Later this month, the Air & Waste Management Association’s (A&WMA) Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) returns to New Orleans for the first time since 2006. From museums to restaurants, to world-famous festivals, there is no place quite like New Orleans, Louisiana (NOLA). Whether you are visiting the city for the first time or a regular visitor, there’s no shortage of things to discover. The following pages offer a preview of what attendees can expect inside the Crescent City and during A&WMA’s 109th ACE.
**Bonjour!** My name is Paul Algu. I am a native New Orleanian and member of the Local Host Committee for ACE 2016 being held this year in my hometown. From June 20-23, the best of New Orleans will be on display for A&WMA and I am excited to share my favorite spots to eat, drink, and celebrate in the Crescent City with you. Here are my top-five must-do activities when you come to New Orleans…

That’s all I have for now! As Vitality Committee Chair for A&WMA’s Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC), I will be publishing videos on the [YP blog](#) as we get closer to the conference, explaining some of the unique traditions we have in Louisiana, like why we eat red beans and rice on Mondays and say that we’re going to “make groceries.” When you visit, don’t be afraid to ask locals about “ya mama and ‘em” or why we can’t park on the neutral ground. We’ll be more than happy to tell you. Stay tuned to the YP Blog, [YP Twitter](#) (@airwasteyp), and the YPAC Newsletter for more updates from the Big Easy as #ACE2016NOLA draws closer!

1. **Beignets**— They’re fluffy, they’re famous, and they’re number one on my list of New Orleans must-dos. Whether at Café du Monde in the French Quarter or Morning Call in City Park (both are open 24 hours), there is never a bad time to enjoy three heavenly pillows of fried doughy goodness.

2. **Visit the National World War II Museum**— Consistently rated as one of the top museums in the world, the National World War II Museum opened in 2000 as the National D-Day Museum and was designated as America’s National World War II Museum in 2003. Boasting a six-acre campus with eight exhibit spaces, thousands of artifacts and oral histories, two restaurants, and a 4-D movie experience, the National World War II Museum is a must-see attraction for anyone who is planning a visit to New Orleans.

3. **Sample local cuisine**— New Orleans is not your typical American city. Hundreds of years of French, Spanish, British, and American influences commingling in a rich delta has lent itself to a haven for some of the best cuisine in the world. Do not be afraid to try everything! There are restaurants to suit every palate and budget and many are within walking distance from the conference hotel, the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. From gumbo file to filet mignon, and everything in between, we’ve got you covered.

4. **Experience the Audubon Nature Institute**— There’s an old saying in New Orleans to go down to the Audubon Zoo because “they all asked for you,” and by “you” we mean the whole family! Be sure to sample Roman Candy and climb Monkey Mountain, two things kids in New Orleans consider a rite of passage. In addition to the zoo, the Audubon Institute operates the Aquarium of the Americas and the Audubon Insectarium, making it the perfect way for families to spend a day in our fair city.

5. **Ride a streetcar**— You may know it as a trolley or cable car, but in New Orleans we call them streetcars. And for about a dollar and change they will take you across the city. Be forewarned, like many things in New Orleans, the pace is much more leisurely than some visitors might expect, but many locals will swear the quintessential New Orleans experience is a streetcar ride through stately oaks as over 300 years of local history waits for you to experience it.

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