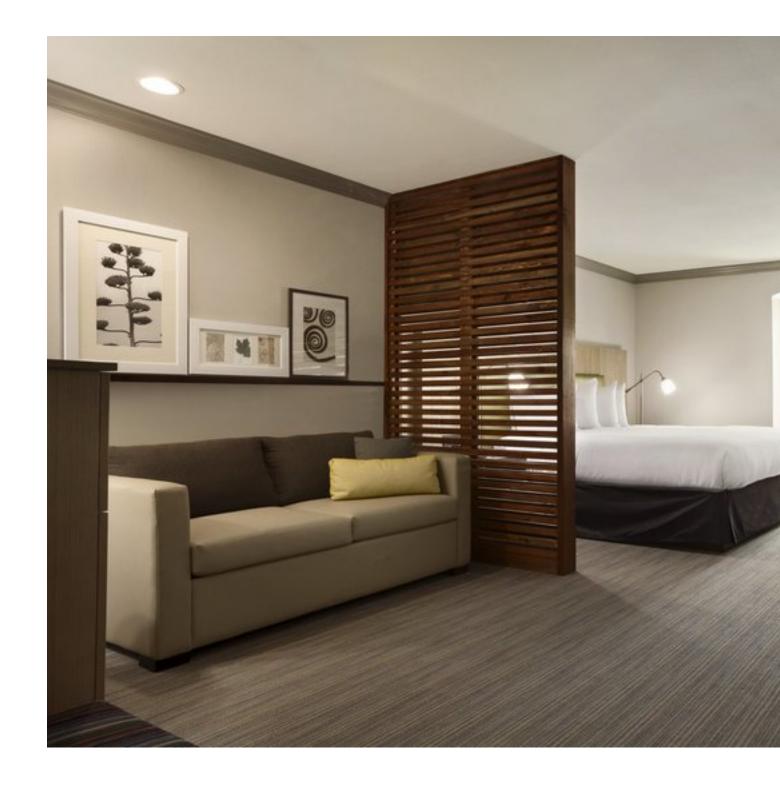
Country Inn & Suites Metairie



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Whether visiting New Orleans for a week-long getaway or staying for a few days before or after a cruise, the Country Inn & Suites in Metairie is the perfect place for your "home base".

Located right off I-10, this hotel could not possibly be any more convenient. Within minutes of the French Quarter and the cruise port, you can be eating beignets or sailing to exotic destinations before you know it!

And be ready to settle in, because the comfortable rooms and suites are spacious, and filled with everything you need to make your stay feel just like home, but just a bit better. With amenities like mini-fridges and microwaves, you could even stay in for the night! But let's face it, you're in the Big Easy, so go out and explore. It will all be waiting for you upon your return.

And when the afternoon heat requires a bit of a break, be sure to dive into the sparkling, saltwater pool in the beautiful courtyard. If you're feeling ambitious, even try out the state-of-the-art equipment in the fitness center!



Before you set out for your day's adventures, stop in the dining area for the hot Be Our Guest Breakfast. Featuring favorites like eggs, meats, pastries, waffles and more, this bountiful buffet is absolutely complimentary. How cool is that?

Now, I have truly saved the best for last for anyone cruising from New Orleans. Everyone who has ever visited New Orleans realizes that parking can sometimes be a bit tricky downtown and in the French Quarter, and if you are cruising out of the Erato Street Terminal, leaving your vehicle will cost you about \$18 a day. Yes, that is well over \$100 when on a week long

cruise. However, there IS an alternative. The Country Inn & Suites offers FREE guest parking. And would it be showing off if I mention that they also offer a FREE shuttle to the cruise terminal?

It just makes absolute sense to stay a few days in New Orleans before departing on your cruise vacation, because let's just face it, the price of parking for a week nearly covers a night's accommodations, which enables you the ease and safety of parking your car in a secure area while you bask in the sunlight of the Caribbean. Plus, you can explore one of the most beguiling city in the world. Now THAT'S hard to pass up!

Be sure to visit Country Inn & Suites online, or call (504) 835-4141 for additional information.