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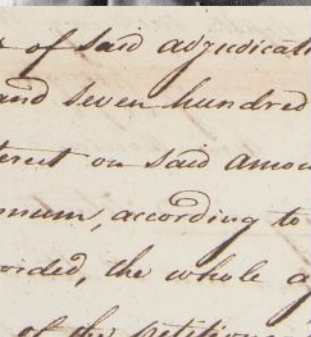




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history  
reads like a  
great work  
of fiction.

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Our fun, friendly cast of local characters is waiting to welcome you to Louisiana and share all the ways you can **Feed Your Soul**.



Lt. Governor  
Billy Nungesser

A stylized, handwritten signature of Billy Nungesser in white ink, set against the background of tall green grass and a sunset sky.



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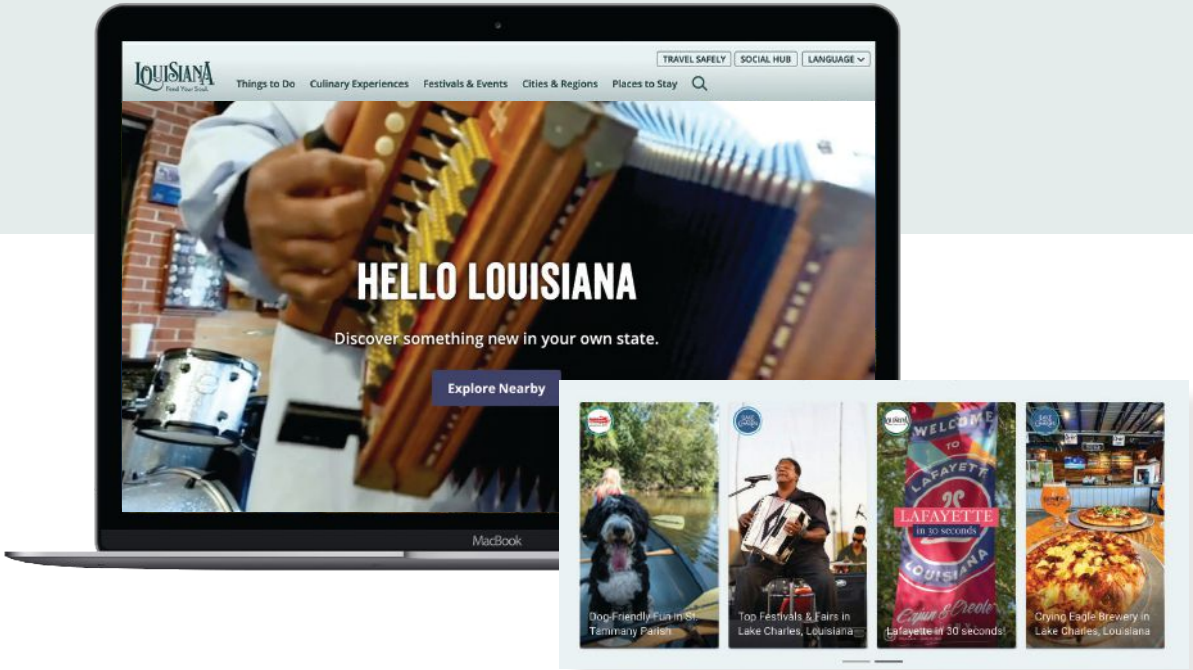


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# WELCOME TO LOUISIANA!

When you're ready to Feed Your Soul, you'll be spoiled for choice!

Cou-Yon's BBQ, Port Allen



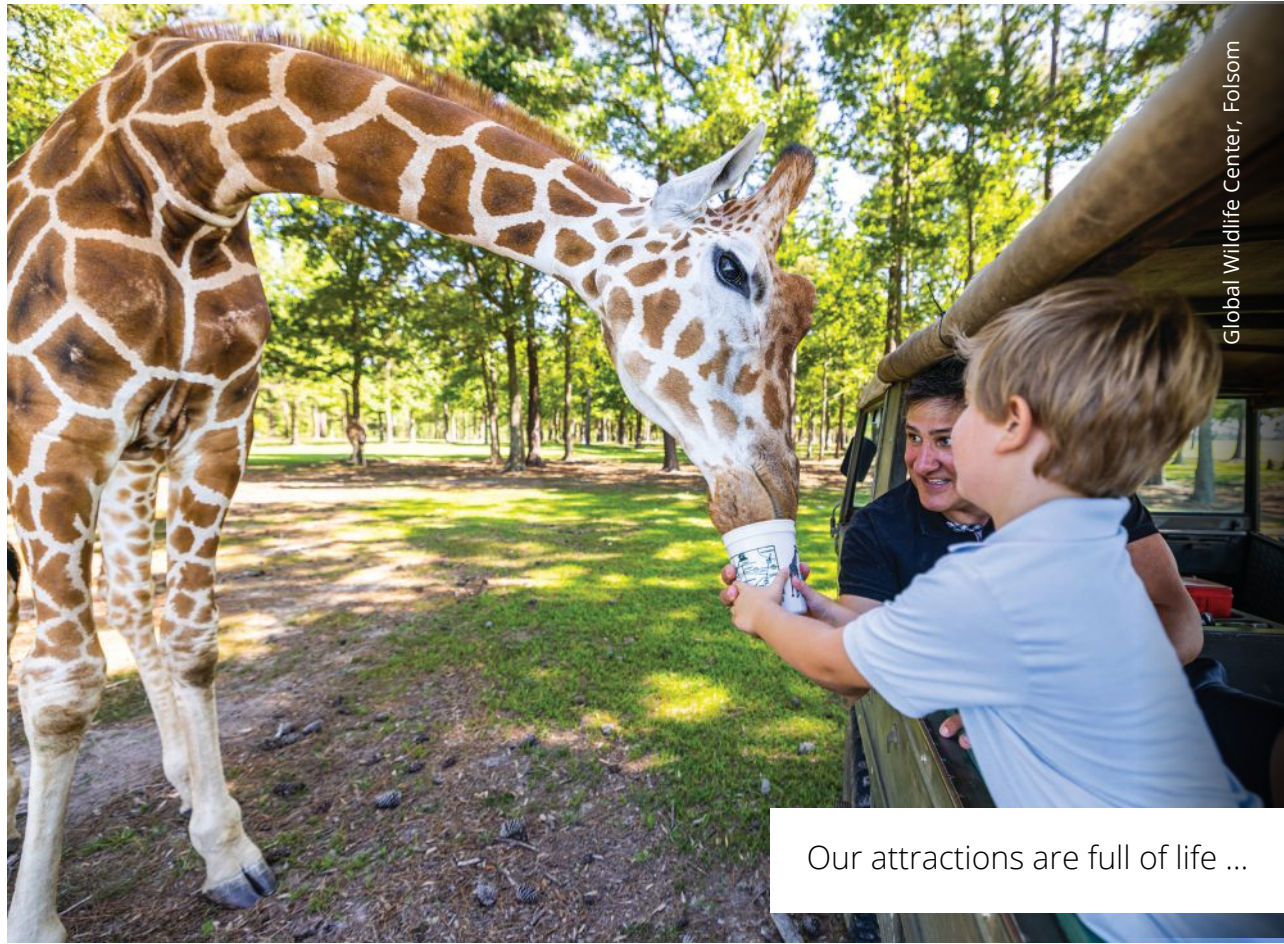
Sure, our signature dishes are zesty ...

... but so are our festivals.

Festival International de Louisiane, Lafayette







Global Wildlife Center, Folsom

Our attractions are full of life ...



... and so is our music.

Enoch's Irish Pub & Café, Monroe



Melrose Plantation, Melrose



Our historic attractions are fascinating ...

... and so are our people.

Krewe of Cork, New Orleans







Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans

Our cultural charms are amazing ...

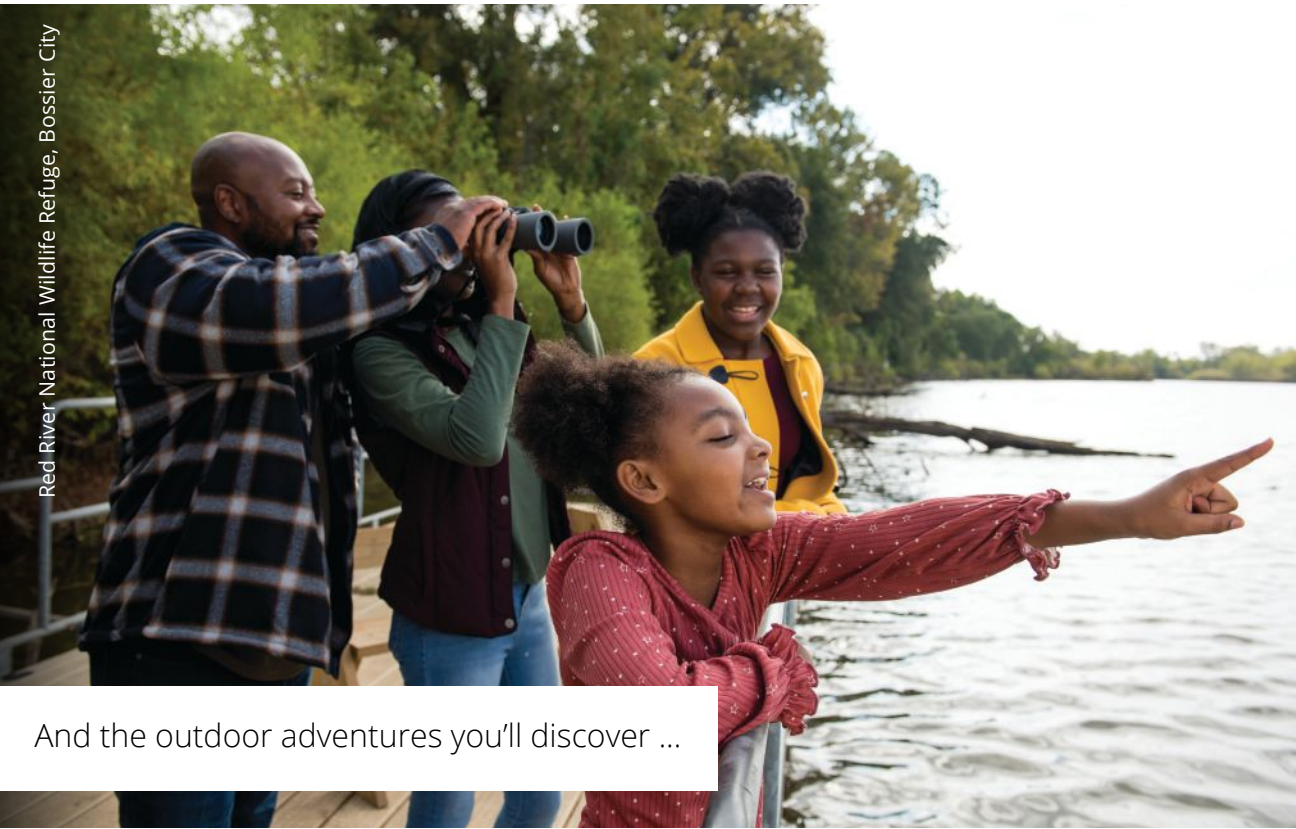


... and so are the views!

Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Lacombe



Red River National Wildlife Refuge, Bossier City



And the outdoor adventures you'll discover ...

unmatched.

Crawfish Haven, Kaplan







Light up their faces ...

Louisiana Art & Science Museum, Baton Rouge



then light up the sky!

Bogalusa Balloon Festival, Bogalusa



In fact, when it comes to recreation or relaxation ...



Lake Bistineau State Park, Doyline



time to bond ...

JAMNOLA, New Orleans



or time to escape ...



Jimmie Davis State Park, Chatham

**LOUISIANA HAS A SPECIAL PLACE  
WAITING FOR YOU.**



# WHAT'S NEW & NEAT IN LOUISIANA

For those who've visited before and others making their first trip, there's always something new to explore in Louisiana. Check out these recent and coming attractions!



Vue Orleans, New Orleans

**W**hat's new in South Louisiana? Might as well start at the "top!" **Vue Orleans** is taking visitors to new heights with its 360-degree observation deck overlooking New Orleans and the Mississippi River. On your way to the top, explore interactive exhibits celebrating NOLA food, music, festivals, history and cultural diversity.

Downtown Lake Charles is also rocking, thanks to **Panorama Music House**, now offering live music, craft beer, inventive cocktails and creative cuisine. Speaking of adult libations, newly owned **Wild Bush Farm + Vineyard** is carrying on farm-to-glass traditions of the former Pontchartrain Vineyards in Bush.

For outdoor fun, your whole family will be wild about **Kliebert & Sons Gator Tours**

in Ponchatoula, which recently introduced a new alligator sanctuary and wildlife encounter where mystery and adventure await.

If you're travelling with the fam, Central Louisiana is the place to be. Everyone's a kid at the new **Toledo Bend Family Adventure Park**, where you'll find a lazy river, three swimming pools, a splash pad, waterslides, mini golf and more.

You'll also love **PlayCenla** in Alexandria, where you can climb the walls, scamper on ropes and zoom on ziplines. And at **Wayback's Arcade** in Pineville, you can introduce your little ones to all the games you loved as a kid. Later in 2023, you'll be able to tee up at the renovated **Cypress Bend Golf & Conference Center**.



In North Louisiana, head to Monroe-West Monroe where, with the opening of Antique Alley's **Alley Park**, everything old is new again. This reimagined outdoor space is hopping with concerts, art markets and more. While in town, take on the new mountain bike trails at **Kiroli Park**.

In Pioneer, you'll dig the new virtual reality experience at **Poverty Point World Heritage Site**, where it's never been easier (or more fun!) to go back 3,400 years in time. Family-owned **Thirsty Farmer Winery & Vineyard** has expanded its vines and wines in Calhoun, as well.

## Don't PASS This Up!

Looking for a fun way to explore the state AND earn prizes along the way? Download these three mobile passports to your smartphone and you'll be well on your way to doing both!

Our **Louisiana Libations Trail Pass** takes you to breweries, wineries and distilleries around the state, along with the restaurants and taprooms that carry local products. **The Unusual is Our Usual Pass** features quirky, one-of-a-kind stops you won't want to miss ... like Art the Dalmatian in Shreveport. And our **Louisiana Parks Pass** provides profiles of parks and historic sites to guide you around the state.

Better yet, these passes are all free and you can earn cool prizes the more places you visit! Learn more and get your passes at **Fun.LouisianaTravel.com**.

Art the Dalmatian Statue, Shreveport

Stay up to date on the latest at [LouisianaTravel.com](https://LouisianaTravel.com)!



# PLAY, STAY, THEN ADD A DAY!

The best of the  
great outdoors is  
yours in Louisiana.

Coco Marina, Chauvin



**W**ith rolling hills and lush forests to explore in the north, mysterious swamps and bayous in the south and everything in between, nature's bounty is on full display.

And with activities like hiking, biking, paddling, fishing and more, there are plenty of awesome places where you can play, stay, then add a day!



@Magnolia\_Ridge\_Park

Magnolia Ridge  
Adventure Park, Ethel

## South Louisiana

**Play:** Catch some fish (and a sunset or two) on **Lake Pontchartrain**, **Grand Lake** or check out the birding and nature trails at **White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area**, then ramp up the fun on the state's longest zipline at **Magnolia Ridge Adventure Park**.

**Stay:** Along with wildlife, this area is teeming with artsy B&Bs, grand hotels and fun casinos. After fishing and hunting in the great outdoors, you can try your luck

indoors at **L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles**. Big stars entertain there regularly, so plan your trip accordingly.

**Add a Day:** Don't go home without exploring the **Creole Nature Trail All-American Road**, affectionately known as "Louisiana's Outback." It's one of less than 60 designated Scenic Byways in the U.S. and unlike anywhere else on Earth.





Gone Wild Safari,  
Pineville

## Central Louisiana

**Play:** Time to get wild! Get up close and personal with everything from alligators to zebras at **Alexandria Zoological Park**. In nearby Pineville, drive through **Gone Wild Safari**, where exotic creatures roam free. At **Hayes E. Daze Ranch**, you can ride on 70 miles of sandy horseback trails in Kisatchie National Forest.

**Stay:** While camping in the **Kisatchie** is always a breath of fresh air, historic **Hotel Bentley** will take your breath away. Famous guests of this grand hotel have included generals Eisenhower and Patton and film stars John Wayne and Roy Rogers.

**Add a Day:** Some of the best bass fishing in the country is at **Toledo Bend Lake**, which has previously come in at No. 1 in *Bassmaster* magazine's top bass fishing destinations.

## Flower Power!

When you're out exploring Louisiana, take a moment to stop and smell the roses (and magnolias, irises, orchids, azaleas, violets and more) at botanical gardens across the state.

Follow the bees to **New Orleans Botanical Garden** in City Park, where more than 2,000 plants from around the world are flourishing.

Everything's coming up roses at Shreveport's **American Rose Center**, the largest park in the country dedicated to the world's most romantic flower.

While there's much ado about bamboo at **Jungle Gardens** on Avery Island, you'll find **Rip Van Winkle Gardens** nearby is an eye-opening experience as well, despite its sleepy name.



## North Louisiana

**Play:** Hike, swim, fish and camp away the day at pristine spots all over the region like **Cypress Black Bayou**. Have little ones? They'll love the petting zoo here.

**Stay:** After roughing it, consider a night of pampering at **The Remington Suite Hotel and Spa** in Shreveport with a full-service spa,

indoor heated pool and sweet suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and hardwood floors.

**Add a Day: Lincoln Parish Park** in Ruston has one of the best mountain biking trails in America. There are also piers for fishing and sandy beaches for swimming, canoeing and kayaking. Campfires are permitted, so bring your guitar.



Lincoln Parish Park  
Mountain Bike Trail, Ruston

Experience Ruston



Get out and play at [LouisianaTravel.com/Outdoors!](https://LouisianaTravel.com/Outdoors!)



# A TREAT FOR EVERY TRAVELER



Louisiana's state parks offer some of the best ways to explore all there is to see and do here. With abundant recreation opportunities, beautiful nature preserves and unique places to stay, there is a park for any interest – and any time of year.

Bogue Chitto State  
Park, Franklinton



## Bigger & Better

**T**wo Louisiana State Parks are now better than ever. **Bogue Chitto** in Franklinton reopened with significant improvements (we're talking happy campers) and **Sam Houston Jones** in Lake Charles now has brand-new cabins with full kitchens, living rooms and screened-in front porches, complete with fireplaces and TVs. In Zwolle, **North Toledo Bend** has added 55 improved campsites as well.

## All Play, All Day

At Louisiana's largest state park, **Chicot State Park** in Ville Platte, you can camp, glamp and float your boat on more than 6,400 acres. Here you'll find a water playground, rental boats, fishing piers, hiking and biking trails.

## Peaceful Places

While your heart may race when you land a big fish or spot Orion's Belt, for the most part you'll find nothing but peace and tranquility at places like **Lake Bistineau** and **Lake Bruin** state parks. Fill your itinerary with stunning scenery, sweet serenity and a playlist courtesy of birds, frogs and plopping turtles.

## History Hot Spots

Brush up on your Cajun history at **Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site**, where you can stroll through a museum, a Creole plantation and an 18th-century Acadian shack. While **Audubon State Historic Site** in St. Francisville isn't just for the birds, you will find Oakley House there, which is where famous naturalist John James Audubon once served as a tutor.



Fontainebleau State Park, Mandeville

## An Outdoor Upgrade

When was the last time you fell asleep to a chorus of tree frogs or woke up to the singing of birds?

If you're not into "roughing it" – but are intrigued by the idea of sleeping in the great outdoors under a canopy of stars – then luxury glamping may be for you. Here in Louisiana, you can do just that at several state parks.

Equipped glamping sites provide a sturdy canvas tent on a wooden platform, complete with a queen-size memory foam bed, end tables, a propane heater, a firepit with a grill, an extra pop-up tent and even a portable restroom.

