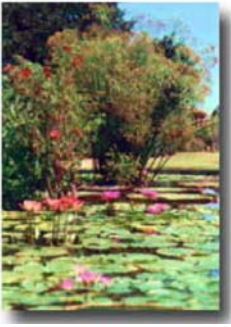


streetcar to the zoo, and then take the river-

boat downtown.



City Park



We can catch the bus to City Park just outside our inn. There is so much to see and do there.

The gardens are so beautiful. We will be in

New Orleans at the same

time as the Monarch but-

terflies. The park has a



special butterfly garden area, so we should

see thousands of butterflies. We will rent a

canoe to paddle through Bayou St. John,

and have a picnic in the park. We might go



to the Art Gallery, too.

Cooking Class

Erin asked especially to go to a cooking class. We will go to this school, for a two-hour lesson, and then lunch!



What will it be? Jambalaya, Shrimp Creole, File Gumbo? Doesn't matter. It will be hot and spicy.



The school is at the Riverwalk, which is a



huge park area along the Mississippi River, where all the people are in this picture.



Amazing Aquarium



This is the Aquarium of the Americas. When we go into

the front doors, we have to walk through a glass tunnel with fish swimming over us.



There are so many things to see in the Aquarium besides fish (and sharks!) There is a big tropical bird house, and a tank of seahorses and a penguin house. There is even a bayou where two little sea otters live — their names are Buck and Emma.



French Quarter



This is one funky place to visit.

Dozens of stores to shop in, lots of art galleries and restaurants.

These are



two restaurants we will go to. Emeril's NOLA is above, and Napoleon

House is to the right. And the

music!

This is a picture of

Bourbon Street.



The music is all around. And it all sounds so good!



Hanging Around

There is lots to do in Jackson Square. There are musicians, artists and street performers. We are



going to take a mule carriage ride through the Quarter. The drivers tell lots of stories. Of



course, we have to stop in at Café du Monde at least once a day for café au lait and beignets.



Don't forget the voodoo — we have to stop in for a magic potion at the Voodoo Museum, and make a wish at Marie Laveau's tomb.

Garden District



We have to go by streetcar to the Garden District. There are

so many beautiful houses in this area. We will visit Lafayette Cemetery and the house

that belongs to a famous writer named

Ann Rice. This is her



house on First Street. There is a big dog

sculpture on the upper balcony. We will visit

her doll museum on

Napoleon Avenue, and visit

a very cool little coffee

house just off



Canal Street.





This is the story of our trip.

*Erín will be going to New Orleans on
Thursday, October 4, 2001 and coming
back to Canada on Tuesday, October 9,
2001.*

*We will be coming back with lots of
memories and pictures and plans to go
back again.*

So Merry Christmas little lady.

I love you very much.