



New Orleans is one of America's most unique cities, and Snake and Jake's serves as the best way to end a wild night in NOLA.

DIVE_BAR

The epitome of New Orleans with a little Christmas 24-7

snake & jake's

by McClain Johnson

Worlds away from tourist-filled Bourbon Street, in Uptown New Orleans, lies Snake and Jake's Christmas Club Lounge. The bar is hard to find (look for the wreath, aglow in red Christmas lights, on Oak Street) but your search will be rewarded. A legendary dive bar, Snake and Jake's Christmas Club Lounge is the epitome of New Orleans.

From the outside, Snake's looks like a shed about to sink into the New Orleans soil below it. However, step inside the cozy dive and you will be greeted by some of New Orleans' most colorful characters.

The bar is filled with locals, servers and bartenders getting off work, musicians getting done with their gigs at the nearby Maple Leaf, and tourists who are in the know.

The musical selection ranges from old-school NOLA classics (Fats Domino, Ernie K-Doe, the Meters, Lee Dorsey) to the Drive-By Truckers. Whatever suits the bartender's taste is what you'll hear from the jukebox. The music played is eclectic, but always good.

The bar is packed until the early hours of the morning with the only lighting coming from the glow of tiny decorative red lights that line the walls covered in Saints pennants and Christmas decorations. Schlitz for \$1.50, large quantities of Jagermeister, and local Louisiana beer, Abita, are the drinks of choice. The vibe is laid back and welcoming and Jake, the bar's resident cat, thinks nothing of strutting across the bar whenever he feels like it.

New Orleans is one of America's most unique cities, and Snake and Jake's serves as the best way to end a wild night in NOLA. Nothing like staggering out into the bright sunlight at 9:30 in the morning to get a real taste of New Orleans. ■

www.snakeandjakes.com

Photo courtesy of Dave Clements.