Discover where you can get your "glamp" on at **LASateParks.com/Glamping!**



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Lake Claiborne



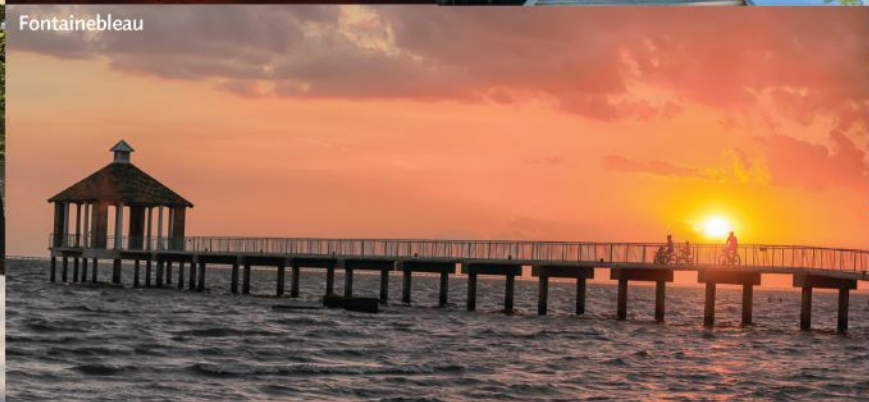
Lake Bistineau



Lake Bruin



Sam Houston Jones



Fontainebleau



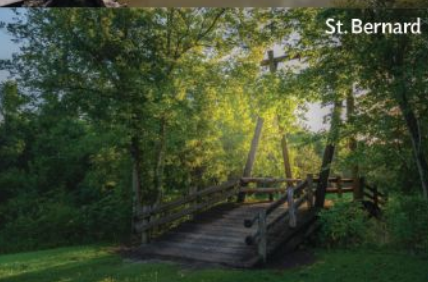
Cypremort Point



Fairview Riverside



Lake Fausse Pointe



St. Bernard



Poverty Point Reservoir



Louisiana is a place of natural beauty with our own unique blend of cultures and experiences. To preserve this, we've set aside 21 Louisiana State Parks that stretch from the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and the swamps of Acadiana to the pine forests and hills of the Sportsman's Paradise.

There is a park or state historic site for everyone to enjoy nearby. So let's hit the trails or catch a big one because the best travel experiences make you feel more alive and bring us closer together.

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Jimmie Davis



Grand Isle



Lake D'Arbonne



Chicot



Palmetto Island



Tickfaw

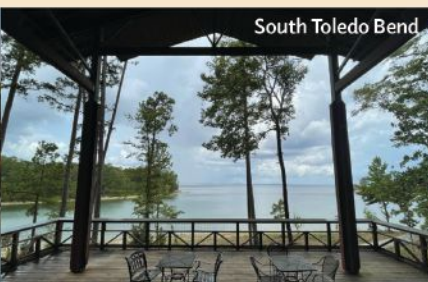
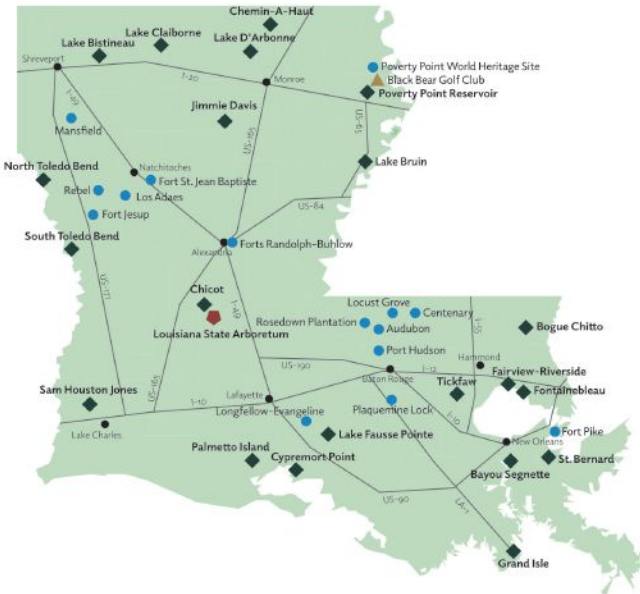


Bayou Segnette



Chemin-a-Haut

- State Parks
- State Historic Sites
- State Preservation Area
- Golf Club



South Toledo Bend



North Toledo Bend



Bogue Chitto



# SCENIC BYWAYS: FIVE TO DRIVE

Rosedown Plantation,  
St. Francisville

Is there any greater freedom than exploring fascinating stops while on a fun road trip?

There are 19 official scenic byways and trails winding throughout the state, full of plenty of spots to explore along the way. You'll want to discover them all at **LouisianaByways.com**, but here are five fun ones to drive this year!





Great River Road  
Museum, Darrow



Evangeline Oak,  
St. Martinville





**1.** Get your fill of little museums filled with big personalities along the 137-mile **Boom or Bust National Scenic Byway**. The towns along these sleepy bayous and rolling hills tell the tales of the dramatic ups and downs in the oil and gas, lumber, transportation, farming and entertainment industries. See meadows dotted with oil derricks, the historic Caddo Lake Drawbridge and the Vivian Railroad Museum.

**2.** What's the difference between Cajun and Creole? A tour on the 71-mile **Cane River National Heritage Trail** will clear it all up for you. This road will take you to the Cane River Creole National Historic Park, comprised of Oakland and Magnolia plantations. Stand in awe (or kneel) in old Catholic churches such as St. Augustine and St. John's. Explore the first permanent European settlement in the territory later known as the Louisiana Purchase at **Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site** in Natchitoches.



**3.** A drive along the 180-mile **Creole Nature Trail All-American Road** lets you experience Louisiana's diverse landscape and wildlife up close. (Be on the lookout for those gator crossings!) You'll discover four wildlife refuges, wetland walkways, small fishing villages and 26 miles of unspoiled Gulf of Mexico beaches. The views change around every bend and there are plenty of opportunities to savor fresh seafood along the way. Explore the region's mining history in Sulphur, 700,000 acres of wetlands in Cameron Parish, plentiful waterfowl at Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, shell-hunting at Holly Beach, and an exciting mix of city life and outdoor adventure in Lake Charles.

**4.** "Teche" is the Chitimacha Indian word for "snake" and you'll be nothing short of charmed by the 183-mile **Bayou Teche National Scenic Byway**. Sweet-yet-spicy towns will call to you along the way, including Breaux Bridge (the crawfish capital), St. Martinville (home of the Evangeline Oak, immortalized in Longfellow's tragic poem, "Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie") and New Iberia (where the Tabasco factory tour and restaurant are popular stops).

**5.** Follow the Mississippi along the 773-mile **Louisiana River Road - All-American Road**. There's a story around every bend and some of the best can be heard at the Louisiana State Cotton Museum up north, through The Great River Road Museum at Houmas House, at The National WWII Museum in New Orleans and beyond.



Frogmore Cotton  
Plantation & Gins, Ferriday



Fort St. Jean Baptiste,  
Natchitoches



Explore all 19 Trails and Byways! Plan your road trip off the beaten path and get more details at [Byways.LouisianaTravel.com](https://Byways.LouisianaTravel.com)!



## Regional Road Trips

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Historic Route 80



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Cameron Prairie National  
Wildlife Refuge, Bell City



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# INNOCENCE THAT GRACED A MOVEMENT

On November 14, 1960, four six-year-old girls desegregated New Orleans schools. Ruby Bridges entered William Frantz Elementary School and Leona Tate, Tessie Provost and Gail Etienne attended McDonogh 19 Elementary School.



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# A STATE OF CELEBRATION



Festival of the Bonfires, Litcher





Rayne Frog  
Festival, Rayne

**L**ove a good party? Louisiana offers more than 400 festivals annually – some world famous, some soon to be. There's a celebration for every one of your senses.

Come hear the music at **Satchmo SummerFest** in New Orleans, the **Swamp Pop Music Festival** in Gonzales and the **Louisiana Legends Festival** in Homer.

Make your taste buds happy at the **Etouffee Festival** in Arnaudville, the **Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival** in Morgan City and the **Louisiana Food Truck Festival** in Slidell.

Treat your eyes to original art at the **Covington Three Rivers Art Festival**, the **Shadows Arts and Crafts Fair** in New Iberia and at **TASTE: A Festival of Food and Art** in Bossier City.

Looking for some offbeat fun? Hop on over to the **Rayne Frog Festival** in the self-proclaimed "Frog Capital of the World."

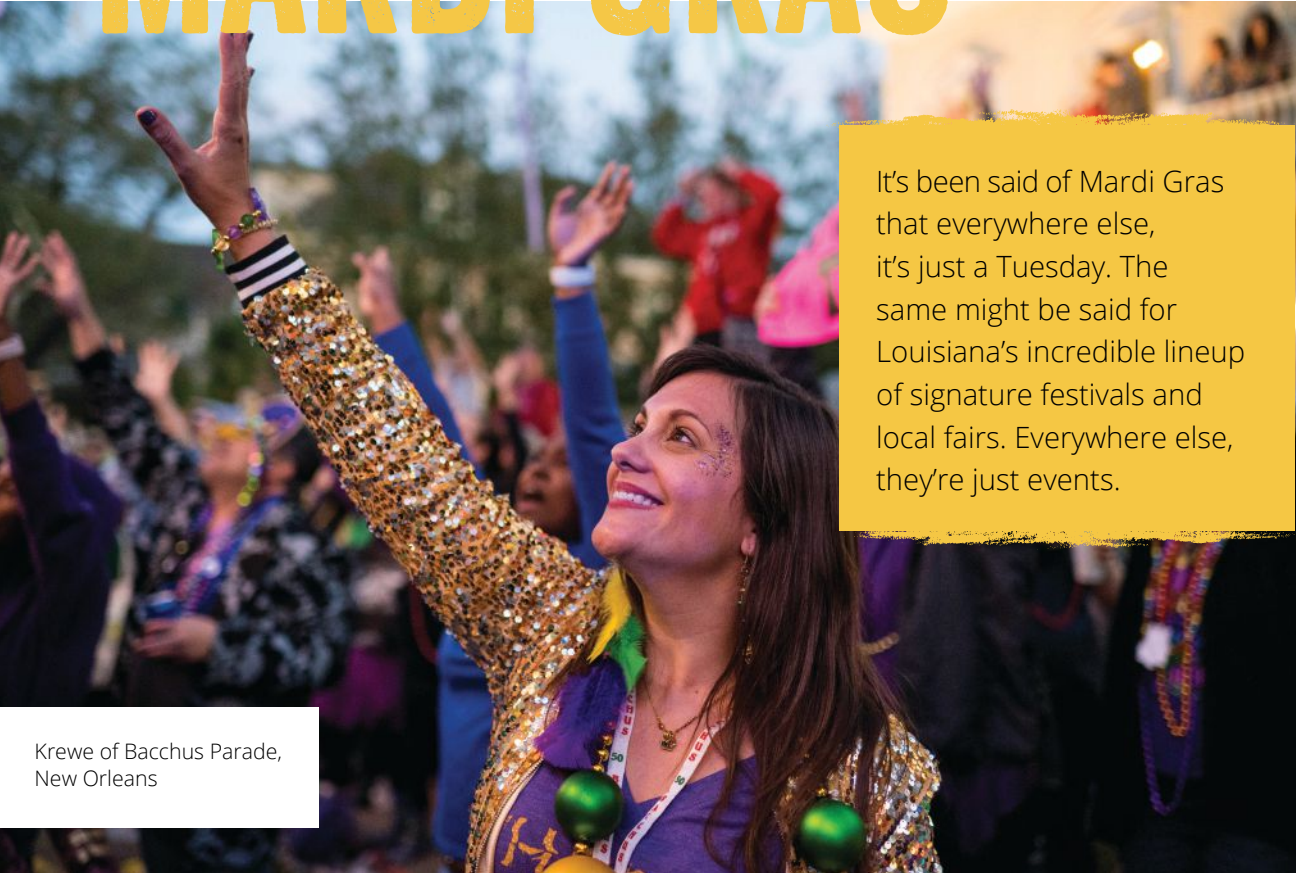
And ignite your sense of wonder during the holiday season at the St. James Parish **Festival of the Bonfires** in Litcher, the **Natchitoches Christmas Festival** and the **Light up the Lake Christmas Celebration** in Lake Charles.



