

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

ST. LANDRY

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SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA



Arnaudville | Cankton | Eunice | Grand Coteau
Krotz Springs | Leonville | Melville | Opelousas
Palmetto | Port Barre | Sunset | Washington

FESTIVALS | ANTIQUES | ART | MUSIC | CUISINE | RACINO

CAJUNTRAVEL.COM | 337.948.8004



CAJUN COUNTRY *EVENTS*

JANUARY

Gumbo Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.331.2837

TheGumboFoundation.org | Last Saturday

FEBRUARY

Cajun Country

Courir de Mardi Gras

Eunice | 337.457.7389 | Eunice-La.com

5-day celebration beginning the Friday before
Mardi Gras day

Lil Nate's Annual l'Argent Chicken Run and Rodeo

Opelousas | 337.319.0639 | 832.217.6935

3-day celebration beginning the Friday
before Mardi Gras day

MARCH

Here's the Beef Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.684.6751 | 1st Sunday

World Championship

Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off

Eunice | 337.457.2565 | EtouffeeCookoff.org

Last Sunday, except when it conflicts
with Easter, then 2nd to last Sunday

APRIL

Arnaudville Étouffée Festival

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912 | Last weekend

MAY

A Celebration of Herbs & Gardens

Sunset | 337.662.5225

SunsetHerbFestival.com | 1st Saturday

Sportsmen's Heritage Festival

Krotz Springs | 337.566.3527

ksSportsmensHeritageFestival.com

Last full weekend

JULY

Lebeau Zydeco Festival

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362

1st Saturday | LebeauZydecoFestival.com

Southwest Louisiana Attakapas Opelousas Prairie Tribe Festival

Opelousas | 337.246.0718

AttakapasOpelousasPrairieTribes.com

Last Saturday

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival

Opelousas | 337.290.6048 | Zydeco.org

Saturday before Labor Day

OCTOBER

Experience Louisiana Festival

Eunice | 337.457.1776 | 4th weekend

ExperienceLouisiana.org

Sweet Dough Pie Festival

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058

SweetDoughGC.com | 4th Saturday

NOVEMBER

Holy Ghost Creole Bazaar & Festival

Opelousas | 337.942.2732

HolyGhostCreoleFestival.com | 1st weekend

Festival of Words

Grand Coteau | 337.254.9695

FestivalOfWords.org | 1st weekend

Cracklin Festival

Port Barre | 337.457.1776

PortBarreCracklinFestival.com

2nd weekend

DECEMBER

Al Berard Music Festival

Arnaudville | 337.344.3821

AlBerard.com | 1st Saturday

*When planning your visit, please refer to the EVENTS PAGE on our website
cajuntravel.com for updates and additional events.*

WELCOME TO ST. LANDRY PARISH

Bienvenue à la paroisse de Saint Landry

Feel like a local in St. Landry Parish, a rural-heritage destination with a rich history and a people who will find any excuse to celebrate life! With festivities that celebrate art, Cajun and zydeco music, crawfish étouffée, Mardi Gras, and sweet dough pies, you will certainly experience *joie de vivre*, Louisiana style.

The area's vibrant traditions come from the diverse people who have called it home. Acadian, Creole, French, African, Spanish, Italian, and Native American people have influenced our way of life for almost three centuries. Today, you will meet folks who still speak Louisiana French, young musicians performing traditional Cajun and Creole music, and families who have been doing “farm to table” before it was cool.

In 2018, the parish will honor one of its finest locals, the late musician, Amédé Ardoin, with a life-size statue of him located at the St. Landry Parish Visitor Information Center. In preparation of this tribute, we invite travelers to complete the **Legendary Locals Scavenger Hunt** below! Track your progress with the hashtag, #LegendaryLocals.

Can you find them all?

