



# National Finance Center Visitor's Guide

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# Visiting the National Finance Center

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Welcome to the National Finance Center. Since 1972, the National Finance Center (NFC) has been committed to providing excellent customer service and support to internal and external customers.

We invite you to visit our facility in New Orleans. We will be happy to discuss our systems and services, address your unique needs, and demonstrate how we can be your source for solutions.

## Location

National Finance Center  
13800 Old Gentilly Road  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70129

## Visitor Hours

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time  
(CST)

For more information about our systems and services please contact:

United States Department of Agriculture  
National Finance Center  
P.O. Box 60000  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160

<https://www.nfc.usda.gov/>

Email: [client.management@usda.gov](mailto:client.management@usda.gov)

Requests to visit NFC should be submitted in writing to [client.management@usda.gov](mailto:client.management@usda.gov). Our hours of operation are between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CST.

- To coordinate a visit, we request at least a 30-day notice in advance of your projected visit to ensure adequate preparation time. The information below should be submitted to the above email address:
  - Name and telephone number of the Agency's visit coordinator.
  - Tentative request date(s) for the visit.
  - Purpose of the visit.
  - Attendee information (name, title, and entity representing)
    - The Agency's visit coordinator must identify visitors that are (1) Non-US citizen(s) or (2) Contractors.
  - Special accommodations, if appropriate.
- It is requested that the Agency's visit coordinator provide an agenda containing talking points for discussion purposes, Software Problem Request(s) (SPR), Incident Report(s) (IR), Project Number(s), or other identifying information for research purposes.

- Indicate if the Agency visiting would like a tour of NFC. In addition, indicate if you are interested in visiting with NFC contacts that are not participants of the scheduled meeting. To obtain prior approval for entrance to other areas within NFC, please submit your contact information and the NFC contact with whom you are interested in meeting.
  
- We request arrival 30 minutes in advance of your scheduled visit.

## Driving Directions to National Finance Center – from Downtown New Orleans

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) NFC is located on the NASA Facility, Building 101 - approximately 20-25 minutes from downtown New Orleans.

**NOTE:** The following directions apply to the majority of hotels located in downtown New Orleans. The only exception would be the distance from Canal Street to North Claiborne Avenue, depending upon the hotel in which you are staying. For instance, if you were staying at a hotel near the river (or Riverwalk), then the distance from Canal Street to North Claiborne Avenue would be greater.

1. STAY on Canal Street to North Claiborne Avenue.
2. TURN RIGHT on North Claiborne Avenue (approximately ½ mile).
3. Continue on North Claiborne, ENTER elevated I-10 East "ON" ramp (Exit 235) on the right.
4. Continue on I-10 East to the Chalmette Exit (I-510 South). TAKE the I-510 South exit. Continue on I-510 South (approximately 2.8 miles). TAKE the third exit (NASA/Almonaster, Exit 2C) stay in the left lane, and veer left.
5. At intersection, make an IMMEDIATE LEFT. Cross the overpass and go east 0.7 miles on Old Gentilly Road.
6. The NASA/Michoud Assembly Facility is on the right. The NFC is located in the two-story reddish brick building. Enter the Visitors Parking area (look for sign).
7. PARK in the "Visitors Parking".
8. ENTER the building through the glass doors and check in at the Receptionist's Desk in the lobby.

**NOTE: Government employees should present Government identification (ID). Everyone must present a picture ID.**

## Driving Directions to National Finance Center – from St. Charles Avenue

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USDA's NFC is located on the NASA Facility, Building 101 - approximately 20-25 minutes from downtown New Orleans.

**NOTE:** The following directions apply to the majority of hotels located on St. Charles Avenue. The only exception would be the distance from St. Charles Avenue to Poydras Street depending upon the hotel in which you are staying.

1. GO SOUTH on St. Charles Avenue toward Poydras Street (approximately 0.1 mile)
2. TURN RIGHT on to Poydras Street (approximately 0.3 miles)
3. TURN RIGHT onto Loyola Avenue (approximately 0.2 miles)
4. TURN LEFT onto Tulane Avenue (approximately 0.2 miles)
5. MERGE RIGHT onto I-10 East (approximately 3.5 miles)
6. Continue on I-10 East to the Chalmette Exit (I-510 South). Take the I-510 South exit. Continue on I-510 South (approximately 2.8 miles). TAKE the third exit (NASA/Almonaster, Exit 2C), stay in the left lane, and veer left.
7. At intersection, make an IMMEDIATE LEFT. Cross the overpass and go east 0.7 miles on Old Gentilly Road.
8. The NASA/Michoud Assembly Facility is on the right. NFC is located in the two-story reddish brick building. Enter the Visitors Parking area (look for sign).
9. PARK in the "Visitors Parking".
10. ENTER the building through the glass doors and check in at the Receptionist's Desk in the lobby.

