



## **EAT, DRINK AND VIBE AT VIRGIN HOTELS NEW ORLEANS**

*Four Unique Dining & Drinking Outlets Offer Something for Every Palate*

New Orleans, LA — In August 2021, **Virgin Hotels New Orleans** opened its doors at **550 Baronne Street** in New Orleans' bustling Warehouse District. Since then, the hotel has become a destination for locals and visitors seeking an array of vibrant culinary and cocktail experiences.

The 238-Chamber new-build hotel features four dining and drinking establishments, each with its own distinct personality. Outlets include [Commons Club](#), the brand's flagship restaurant, bar and lounge; [The Pool Club](#), a rooftop pool, restaurant, and bar; [Dreamboat](#), a 13th-floor cocktail lounge; and [Funny Library Coffee Shop](#), the perfect spot for coffee, pastries and conversation.

### **Commons Club**

Nestled on the ground floor, **Commons Club** is the social epicenter of the hotel and designed to feel like a modern social club in a playful, sophisticated environment. Under the direction of **Executive Chef Alex Harrell**, the menu showcases contemporary Southern seasonal cuisine with Mediterranean influences.

The menu at Commons Club reflects the versatility of the space and according to Harrell, "Guests can come to Commons Club for dinner and enjoy a well-paced coursed meal with a starter, main course, and dessert; or have a few cocktails paired with some shareables while they listen to live music." Sumptuous offerings include Grilled Okra with harissa, cumin, and peanut crumble; Grilled Gulf Oysters with nduja and bottarga breadcrumbs; Steamed Corn Flan with Louisiana Blue Crab, chanterelles, and pickled watermelon rind; Sourdough Cavatelli with charred eggplant, pesto Calabrese, and smoked almonds; and Snapper with field peas, confit tomato, squash, chow chow, and a buttermilk consommé. Harrell has also created two dishes *For the Table* – a 24-ounce Ribeye with confit potato braised Vidalia onions and mushrooms, and mustard greens, as well as a Grilled Chicken (half or whole offered) with field peas, Benton's bacon, spinach, salsa verde, and preserved lemon jus.

Cocktails at Commons Club are equally enticing and include modern classics as well as creatively crafted original concoctions. Guests can sip on updated classics, as well as signature libations including Dragon Smoke – Montelobos Mezcal Joven, Cinzano 1757 Rosso, rosemary-infused Campari, and Benedictine; or Saturn's Son – Termana Blanco, Grand Marnier, Cabernet Sauvignon, and fresh lime. A fine selection of wines and local beers are also on offer.

Designed by New Orleans-based Logan Killen Interiors, Commons Club blends Virgin Hotels' signature fun and intelligent design with local elements and a nod to New Orleans' Art Deco History. Spaces include *The Kitchen* which boasts eclectic and inviting dining areas; a communal Chef's Table; open kitchen; indoor "porch" seating; and an intimate garden room, ideal for groups of up to eight. *The Bar* features an impressive two-story Cherry Bomb fringe chandelier created by world-renowned lighting designer Lindsey Adelman which is reminiscent of Louisiana's draping moss trees; wall coverings by Jessalyn Brooks; and a mix of patterns and textures including black

and white stripes, cognac leather, and red leopard print. Tucked inside Commons Club, *The Shag Room* is a living room-style setting perfect for live music, social events and intimate soirees.

Commons Club serves, breakfast, lunch and dinner and brunch on weekends. To view hours of operation, menus, entertainment line-up, or book a table visit [commonsclub.com/neworleans](https://commonsclub.com/neworleans) or call **833-791-7700**. Reservations are encouraged and can be made via OpenTable [here](#). Stay up to date on Instagram at [@commonsclubnola](#).