**Search our full calendar!** Check out our online calendar for a schedule of fairs, festivals and signature events throughout the year at [LouisianaTravel.com/Events!](https://LouisianaTravel.com/Events!)



# EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF MARDI GRAS



It's been said of Mardi Gras that everywhere else, it's just a Tuesday. The same might be said for Louisiana's incredible lineup of signature festivals and local fairs. Everywhere else, they're just events.

Krewe of Bacchus Parade,  
New Orleans

**A**lthough **Mardi Gras** is synonymous with Fat Tuesday, **Carnival** agoes on for much longer than that, from Jan. 6 (King's Day) to the day before Ash Wednesday. It's also known for its signature colors (purple, green and gold, which stand for justice, faith and power) and its theme song of Rex, the King of Mardi Gras, which is "If Ever I Cease to Love."

Witness the spectacle yourself to hear parade-goers yell, "Throw me something, Mister," as krewe members toss "**throws**" that include hand-decorated coconuts, shoes and even toilet plungers. And be sure to eat a **king cake**, which absolutely EVERYONE does!

See the 610 Stompers, Muff-a-lettas, Amelia Airhaws and other creative **dance troupes** do their thing. Catch a glimpse at "**flambeaux**," the torch carriers who light up night parades, and the colorful **Mardi Gras Indians**.

Then venture outside New Orleans for **Courir de Mardi Gras**, where many communities across South and Central Louisiana get all dressed up in colorful outfits and go house to house, some on horseback, begging for ingredients to make a gumbo.





Courir de Mardi Gras, Eunice

Even though it's become one of the biggest parties on the planet, there are some lesser-known sides of Mardi Gras as well – like that it's great for families. Metairie is most famous for its **Family Gras** celebration, where the parades end at concerts featuring big-name entertainment.

Mardi Gras is also for the dogs. All across the state, costumed canines catch bones, not beads, at parades like the **Mystic Krewe of Barkus** in New Orleans, **Krewe of Barkus and Meoux** in Shreveport, and **Krewe des Chien** in Lafayette. Speaking of dogs, did you know the **Krewe of Highland** in Shreveport is famous for tossing hot dogs?

While Mardi Gras is called “the biggest free show on Earth,” the **‘tit Rex** parade in the Marigny thinks small. You see, ‘tit is short for “petit” and, instead of the triple-decker super floats you see at some parades, this micro-krewe is known for its tiny shoebox floats with Barbie and Ken doll-sized monarchs.

Simply put, there's nothing more fun than Mardi Gras in Louisiana. From Grand Cane to Grand Coteau to Grand Isle and all points over, under and in between, folks yell “Laissez les bons temps rouler!” – **“Let the good times roll!”**

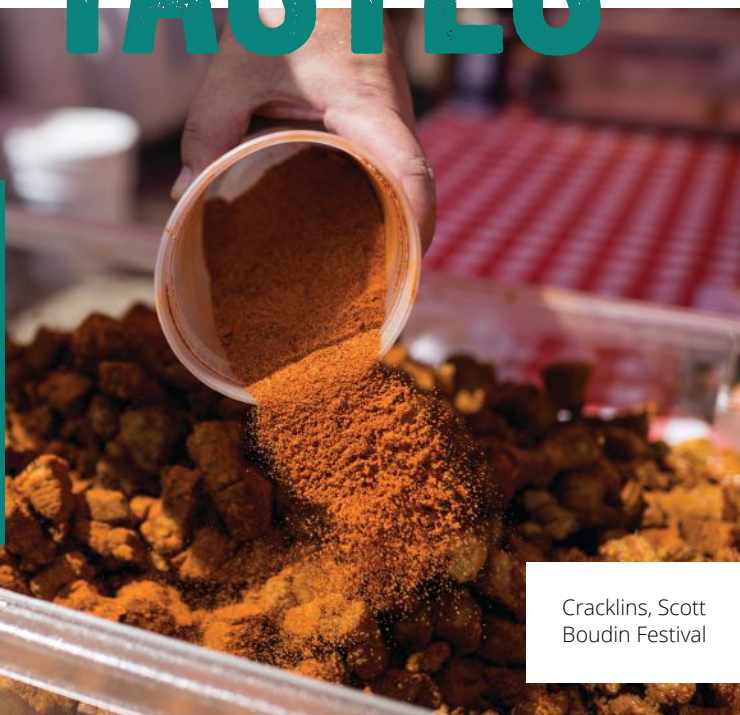


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# LOUISIANA'S TOP TASTES

Phenomenal food abounds in Louisiana. This is Cajun/Creole/Southern Country, y'all, and here's a serving of some of the state's most iconic dishes!



Cracklins, Scott Boudin Festival

**D**ive into a bowl of **gumbo**, a dark rich stew of stock, meat, seafood, celery, peppers and onions – it's so popular it's the official state food. But don't confuse it with **étouffée**, a rice dish smothered with crawfish or shrimp simmered in a lighter roux, or **jambalaya**, a seasoned rice studded with chicken and smoked sausage.

**Po'boys** may very well be the unofficial state sandwich, a glorious handful of meat or fried seafood stuffed inside a wedge of French bread featuring a soft center and crispy crust. Created in New Orleans, the popular Superdome-shaped **muffuletta** sandwich is stuffed with Italian deli meats and cheeses spiked with a tangy olive spread.

Although **boudin** may not seem like a hand-held treat, this sausage of seasoned cooked pork, rice, onions and peppers is often a finger food for the locals. So are crispy **cracklins**, addictive little bits of pork fat and skin that are deep-fried until golden delicious.

When it comes to dessert, you can't get much more "Louisiana" than **bananas foster**. Invented in New Orleans and often flambéed and served tableside, the showstopping dish features bananas cooked in butter and sugar, then topped with a warm sauce made with butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, dark rum and banana liqueur.

And you can either start or end your day with a plate of pillowy, powdered-sugary, deep-fried **beignets**, which will turn you against plain donuts forevermore.



## Trending Tables

Louisiana is famous for its century-old restaurants, but we don't rest on our laurels. There's always someplace new to discover.

In North Louisiana, get back to nature outside and in with a yummy plant-forward menu from **Glow Alchemy Kitchen** in Shreveport, where Chef Jessica Comegys is taking sustainability and wellness to delicious heights.

Trendy taqueria **The Pink Agave** in Ponchatoula offers an explosion of colors through both the art on its walls and the rainbow of Instagrammable margaritas customers love. Their following has grown so much that they've opened a second location in Covington.

Swanky **Jewel of the South** in New Orleans has received multiple awards for its bartender and innovative cocktails, including *Esquire's* coveted "Best Bars in America" in 2022.

From trending tables to trending ... trucks? **Main Street Truck Park** in Pineville is on a roll as a popular gathering spot for live entertainment and rotating food vendors offering an ever-changing lineup of good eats.


Glow Alchemy  
Kitchen, Shreveport



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You don't have to look far to see what we mean. North and Central Louisiana's

waters are filled with delectable sac-à-lait, bass, catfish and bluegill, all of which have become the staples of Louisiana soul food. Of course, there's the Gulf of Mexico itself, which has made Louisiana the nation's second-largest seafood supplier.

Guess that's also why we have oh-so-many seafood festivals and world-renowned seafood restaurants for you to enjoy. Here's where to catch, where to enjoy and how to celebrate the best Louisiana seafood!