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Everyone must present a picture ID.**

## **Driving Directions to the National Finance Center – from Louis Armstrong Airport**

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**USDA's NFC is located on the NASA Facility, Building 101 - approximately 45-60 minutes from the airport.**

1. Leaving airport, TAKE Airport Access Road to I-10 East.
2. TAKE I-10 east 7 miles to I-610 split.
3. Continue on I-10 East to the Chalmette Exit (I-510 South). Take the I-510 South exit. Continue on I-510 South (approximately 2.8 miles). TAKE the third Exit (NASA/Almonaster, Exit 2C), stay in the left lane, and veer left.
4. At intersection, make an IMMEDIATE LEFT. Cross the overpass and go east 0.7 miles on Old Gentilly Road.
5. The NASA/Michoud Assembly Facility is on the right. NFC is located in the two-story reddish brick building. Enter the Visitors Parking area (look for sign).
6. PARK in the "Visitors Parking".
7. ENTER the building through the glass doors and check in at the Receptionist's Desk in the lobby.

## **Driving Directions to Louis Armstrong Airport – from National Finance Center**

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**USDA's NFC is located on the NASA Facility, Building 101 - approximately 45-60 minutes from the airport.**

1. TURN LEFT on Old Gentilly Road as you exit the Visitors Parking lot and go approximately 0.7 miles to I-510 North.
2. ENTER on I-510 North and stay in the middle lane, then take the I-10 West exit to New Orleans (approximately 2.8 miles).
3. TAKE I-10 West to where I-610 splits from I-10 West (approximately 8 miles). Take I-610 to Baton Rouge. I-610 will merge again with I-10 West (approximately 4.8 miles). Continue on I-10 West to the Airport Access Road exit. (This is the exit past the Williams Boulevard exit, approximately 7 miles.)



## **Driving Directions to the National Finance Center – from Slidell or points East**

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**USDA's NFC is located on the NASA Facility, Building 101 - approximately 45-60 minutes from the airport.**

1. At Slidell, PROCEED on I-10 West across Lake Pontchartrain.
2. After crossing the lake, GO approximately 8 miles to I-510 (Exit 246A).
3. From I-10 GO SOUTH on I-510 to Exit 2C (third exit).
4. VEER LEFT when exit splits and TURN LEFT onto Old Gentilly Road.
5. GO EAST 0.7 miles to Michoud Assembly Facility on the right.
6. The NASA/Michoud Assembly Facility is on the right. NFC is located in the two-story reddish brick building. Enter the Visitors Parking area (look for sign).
7. PARK in the "Visitors Parking".
8. ENTER the building through the glass doors and check in at the Receptionist's Desk in the lobby.

## Recommended New Orleans Hotels

Hotel & Address	Reservations	French Quarter	Downtown New Orleans
Astor Crowne Plaza 739 Canal Street at Bourbon	504-962-0500	X	
Hilton New Orleans Riverside #2 Poydras Street	504-561-0500		X
Homewood Suites Hilton 901 Poydras Street	504-581-5599		X
Intercontinental Hotel 444 St. Charles Avenue	504-525-5566		X
Hilton New Orleans 333 St. Charles Avenue	504-378-2800		X
J W Marriott 614 Canal Street	504-525-6500		X
Omni Royal Orleans 535 Gravier Street	504-527-0006		X
Omni Royal Orleans 621 St. Louis Street	504-529-5333	X	
Renaissance Pere Marquette Hotel 817 Common Street	504-525-1111		X
Marriott New Orleans 555 Canal Street	504-581-1000	X	
Sheraton New Orleans 500 Canal Street	504-525-2500		X

**NOTE:** These hotels are recommended by visitors of NFC. Feedback on the quality of your stay is appreciated.

Rates may vary during special events, such as Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, all citywide conventions, and festivals.

## **New Orleans Restaurants**

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Below is a link that will direct you to the latest listings and suggested dining locations for top New Orleans restaurants:

<https://www.neworleans.com/plan/itineraries/a-foodies-guide-to-new-orleans/>