



# NEW ORLEANS FILM FESTIVAL

October 11-16, 2017

Join Stephen Farber on an exciting fall getaway to the Big Easy! Now in its 28th year, the New Orleans Film Festival has grown into an internationally respected annual event. It's been recognized by MovieMaker Magazine as one of the "Top 50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee" every year since 2012 (one of only two fests to receive that recognition for five straight years). High profile Oscar contenders and independent features having their world premiere are all showcased here.

The movies, however, are only part of the fun of our adventure in New Orleans. This city is well known for its unique historic architectural character, unlike that of any other American city, along with internationally acclaimed gourmet restaurants. We will take advantage of many of these cultural and culinary delights, along with our immersion in some of the year's best narrative, documentary, and short films.



Our one-of-a-kind package includes:

- **5 nights at Le Pavillon**, a member of Historic Hotels of America, combining Old World elegance with modern amenities and complimentary wifi
- **Full Breakfast daily** in The Crystal Room at Le Pavillon
- **All Access Pass**, which includes admission to all festival screenings, early access to online reservations, and priority entrance to all screenings, including Opening Night
- **Access to all official Festival parties** (each night of the Festival) + Receptions
- **Access to the VIP Lounge** at the Ace Hotel New Orleans
- **2 dinners and 2 lunches** at some of New Orleans' best restaurants
- **Private ½ day walking tour of historic New Orleans**
- **Private meetings** with filmmakers and other luminaries
- **Lively discussions** led by Stephen Farber

**Land package: \$2125 per person, double occupancy (+ \$460 single supplement)**

*This price reflects a 3% discount for payment made by cash/check*

*LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS*

*Airfare is not included, but can be arranged by Let's Travel! as well as additional nights and pre-/post-tour extensions.*

**DEPOSIT: \$300 per person required to reserve your space**

(fully refundable before September 1, less \$75 administrative fee)

**BALANCE DUE: September 1, 2017**

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## ABOUT THIS FESTIVAL

The New Orleans Film Festival celebrates cinema like only New Orleans can, with brass bands, second-line parades, gumbo, and Mardi Gras beads for every filmmaker. It's a city known the world over for its hospitality—and it's also a city that knows how to party. NOFF is no exception—but the festival never loses sight of what it's celebrating: exciting new films from bold, passionate storytellers.

While the 2016 program included many acclaimed films (such as *Moonlight*, *Lion*, *Manchester By The Sea*), the festival's growing reputation is built upon a commitment to discovering new and diverse voices, with 95% of the lineup coming directly from submissions. Paste Magazine praised the festival for offering “a platform to voices that still fight to be heard,” and indeed, last year's festival saw 36% of its films helmed by filmmakers of color and 45% from female filmmakers. Many of the films feature Q&As with directors, actors, and producers who worked on the films. Stimulating panel discussions with actors and filmmakers take place throughout the festival.

The festival is also attended by several A-Listers. Past attendees and honorees have included Woody Harrelson, Julie Dash, Rob Reiner, Lupita Nyong'o, Alfre Woodard, Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel, director Steve McQueen, Sarah Paulson, and many others. [www.neworleansfilmfestival.org](http://www.neworleansfilmfestival.org)

## SPECIAL FOR YOU

Film critic Stephen Farber, a contributor to The Hollywood Reporter, Los Angeles Times, and New York Times, will be your guide in this heady filmgoing adventure. He works in Los Angeles, where he is the host and moderator of “Reel Talk”, an innovative series featuring some of the most provocative new films, along with lively discussions afterwards with top filmmakers and film stars. [www.stephenfarber.com](http://www.stephenfarber.com)

Stephen Farber has led exciting trips to film festivals in Buenos Aires, Havana, Istanbul, Venice, Berlin, Maui, New York, Palm Springs, Telluride, Santa Barbara, Seattle, San Sebastian (Spain), Taormina (Sicily), Locarno (Switzerland), and Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic). Members of Stephen Farber's tours have had the opportunity to enjoy private meetings with many visiting stars and filmmakers and also attend exclusive seminars and press conferences. Some of the people we have encountered have been Helen Mirren, Jessica Chastain, Robert DeNiro, Susan Sarandon, James Franco, Gael Garcia Bernal, Melissa Leo, as well as award-winning directors Martin Scorsese, Lee Daniels, Bill Condon, and Peter Weir.

## NEW ORLEANS...THE BIG EASY



New Orleans is a magical place with a unique culture and way of life, a place where centuries old architecture is the backdrop for a culture so invigorating, it'll rouse your spirit. Nicknamed the "Big Easy," it's known for its round-the-clock nightlife, vibrant live-music scene and spicy, singular cuisine reflecting its history as a melting pot of French, African and American cultures.

Historic sites and museums abound in New Orleans, including the National WWII Museum, the top-rated tourism attraction on TripAdvisor. Explore the vibrant French Quarter, and admire the houses in the Garden District. Not to be missed is a streetcar ride. Be sure to include a tour of one of the unique above-ground cemeteries. As an added bonus, the Crescent City Blues & BBQ Festival is also taking place this weekend. The “not enough to do between meals” moniker is a thing of the past!

*Laissez les bon temps roulez*