

Reggae Hot Line: (310) 281-6770.
Coley's Place: (Jamaican) 5035 W. Slauson Ave. (213) 291-7474.
Menage Club Cafe: 119 E Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, (818) 568-9164.
Jack's Chill Factory: (American) 3630 Crenshaw Blvd., (213) 296-2930.
Mel's: (Seafood) 4026 W. Jefferson Blvd. (213) 735-7220
Roscoe House of Chicken, 5006 W. Pico Blvd. (213) 934-4405
Nucleus Nuance Jazz Club: 7267 Melrose Ave, (213) 939-8666
Gram Slam Dance Club: 333 S. Boylston St, (213) 482-6626
Aunt Kizzy's Back Porch: 4325 Glencoe Ave, Marina Del Rey (310) 578-1005
The Town House Nightclub: 6853 Le Tijera Blvd, (310) 649-0091
Woody's: (Barbecue) 3445 W. Slauson Ave., 90043, (213) 294-9443.
Los Angeles Sentinel is LA's largest African-American newspaper (213) 232-3261.
The Arsenio Hall Show: Paramount Studios, 860 N. Grower St., (213) 956-5575.

Mural Tours

More than 1,500 colorful wall paintings on Los Angeles buildings, storefronts and freeways. (SPARC) conducts all-day bus tours. 685 Venice Blvd., Venice, (310) 622-9560

Before going to LA, request your copy of "Cultural Kaleidoscope—African American Edition" a guide to cultural sights, attractions, museums, and other points of interest. **The LA Convention and Visitors Bureau** multi-lingual events hotline is (213) 689-8822.



NYC Visitors & Convention Bureau

New York City is home to more African Americans than any other city in the United States. Manhattan and its surrounding boroughs, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx overflow with the history, sights, sounds and tastes of our culture. New York's African American community is a soulful collage of transplants from the Caribbean, Africa and other parts of the U.S. Each year, millions of visitors enthusiastically take a bite out of the Big Apple.

Harlem. The most famous African American community in the world! Her legacy still thrives today. Following is a listing of but a few of her charms:

The Studio Museum in Harlem (144 West 125th Street, (212) 864-4500) celebrates 25 years of innovative programs and exhibitions revealing and interpreting the art of the African diaspora.

The Black Fashion Museum at 155 West 126th Street presents an outstanding collection of African American Design memorabilia, (212) 666-1320. Catch a show at the world famous **Apollo Theater**, (212) 222-0992, the gateway to stardom for many successful entertainers.

Travel East to 125th Street and 5th Avenue to the new **National Black Theater**, (212) 497-5615. At Lenox Avenue and 135th Street is the **Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture** (212) 491-2200, housing thousands of books, periodicals, manuscripts, photographs documenting the African American experience. On the same strip is **Afri Art Works Art Gallery** at 2033 Fifth Ave., (212) 876-1447, and the **Uptown Comedy Club** (212) 423-9945 featuring hot comedy.

For tours of historical districts and landmarks, call **Harlem! Your Way Tours** Unlimited, 129 W 130th St, (212) 866-6997. In **Brooklyn**, visit the **Weeksville Houses** in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 756-5250—a 1830 community for free blacks. **The Bronx 10**

Museum of Arts (718) 681-6000 is renowned for exhibitions reflecting the multi-ethnicity of our communities. **Gallery 69** at 69 Bruckner Blvd in the Bronx, (718) 665-8132 exhibits paintings, sculpture, textiles and 'works on paper' by artists from Africa, North and South America and the Caribbean.

Staten Island was the home of the first free African American community in America. **Sandy Grounds** (718) 494-0472 is a preservation site in Staten Island commemorating these first freed men.

The Jamaica Arts Center, 161-04 Jamaica Avenue (718) 658-7400 is a multi-disciplinary and multi-ethnic visual and performing arts center that's all the rave in Queens. And in Astoria the site for the filming of the "Cosby Show" and home to NYC's film industry, is the American Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave. in Astoria (718) 784-0077.

Shopping

Caron Crawford Couture, 5414 Kings Highway, (718) 451-1660. African Bridal wear

Jurjis Jarvis Designs, 91 East 208 St, Bronx, (718) 652-6230, **Elegant Evening Wear**

Brycewear, 97-13 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, 718-464-8120.

Mart 125 located at 260 West 125 Street, (212) 316-3340

Carlos Hats, 485 W 38th St, NYC (212) 869-2207/800-852-9499

Dining and Nightlife

Dining is a favorite pastime for New Yorkers and no wonder.

There are literally hundreds of restaurants from which to choose:

B. Smith's, 771 Eight Ave., (212) 247-2222. Live Jazz, Rooftop Cafe'

Birdland, 2745 Broadway/105th St., NYC (212) 749-2228. Live jazz nightly

La Famille Jazz Club, 2017 5th Ave., (212) 534-9909

Day O' Caribbean Cuisine, 103 Greenwich Ave, (212) 924-3161

Honeysuckle, 507 Columbus Ave/84th St, (212) 496-8095. Live jazz, nice atmosphere.

Jamaican Hot Pot, 2260 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd./133rd St., (212) 491-5270

Jezebel, 630 9th Ave/45th St., (212) 582-1045. Unique setting. Soul food.

Lola's Soul Food, 30 West 22 Street, (212) 675-6700. Live entertainment.

Mo' Better (Soul), 570 Amsterdam Ave/84th, (212) 580-7755. Restaurant and lounge.