Louisiana seafood boil

GET TO KNOW LOUISIANA'S SEAFOOD

	Fun Facts	The Fests	Find it Here
SHRIMP	Louisiana leads all other states in shrimp landings (catches), with 102.5 million pounds of the crustaceans caught here annually.	<b>Louisiana Shrimp &amp; Petroleum Festival</b> , <i>Morgan City</i> <b>Delcambre Shrimp Festival</b> , <i>Delcambre</i>	<b>Voleo's</b> , <i>Lafitte</i> <b>Craws, Claws &amp; Tails</b> , <i>Vidalia</i>
CRAWFISH	All of the crawfish grown in the U.S. — down to the last tail — is harvested in Louisiana.	<b>Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival</b> , <i>Breaux Bridge</i> <b>Louisiana Crawfish Festival</b> , <i>Chalmette</i>	<b>Crawfish Town USA</b> , <i>Henderson</i> <b>Peck's Seafood</b> , <i>Slidell</i> <b>Boudreau &amp; Thibodeau's Cajun Cookin'</b> , <i>Houma</i>
FIN FISH	Almost half the catfish consumed in the U.S. comes from Louisiana, along with massive harvests of red snapper, tuna and drum.	<b>Plaquemines Parish Seafood Festival</b> , <i>Belle Chasse</i> <b>Louisiana Catfish Festival</b> , <i>Des Allemands</i>	<b>Casamento's Restaurant</b> , <i>New Orleans</i> <b>Spahr's Seafood</b> , <i>Des Allemands</i> <b>Trapp's</b> , <i>West Monroe</i>
OYSTERS	Most Gulf of Mexico oysters come from Louisiana waters, many of which are flown to fine dining restaurants throughout the U.S.	<b>Amite Oyster Festival</b> , <i>Amite</i> <b>New Orleans Oyster Festival</b> , <i>New Orleans</i>	<b>ACME Oyster House</b> , <i>New Orleans</i> <b>Shucks!</b> , <i>Abbeville</i>
BLUE CRAB	Louisiana produces more than a quarter of all of these crustaceans that Americans consume.	<b>St. Tammany Crab Festival</b> , <i>Slidell</i> <b>Holly Beach Crab Festival</b> , <i>Cameron</i>	<b>Seafood Palace</b> , <i>Lake Charles</i> <b>Drusilla Seafood Restaurant</b> , <i>Baton Rouge</i> <b>Fiery Crab</b> , <i>Alexandria</i>
ALLIGATOR	Louisiana has the nation's highest alligator population, and is home to dozens of farms sustainably harvesting them.	<b>Alligator Festival</b> , <i>Luling</i> <b>Mudbug Madness</b> , <i>Shreveport</i>	<b>Middendorf's</b> , <i>Akers</i> <b>Regatta Seafood &amp; Steakhouse</b> , <i>Lake Arthur</i> <b>Mama's Oyster House</b> , <i>Natchitoches</i>



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# TIME FOR A DRINK, YA' THINK?

If the phrase “it’s 5 o’clock somewhere” wasn’t invented here, it should’ve been. Louisianans love to let the good times roll with a delicious libation, from classic brunch cocktails in the morning, to frosty afternoon craft beers on the water, to a one-of-a-kind nightcap in a jazz lounge. Cheers!

The Seventh Tap Brewing Project, Shreveport

## Toast a New Day

It’s said brunch was invented in the French Quarter and it’s now been reinvented at **Atchafalaya**, tucked inside a Creole cottage in New Orleans’ Irish Channel neighborhood. A lively affair, brunch here features excellent entertainment and cocktails paired with worldly dishes like Tuscan eggs over polenta, zesty Huevos Rancheros and plantain-crust Gulf fish with Spanish rice. Further north in Alexandria, **The Bentley Room** is known for its Hangover Burger and Bacon Jalapeno Bloody

Marys. Love you some bottomless mimosas? Climb into the **Frozen Pirogue** in Bossier City.

## Craft Your Lunch Hour

Brewski, barley pop, hop juice ... nothing beats an ice-cold beer during the lunch hour. On Tchoupitoulas Street in New Orleans, you’ll find several places to imbibe, including **NOLA Brewery**, **Urban South** and **Port Orleans Brewing Company**. Farm fresh never tasted so good at **Istrouma Brewing** in St. Gabriel. And don’t be fooled by the name: **The Wurst Biergarten** in Lafayette is the best.



In Shreveport, soak up art, live music, food and craft beers in the taproom, patio or garden at **The Seventh Tap Brewing Project**. On the other side of the Red River there, sip a hand-crafted cocktail at **BeauxJax Crafthouse**, just one reason it was named "Bossier's #1 Overall Restaurant."

## Up for a Night Cap?

You find the libations and entertainment are fine at **Brass Monkey Pub & Patio** in Monroe. And the **Hayride Scandal** in Baton Rouge claims to be a haven of red velvet, white marble and dark secrets. Drink it all in.

## Distill My Heart

Think Louisiana sugarcane is just for iced tea? Not so fast. It also makes some superior rum. At **Wildcat Brothers**, Acadiana's first craft rum distillery, you can pick up offerings like Sweet Crude, the rum of the official Lafayette cocktail, The Rouler.

But rum isn't all we do. **Yellowfin Distillery** in Sulphur is the maker of Yellowfin Vodka, applauded for its rich, clean flavor. At **Bayou Terrebonne Distillers** in Houma, you'll hear about the owner's great grandmother, Lily, a Mardi Gras Queen and moonshiner. Contraband, their Louisiana corn whiskey, is a most-drinkable souvenir.

In Baton Rouge, **Oxbow Rum Distillery** has been raising sugarcane on the banks of an ancient Mississippi River oxbow since 1859. And as you might expect, there are several distilleries in New Orleans.

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Oxbow Rum Distillery,  
Baton Rouge

Oxbow Rum Distillery



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# CUE THE TUNES



Everybody knows jazz was born in Louisiana, but that's not the only cradle we rocked here. John Lennon famously said, "There wouldn't have been a Beatles without a Fats Domino," singling out the New Orleans-born pianist. Cajun music, zydeco and swamp pop also got their starts here.

Preservation Hall,  
New Orleans





Ruby's Roadhouse,  
Mandeville

**T**he streets of Louisiana are paved with music! It lives within the soul of our people, and you can feel it in the rhythm of our lives. It's no wonder so many musicians come or live here to find inspiration. After all, music not only thrives here, but lots of the music we love today was born here.

In New Orleans, there's nothing like a night at **Three Muses**, **Tipitina's**, **Maple Leaf Bar** or the clubs on **Frenchmen Street**. Jonesing for authentic jazz? Check a night at

**Palm Court Jazz Café** off your bucket list. **Dew Drop Jazz & Social Hall** (circa 1895) and **Ruby's Roadhouse** (circa 1930), both in Mandeville, are must-jams as well. Further upriver in Baton Rouge, the **Varsity Theatre** hosts rock, funk, blues, pop and more near the campus of LSU.

What is it about Louisiana that inspires musicians of all kinds – jazz, blues, rock, rap, bounce ... you name it? Put on your dancing shoes and come find out.



## MUSIC

Come learn the two-step at Cajun dance halls like **Fred's Lounge** in Mamou, **Paul's Playhouse** in Sunset, **La Poussière** in Breaux Bridge and **Cajun Country Dance Hall** in Church Point. **Artmosphere Bistro**, a cozy bar in Lafayette, hosts both local bands and Grammy-winning musicians.

Northern Louisiana is the birthplace of many country music stars, including Faron Young, Mickey Gilley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Lucinda Williams, Hank Williams Jr., Tim McGraw and Trace Adkins.

The state song, "You Are My Sunshine," was written by Country Music Hall of Famer and

former Louisiana governor Jimmie Davis. If you're a fan, swing by the **Shreveport Municipal Auditorium** where Hank Williams Sr. and Elvis performed at the famous "Louisiana Hayride" back in their heydays. In fact, the phrase "Elvis has left the building" was first uttered when Elvis left the stage here.

At **Big Country** in Bossier City, not only will you get to hear some great tunes, but you can take a line-dancing class or ride the mechanical bull. And don't miss **Enoch's Irish Pub** in Monroe, where outlaw country legend Jerry Jeff Walker and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown have wowed crowds.

Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, Shreveport







French Quarter  
Festival, New Orleans

## Sound-sational!

Just like there's air to breathe, there's pretty much music at every Louisiana festival. New Orleans hosts the **French Quarter Festival**, **Essence Fest** and so many others. The state's capital city is home to the **Baton Rouge Blues Festival** and sounds from the **Highland Jazz & Blues Festival** fill the air in Shreveport. The **Acadia Music Fest** lights up Thibodeaux and folks in Lake Charles can't wait for the **Cajun Music & Food Festival** every year.

In Central Louisiana, fans rush to the **Natchitoches Jazz/R&B Festival** and music isn't the only draw at the **Alex River Fete** in Alexandria. There's local art, classic cars and a beer garden, too!

Up north, the **Red River Revel** has been going strong for 47 years in Shreveport. And even though the **Louisiana Peach Festival** doesn't have music in its name, this 74-year-old party offers 12+ hours of live music in charming downtown Ruston. Both your taste buds and your feet will be dancing.



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# A PATCHWORK OF CULTURES

So many different groups have given a piece of themselves to create the patchwork of Louisiana. It is evident in our food, music, even the way we talk. Whether you're marveling at architecture or learning a dance move, this unique blend of history and culture is unmatched.



Whitney Plantation, Edgard



The Cabildo, New Orleans



**N**ative Americans, Spanish, French, Africans, Acadians, Isleños, Germans, Italians, Irish, Haitians, Filipinos, Vietnamese, Mexicans and many more. Louisiana is a patchwork of cultures waiting to be explored.

Let's start at the beginning with the Native Americans who were here first. At **Poverty Point World Heritage Site** in Pioneer, learn about the Chitimacha at one of the earliest known civilizations in North America, dating back more than 3,000 years.

The first permanent European settlement in the Louisiana Purchase territory was

Natchitoches, established in 1714, and a trip to the **Fort Jean Baptiste State Historic Site** there is a must. Four years later, New Orleans was founded, and the **Cabildo** and **Presbytere** museums are filled with artifacts telling fascinating stories.

Beginning in 1719, enslaved Africans were brought to Louisiana. **Whitney Plantation** in Edgard and **Laura Plantation** in Vacherie share the real stories of their struggles in a world that offered them so little. At **Destrehan Plantation** in Destrehan, you can take the "Unheard Voices of the German Coast" tour.



