



NFPA 2026 Annual Conference – Arrivals:

We're thrilled that this year's NFPA Annual Conference coincides with Mardi Gras—a truly unique and exciting opportunity to experience New Orleans at its most vibrant!

Please note that Mardi Gras Day presents some logistical challenges due to citywide celebrations. Parades will result in extensive street closures, which may prevent vehicles from reaching hotel entrances directly. Depending on your arrival time, you may need to be dropped off nearby and walk a short distance to your hotel. We recommend bringing luggage that is easy to roll or carry through crowds.

The Zulu parade is expected to pass directly in front of the hotel during the morning into early afternoon hours, causing road access to be limited during this time.

Due to these restrictions, we strongly advise against renting a vehicle. Instead, we recommend using a ride-share service such as Uber or Lyft, or a taxi, for transportation from the airport. These drivers are familiar with the situation and will know how to navigate the city during this time.

To help you plan, you can find a complete list of Mardi Gras parades and their routes here:

[2026 Mardi Gras Parade Schedule | Mardi Gras New Orleans](#)

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