Mr. Leo's Southern Cuisine, 17 West 27th St., NYC (212) 532-6673.

Shark Bar (Soul Food), 307 Amsterdam Ave./74th St., (212) 874-8500. Live Jazz and

Strictly Roots Jamaican Vegetarian Restaurant, 123rd/7th Ave., (212) 864-8699.

Sheila's, 271 Adelphi in Brooklyn's Clinton Hills, (718) 935-0292.

Two Steps Down, (Seafood) 240 Dekalb Ave., Brooklyn, (718) 399-2020.

Nakasaki Chinese/Jamaican Cuisine, 276 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, LI (516) 292-9200.

Island Spice, Caribbean, 402 W. 44 St., (212) 765-1737

Sylvia's Soul Food, 328 Lenox Ave., (212) 996-0660

Lolabelle's, 206 E 63rd St., (212) 755-5652 Caribbean Soul Cuisine

Park's Fine Cuisine, 533 Manhattan Ave./123rd St, (212) 666-8500, Supper Club

Red Strype Lounge, 33 Crosby Ave., NYC (212) 274-9565, Supper Club

Bentley's Discotheque, 25 East 40th, (212) 684-2540, R&B, Reggae

Harambee, 127 West 43rd St., (212) 819-1133, Afro-Caribbean Music

Sweetwaters, 170 Amsterdam Ave., (212) 873-4100, Supper Club

Pulse, 226 East 54th St., (212) 688-5577, Afro Caribbean Club

Club Elite, 208 West 23rd St., (212) 691-4421, Rap, Reggae, R&B, Classics

Manhattan Proper, 217-01 Linden Blvd, Queens (718) 341-2233, Dinner Club

Upcoming Events

As the weather grows warmer the streets of NYC come alive with dozens of ethnic festivals and fair. For information on upcoming events and free concerts, call the **New York City Visitors and Convention Bureau**, 2 Columbus Circle, (212) 397-8222. or pick up a copy of the New York Beacon (718) 852-6001 or the Amsterdam News (212) 932-7400 New York City's Black newspapers for specific performance listings.

TOURING BLACK AMERICA

Summer is America's backdrop for the great escape, but before you entertain notions of trade winds and white sandy beaches consider this, an exploration of African American heritage. Consider an intimate journey to places and sites that are inextricably linked to our hearts and souls.

Welcome to "TOURING BLACK AMERICA", your guide to African American historical landmarks, cultural sites, restaurants, entertainment and more in five major U.S. cities—Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York City and Orlando.

The achievements and contributions of African

Americans criss-cross this country from coast-to-coast. Monuments and historical sites give bittersweet testimony to triumph over adversity while celebrating the legacy of an unconquerable spirit. Before your next trip, be sure to call the Bureau of your chosen city for a copy of their African American Brochure.

There is so much to discover and rediscover this summer. We hope you will use this guide as the key to many new and memorable experiences. **Have a Wonderful Vacation!**

New Orleans. The rich and varied heritage of this grand old city is apparent in its sounds, smells, tastes and faces. Like no other city in North America, New Orleans has retained the flavor of its abundant African, Caribbean and native American ancestry. Indeed, it revels in it. And while the influence of the city's French and Spanish settlers is just as permanent, New Orleans has a feel that's undeniably soulful. Every nook and cranny of this town, including its churches, schools, architecture, folklore, customs, music and food has been touched and gilded by the people from the African diaspora and reflect a strong African American presence. Once you visit, you'll want to return again and again.

"Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler"—(Let The Good Times Roll) is the motto of New Orleans and rightly so, because its residents know how to party! Over 400 fairs and festivals annually adorn city streets offering the best in homestyle cuisine, handmade craft, storytelling, world renown music, dancing, singing, drama and mime. "Mardi Gras" (French for Fat Tuesday) is the "mother" of all parties not only in New Orleans, but in the entire U.S. This two-week carnival frenzy celebrates the city's diverse heritage with fantastic floats and costumes, formal balls, boat parades on the legendary Mississippi River, "greased pig" contest, carnival rides, an orgy of food and music, and much, more. This climaxes the day before Ash Wednesday—the first day of lent.

The "Big Easy", as New Orleans is fondly nicknamed, is the birthplace of Jazz and home to more than a few of its masters, most notably Louis Armstrong and the Marsalis clan. Let jazz move you from dust

till dawn at any of the clubs throughout the city, or perhaps sample all the city's musical charms at the **New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival**. The festival, which lasts for ten days in April honors African culture in food and music and features jazz, rhythm and blues, cajun and zydeco music.

If you'd like to know nearly all there is about jazz, check out the **New Orleans Jazz Museum** home to many artifacts, photographs and documents on this widely acclaimed African American art form.

To visit some of New Orleans' most popular night spots you must visit the city's most famous attraction, the **French Quarter**. This charming historic district features narrow streets, lined with restaurants, clubs and townhouses decorated with ornate wrought-iron balconies. The French Quarter is the actual site of New Orleans' original seventeenth century French settlement. **The French Quarter Festival** is yet another chance, also in April, to enjoy great regional dishes and famous jazz musicians.

African American history abounds in New Orleans. Specially designed tours are available to sites that are of particular interest to us. You might visit **Congo Square** where slaves met on Sunday for traditional African song and dance, or **LaLaurie House**, infamous site of brutal slave torture. Slaves once sold crafts in the enormous, colonnaded French Market where you can still buy crafts from some modern day African American craftspeople. Contact the **NETWORK** at (800) 725-5652 for more information or to arrange a tour.