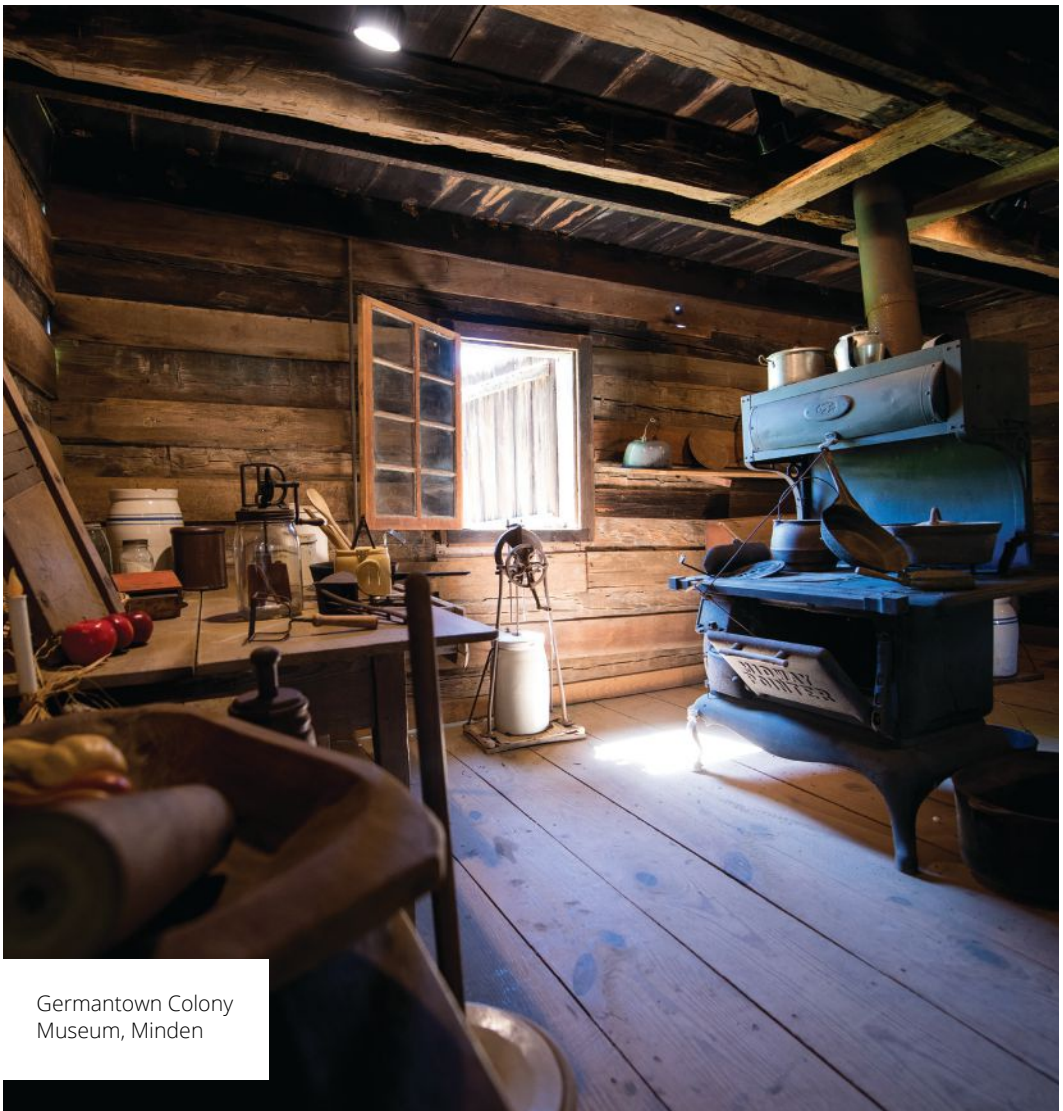
## HISTORY

The years from 1765 to 1785 marked the great immigration of the Acadians (now known as Cajuns), a group of French Canadians who were exiled to Louisiana. In Lafayette, learn more at **Acadian Village**, **Vermilionville Living History Museum**, **Folklife Park** and the **Acadian Cultural Center**, part of **Jean Lafitte National Historical Park**.

In North Louisiana, just outside Minden, visit the **Germantown Colony Museum**. In the New Orleans area, experience the story of Italian immigrants at the fascinating **American Italian Cultural Center**, the

Irish at **Irish Cultural Center of New Orleans** and the Isleños people from the Canary Islands at **Los Isleños Museum and Historic Village** in St. Bernard.

There are also festivals celebrating the many cultures that make Louisiana, well, Louisiana, such as **Festival International de Louisiane** in Lafayette, the **Zwolle Tamale Fiesta** and the **Northeast Louisiana Celtic Festival** in West Monroe. Plus you won't want to miss **Que Pasa Fest** and the **Tet Festival**, celebrating the Vietnamese New Year, both in the New Orleans area.



Germantown Colony  
Museum, Minden



## Preserving the Past

Louisiana is full of historic buildings that have been preserved to continue sharing their stories today.

Although the first Coca-Cola bottler built it as a home back in 1913, **The Biedenharn Museum & Gardens** in Monroe has since been refreshed to house the Coca-Cola Museum.

In downtown Natchitoches, visit the fascinating **Roque House**, built in 1803 by Yves Pacale, a free man of color. A remarkable example of the Creole style of French architecture along Cane River, the home was constructed with hand-hewn cypress held together by a mixture of mud, Spanish moss and animal hair.

Close by at **Frogmore Plantation**, you'll find 19 restored historic structures you can tour while learning about both historic and modern cotton-making processes.

In New Orleans, **Dooky Chase's Restaurant** opened its doors in 1941 and soon became a hot spot to enjoy music and discuss the Civil Rights issues of the day. Today, you can soak up that history while enjoying a menu of Louisiana and Creole favorites. Explore it and other important sites at **LouisianaCivilRightsTrail.com**.



Roque House,  
Natchitoches



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Dreaming of a white picket fence and charming gardens? On the other side of the top of the state you'll find the **John Thomas Bed and Breakfast**. Built in 1904 in Monroe's Historic Cotton Port, the property features three suites and a carriage house.





Carousel Bar at Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans

On a picturesque bayou in Cheneyville, surrounded by sugar cane fields and live oaks, sits **Loyd Hall Plantation**. The views are great but, if you're lucky, you won't see the ghost of the double agent who was hung here on the lawn during the Civil War. Nestled in the woods in Basile is **Crying Eagle Lodge**, a wilderness resort where deer and your soul can run free. When you're not out fishing, swimming, kayaking, playing tennis, hiking, mountain biking or going on a wildlife tour, you can relax in luxury.

In New Orleans, the historic **Hotel Monteleone** offers a view of the Vieux. (Royal Street, to be exact.) Check into a Literary Suite, each one named for one of the hotel's famous guests like Truman Capote, William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams and Ernest Hemingway. Before you settle down for the night, go for a ride on the revolving Carousel Bar.

And quite possibly one of the most stunning views in all of Louisiana awaits at the **Four Seasons Hotel** overlooking the Mississippi River and Canal Street.



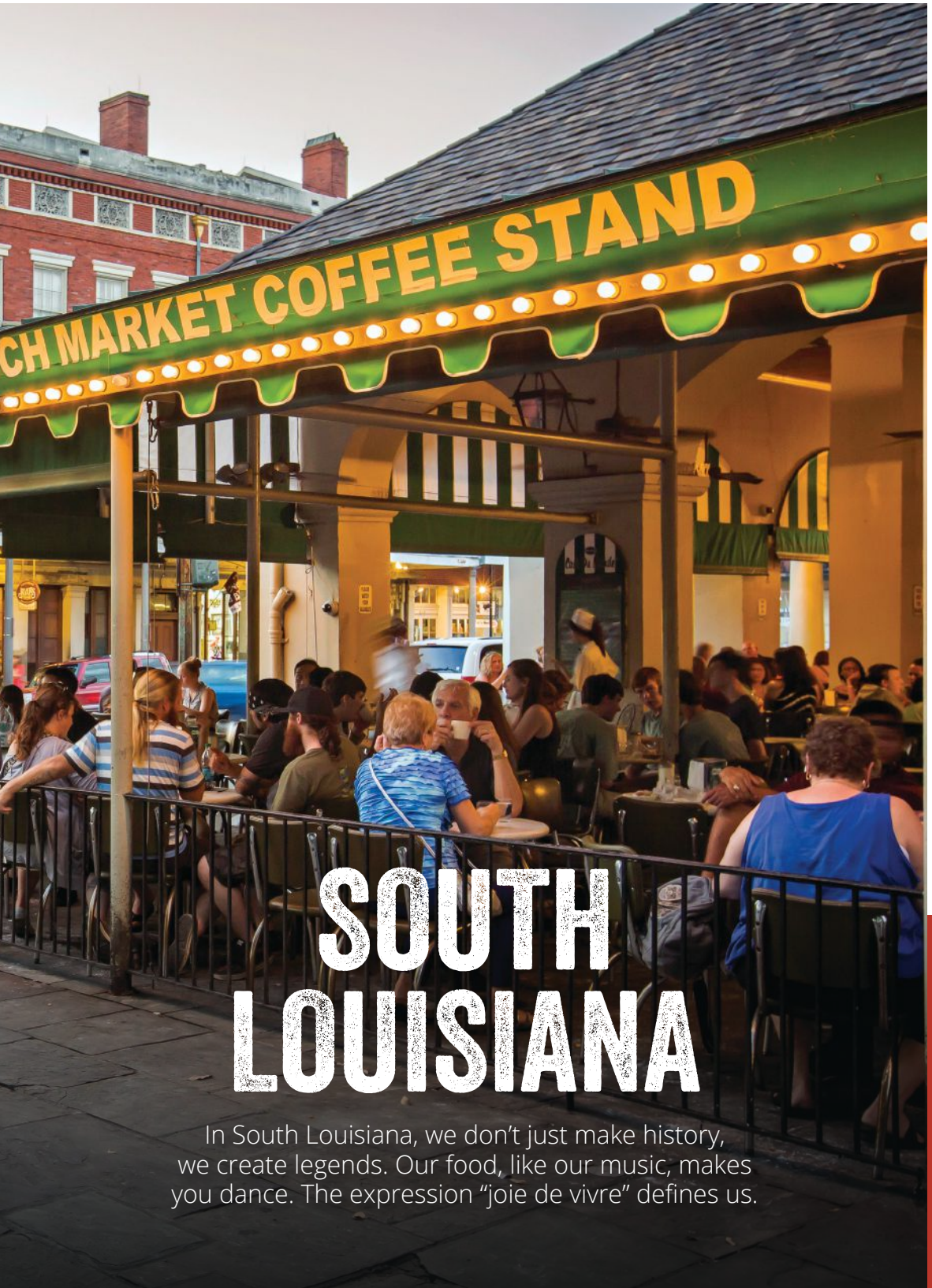
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Old State Capitol,  
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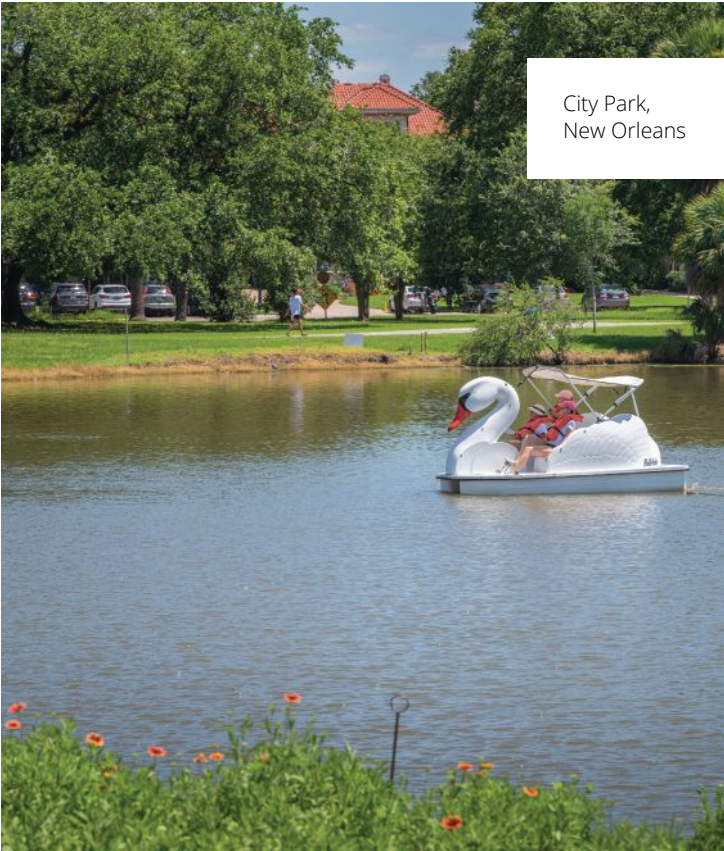
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## NEW HOTELS HIT THE SCENE IN NEW ORLEANS