### **The Pool Club**

Located on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor and set against a backdrop of New Orleans' scenic skyline views, **The Pool Club** is the perfect spot to lounge, splash, imbibe and eat. The expansive terrace, filled with leafy foliage and a tropical vibe, wraps around the building comfortably seating up to 150 guests. Signature drinks perfectly match the space with cocktails including the Mai Gai – Coruba Dark Jamaican rum, Rhum Barbancourt 5 Star, tropical orange, Curacao, fresh lime and almond syrup and the Frozen Lemongrass Paloma – Milagro Tequila, lemongrass syrup and fresh grapefruit. A full list of wines by the glass and bottle and beers, Radlers and other canned alcoholic beverages are also available. Snacks include Chef Alex Harrell's addictive Smoked Fish Dip, with fennel and celery mostarda and served with Old Bay crackers; Mushroom Fritters served with a charred green onion remoulade; Little Gem Lettuces Salad; and Avocado Toast topped with pepitas and butternut squash conserva, among others.

For the ultimate always-cool vibes with incredible city view, The Pool Club is a go-to spot to hang out and bask in the sun, watch the sunset and an enjoy an evening of live music or chill beats. There is no cover charge for guests who'd like to enjoy cocktails and snacks at the bar or cocktail tables. Poolside lounge chairs and VIP sofas, brightly colored in stripes and Virgin Hotels red, require reservations and for those not staying at the hotel who would like to take a dip in the rooftop pool, a Pool Pass is available for \$25 pending availability. For hours of operation, menus and/or to book a day pass or VIP area, visit <https://virginhotels.com/new-orleans/dine-and-drink/rooftop/>. Follow on instagram at [@poolclubnola](#).

### **Dreamboat**

A more intimate indoor space nestled within The Pool Club, **Dreamboat** offers a casually sophisticated vibe with the feeling of a private club - yet open to all. Here, guests will find classic New Orleans cocktails and specialty drinks like Weekend at Richard's – a smooth blend of Nelson's Green Briar Whiskey, Apricot Brandy and fresh lemon and ginger; or Empress Tea featuring Empress 1908 Gin, Domaine de Canton Ginger Liqueur, Earl Grey tea, fresh lemon and grapefruit juice and house made lavender syrup. Featuring plenty of cozy corners, VIP tables and sophisticated yet comfortable seating, Dreamboat is the perfect spot for intimate conversations, girls' nights, and vibing with friends. Guests can enjoy uniquely curated entertainment and events and reservations for Dreamboat are not required but encouraged. For details, hours, and lineup of events, visit <https://virginhotels.com/new-orleans/dine-and-drink/dreamboat/> and follow on Instagram at [@dreamboatnola](#).

### **Funny Library Coffee Shop**

Located on the hotel's lobby level is Funny Library Coffee Shop. Replacing the usual shhh's of a traditional library, the coffee shop is a communal workspace, with an assortment of games and

whimsical and funny books curated from local book shops. The comfortable space features dark wood and feels like a classic library while mixing eclectic furnishings and playful elements like mixed patterns and bright colors. Funny Library Coffee Shop will pour coffee by [La Colombe](#), which will provide classic signature blends, as well as a selection of pastries and light bites. For details and offerings visit <https://virginhotels.com/new-orleans/dine-and-drink/funny-library/>.

**Virgin Hotels New Orleans** is located at **550 Baronne Street** in the city's Warehouse District. For more information, please visit: <https://virginhotels.com/new-orleans/>.

**Images and interviews are available upon request.**

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**About Virgin Hotels New Orleans**

Virgin Hotels New Orleans is the latest property from the lifestyle hospitality brand that combines heartfelt service, straightforward value, and a seamless, personalized hotel experience with the track record of innovation and smart disruption that Sir Richard Branson's global Virgin Group has pioneered for over 50 years. Located in New Orleans' lively Warehouse District, the property mixes a passion for food and beverage with music and culture that fuses with the Crescent City's unique personality, providing an inclusive environment for travelers and locals alike. The hotel features 238 Chambers (guestrooms) and two penthouse suites. An array of dining and drinking outlets offers something for everyone and includes Commons Club, the brand's flagship restaurant, bar, and lounge; the 13th-floor rooftop venues – The Pool Club and sophisticated cocktail lounge, Dreamboat, and Funny Library Coffee Shop. Virgin Hotels New Orleans is located at 550 Baronne Street. For reservations and additional information, visit [virginhotels.com/new-orleans](https://virginhotels.com/new-orleans).