Check out these new and renovated hotels in New Orleans.

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On the edge of the French Quarter, **Hotel Indigo New Orleans** opened in 2022 with

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Completing a full-blown makeover, **New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District** is re-welcoming guests to its 19th century building now replete with updated rooms featuring a modern motif that mirrors the area's artsy vibe.

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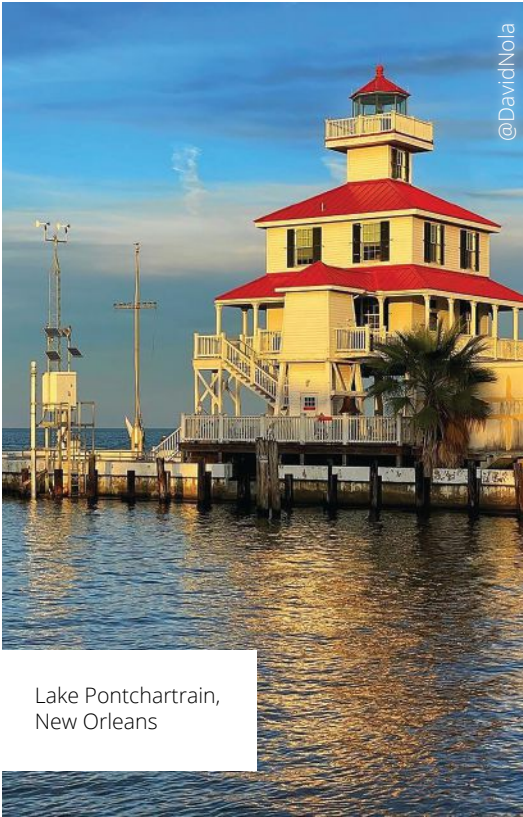
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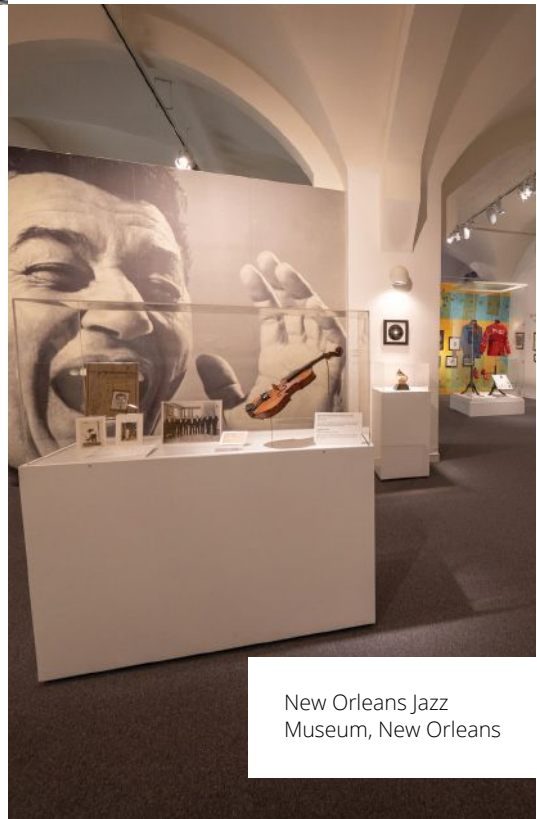
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New Orleans Jazz  
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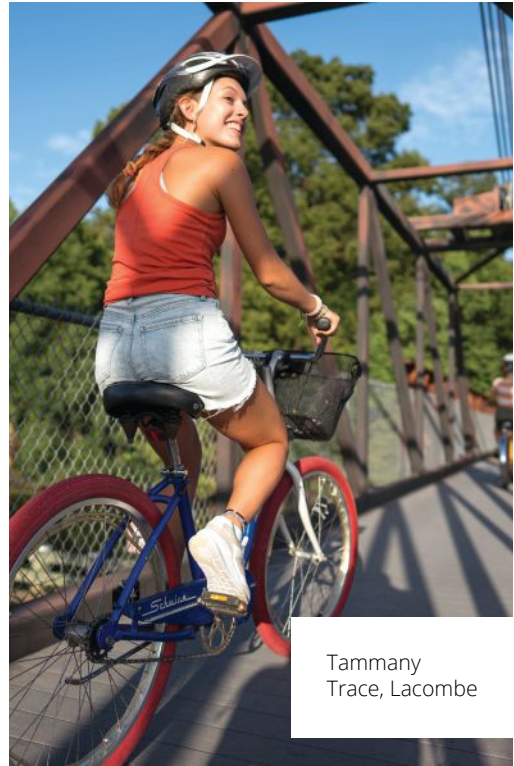




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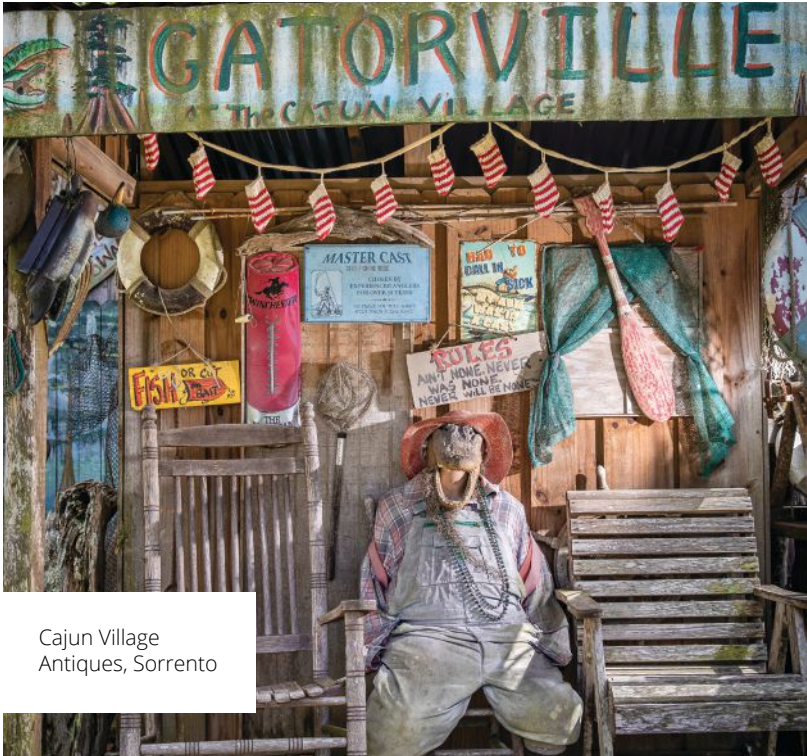
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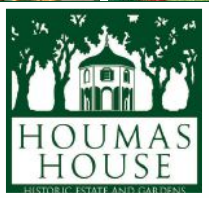
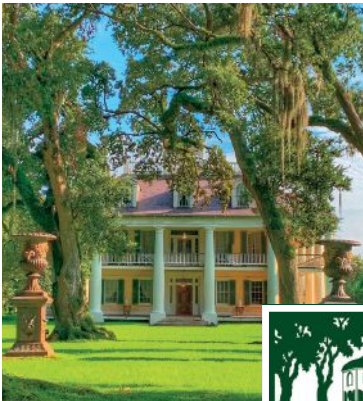


# FOLLOW THE RIVER ROAD

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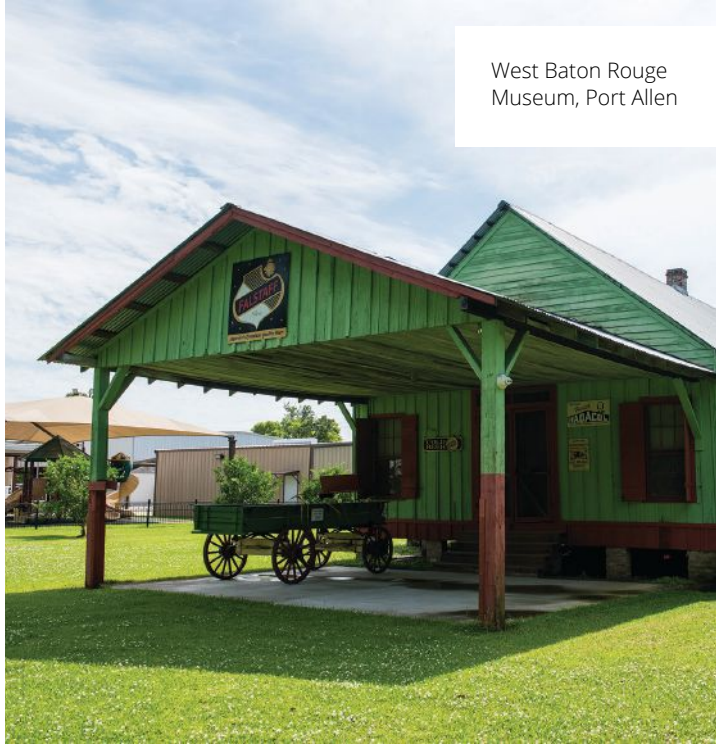




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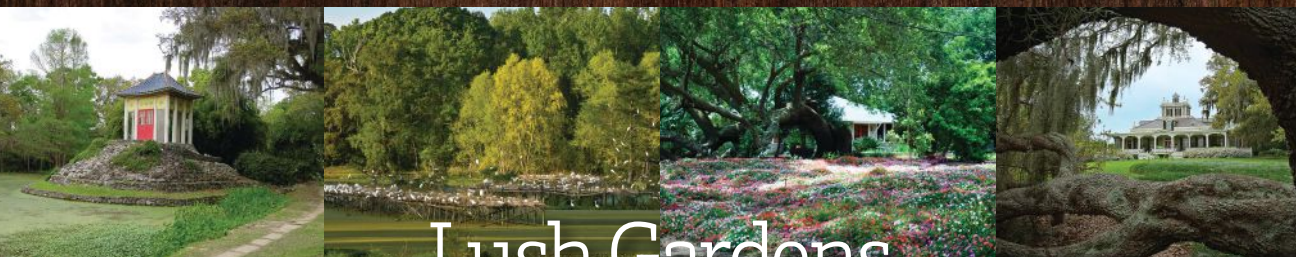
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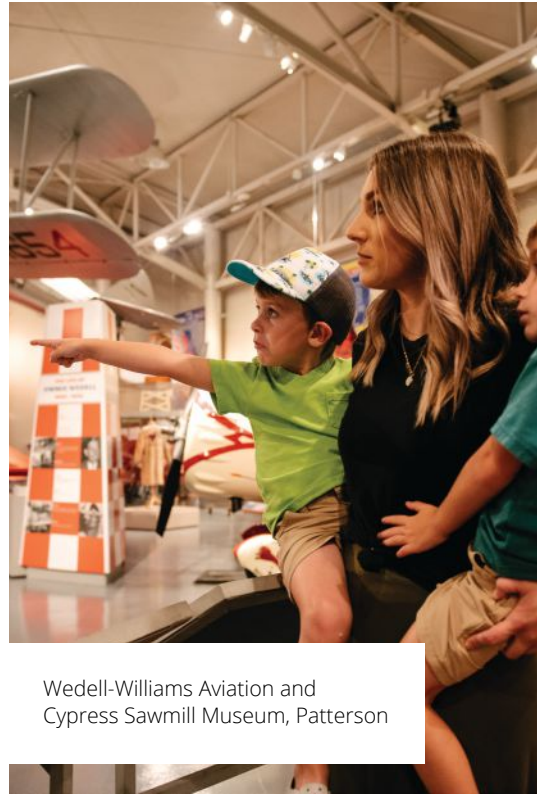




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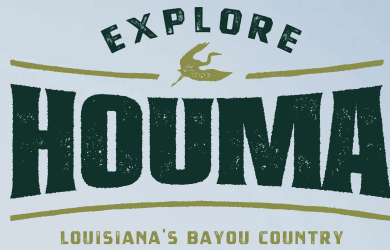


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## EXPLORE THE CENTRAL REGION!

After a visit to Central Louisiana, you'll long recall the simple yet meaningful images of folk artist Clementine Hunter, who once lived at **Melrose Plantation** near Natchitoches. You'll imagine Generals Eisenhower and Patton planning the Louisiana Maneuvers during World War II at the **Hotel Bentley** in Alexandria. And you'll dance a little, remembering rock-n-roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis, whom you got to know a little better at the **Delta Music Museum** in Ferriday.

You'll pause in memory of outlaw Leather Britches Smith, immortalized at **Merryville Historical Society & Museum**, and for two men hung for their crimes in the stairwell at **The Gothic Jail** in DeRidder.

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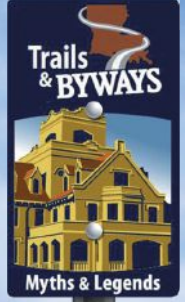
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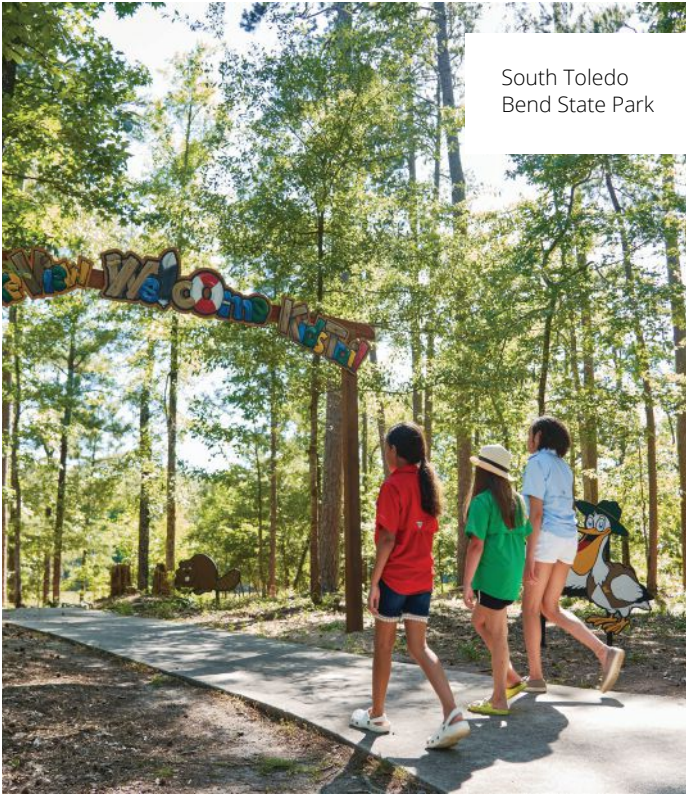






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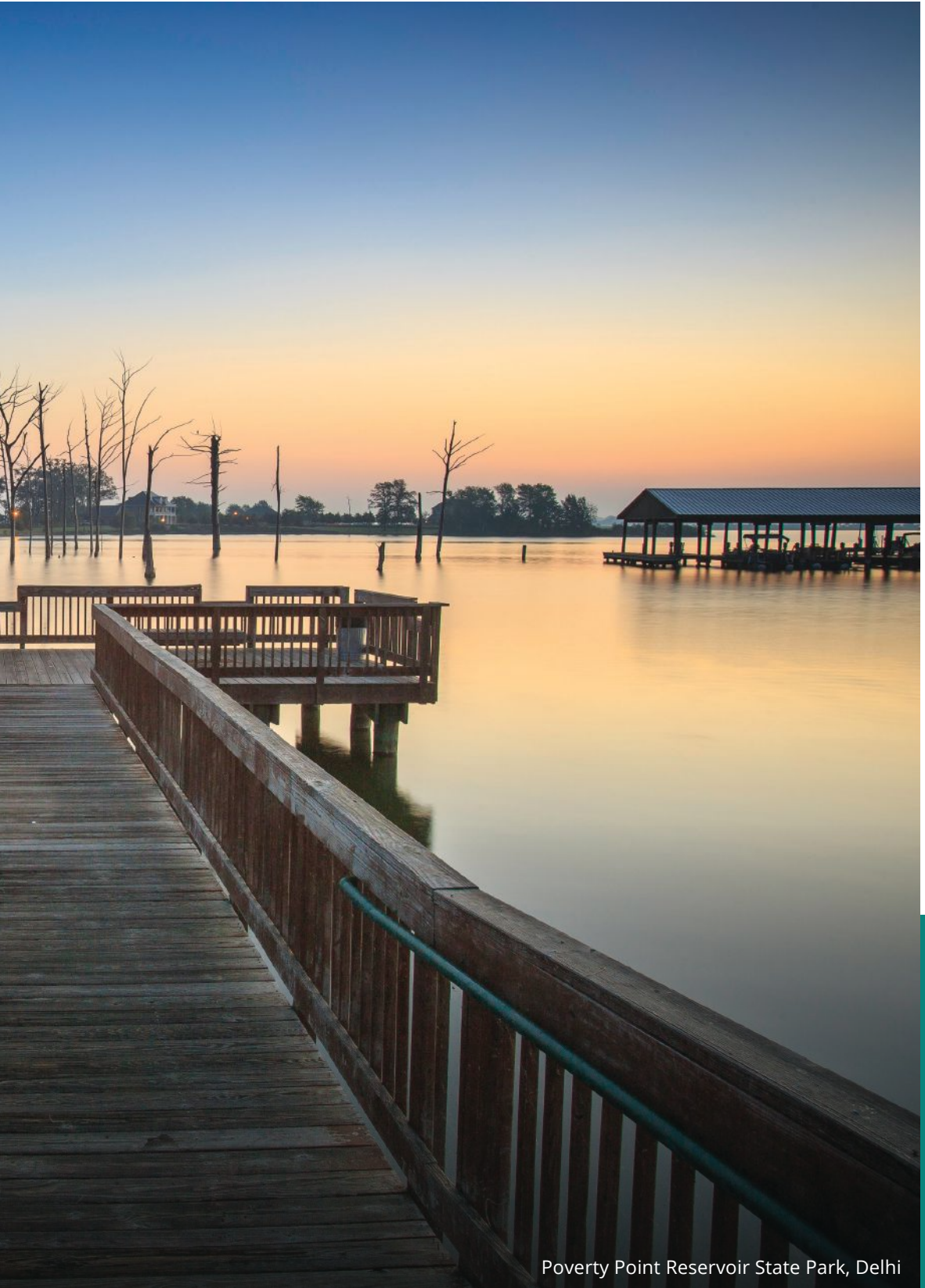




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