- ▲ “Key of Z” Rubboard – Hint: Zydeco Music Exhibit
- ▲ Cleoma Falcon’s guitar – Hint: Hall of Fame
- ▲ The Clifton Chenier Tribute Fiddle – Hint: Fiddle Mania
- ▲ An accordion made by Marc Savoy – Hint: Eunice, LA
- ▲ Amédé Ardoin Statue – Hint: St. Landry Parish Visitor Center



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**LOUISIANA
CULTURAL DISTRICTS**
Purchase Tax-Free Art



CORRIDOR DES ARTS
along Hwys. 182, 93, 31, 347
Sunset, Grand Coteau,
Arnaudville, Cecilia, Henderson

Photos Courtesy of: Bella Noel Photography by Melanie Doucet,
Alan Karchmer, KEUN 105.5 FM, Ashley Michot, David Simpson

A SOUTH LOUISIANA TRADITION

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo

1 (4-5lb.) chicken, cut into pieces

Tony Chachere's Original

*Creole Seasoning**

4 tbsp. *LouAna Vegetable Oil**

4 tbsp. flour

2 large onions, chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

1 green bell pepper, chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 lb. *Savoies Smoked Sausage**, sliced

3 quarts water

3 tbsp. green onions, chopped

3 tbsp. parsley, chopped

***ST. LANDRY PARISH PRODUCT**

Season chicken to taste with *Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning*.* In a large heavy pot, heat oil until hot and gradually add flour, stirring continuously until well blended. Lower heat and continue stirring until roux is chocolate brown. Add chopped onion, celery, bell pepper, and garlic. Stir well and let vegetables begin to wilt. Slowly add water stirring to dissolve roux. Add chicken, sliced smoked sausage and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1½ hours or until meat is tender. Add additional seasoning along with green onions and parsley. Serve in soup bowls with rice. Yields 10 servings. Don't forget baked yams on the side!





Parlez-vous Français?

Evidence of our French heritage is everywhere you look, from our visitors guide *en français*, signs, newspapers, and menus to everyday phrases and surnames, French culture and language are on full display here. Throughout the parish, it's very common to still hear both Cajun and Creole French being spoken.

Radio stations like **KBON 101.1FM** and **KRVS 88.7FM** feature programs such as ***Bonjour Louisiane*** and ***Rendez-vous des Cajun*** that are broadcast *en français*. However, the largest celebration of the language is ***Semaine de la Francophonie (Francophonie Week)***, which is held annually in Arnaudville and surrounding communities, where one in four residents still speaks French.

Arnaudville is also home to **NUNU Arts & Culture Collective**, which has been designated one of 12 “French Corners” in the United States.

Several towns in St. Landry Parish are part of the ***Francophone and Francophile Cities Network***, which is a network of cities across North America that create trails for travelers interested in knowing more about French language and culture.

La Table Française gatherings are held throughout the parish where locals share conversation *en français* over a cup of coffee. Young and old, tourists, and non-French speakers are all welcome to join in.

While browsing **CajunTravel.com**, look for the phrase “*Ici on parle français*” or French is spoken here.



LA TABLE FRANÇAISE

ARNAUDVILLE - last Saturday of the month - 9AM

La Table Jeunesse | last Sunday of the month - 3PM

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective | 1510 Bayou Courtableau Rd. | 337.453.3307

EUNICE - every Friday - 9AM-10AM

Le Café Cajun | LSU Eunice, 2048 Johnson Hwy. | 337.550.1390

Located in Room 117 in the Continuing Education Building.

OPELOUSAS - last Wednesday of the month - 8:30AM

Le Vieux Village | 828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263

Located in the Whiteville School House

ARNAUDVILLE

“Cultural economy” is not just a buzz phrase to this town of 1,400 residents located at the junction of **Bayou Teche** and **Bayou Fuselier**.

In recent years, Arnaudville has become a haven for musicians, artists, and champions of the French language. Through a partnership with the French Consulate in New Orleans as well as with France, Canada, and Haiti, an exchange of ideas and business practices has enhanced the residents’ way of life and the economy of Arnaudville.

Arnaudville hosts two annual events in April – the **Étouffée Festival** and **Semaine de la Francophonie**. While in the fall, visitors hear local musicians at the **Al Berard Music Festival**.

Residents and visitors can enjoy coffee and conversation *en français* at a **French Table** (see pg. 5) or at the weekly **Les Courdre Pointes Quilting Circle**.



ARNAUDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER

292 Front St. | Mon–Thurs 8:30AM–12:30PM

337.754.5316 | ArnaudvilleChamberOfCommerce.com



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ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

LA POSTE

153 Fuselier St. | 337.324.2422

LaPoste.DiscoveringStuff.com |

Eclectic gift shop, quality used books and LPs, folk crafts, science wonder toys. Also, workshops, classes, jams, performances, and more. *Ici on parle français.*

NUNU ARTS & CULTURE COLLECTIVE

1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93 E)

337.453.3307

NunuCollective.org |

Thurs–Sun 11AM–4PM & by appt.

View artwork, meet working artists, shop local vendors for original art and products. Attend music and French performances and presentations. Take classes and workshops.

Ici on parle français.

TOM’S FIDDLE & BOW

204 Fuselier Rd.

337.754.5528 | 337.322.5402

TomsFiddleAndBow.com |

Mon–Fri 12PM–5:30PM, Sat by appt.

Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session 1PM–4PM the first Sunday every month.

VILLAGE DES ARTISTES

1022 Neblett St.

337.484.9190

GeorgeMarksStudio@gmail.com

Includes the George Marks Studio and adjoining Art Cottage. Studio visits by appointment. Call or email to obtain more information.

LIVE MUSIC

- **Bayou Teche Brewing**
- **La Poste**
- **Little Big Cup**
- **NUNU Arts & Culture Collective**
- **Tom’s Fiddle & Bow**

See listings and call for information.





ATTRACTIONS

BAYOU TECHE BREWING

1002 Noth Ln. | 337.303.8000

BayouTecheBrewing.com | [f](#)

Sun-Thurs 10AM-6PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-7PM

All beers are specially crafted to complement traditional cuisine. Enjoy live music every Saturday and Sunday and take a tour in English or *en français*!

CAJUN CUSTOMIZE EXCURSIONS

113 E. Railroad Ave. | 337.303.8060 | [f](#)

Explore uncharted areas of South Louisiana's swamps and bayous. See beautiful scenery, birds, and other wildlife, including alligators. Tour given in French or English.

EAT & DRINK

THE LITTLE BIG CUP

149 Fuselier Rd. | 337.754.7147

LittleBigCup.com | [f](#)

Tues 11AM-2PM, Wed-Thurs 11AM-8:30PM; Fri 11AM-9PM; Sat 9AM-9PM; Sun 9AM-2PM

Sample Cajun pork dishes at the weekend *boucherie* brunch buffet or enjoy fine dining on the deck, overlooking Bayou Fuselier. Try a specialty cocktail at The Little Big Bar. *Ici on parle français.*

MYRAN'S MAISON DE MANGER

1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31)

337.754.5064 | [f](#) | Daily 7AM-9PM

Overlooks Bayou Teche. Featuring daily plate lunches and a full menu. Boiled crawfish available when in season. Established in 1979. *Ici on parle français.*

RUSSELL'S FOOD CENTER

114 Main St. | 337.754.5722

RussellsFoodCenter.com | [f](#)

Mon-Sun 7AM-8:30PM

Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

THE CAJUN CABIN GUEST COTTAGE

113 E. Railroad St. | 337.331.6677

CajunCabinGuestCottage.com | [f](#)

Downtown, cozy cabin in walking distance to Bayou Teche, shopping, and restaurants. Swamp tours available. *Ici on parle français.*

LES DEUX MONDES

259 Front St. | 337.277.9537 | [f](#)

Nestled along Bayou Teche. 3 cottages circa 1890-1930, each historically restored with modern amenities and sustainable practices. *Ici on parle français.*



SHINY TINY HOUSE

1022 Neblett Rd. | 337.356.9429

Overnight stays and artist retreats in locally constructed tiny house with top-of-the-line features in creative community with authentic French culture. *Ici on parle français.*

THE SUNFLOWER COTTAGE

213 Olive St. | 615.417.5570

Renovated Acadian 1-bedroom cottage two blocks from downtown. Elegantly furnished with historical style, full kitchen, and WiFi. *Ici on parle français.*



CANKTON

Cankton, in the Coulee Croche area of St. Landry Parish, takes its name from Dr. Louis Aristide Guidry, who was also known as "Cank."

An avid hunter as a boy, Guidry would signal his family that he was home from a hunt with a duck call, "Cank, cank, cank." His folks would say, "Cank est revenu," (Cank is back) and the name stuck.

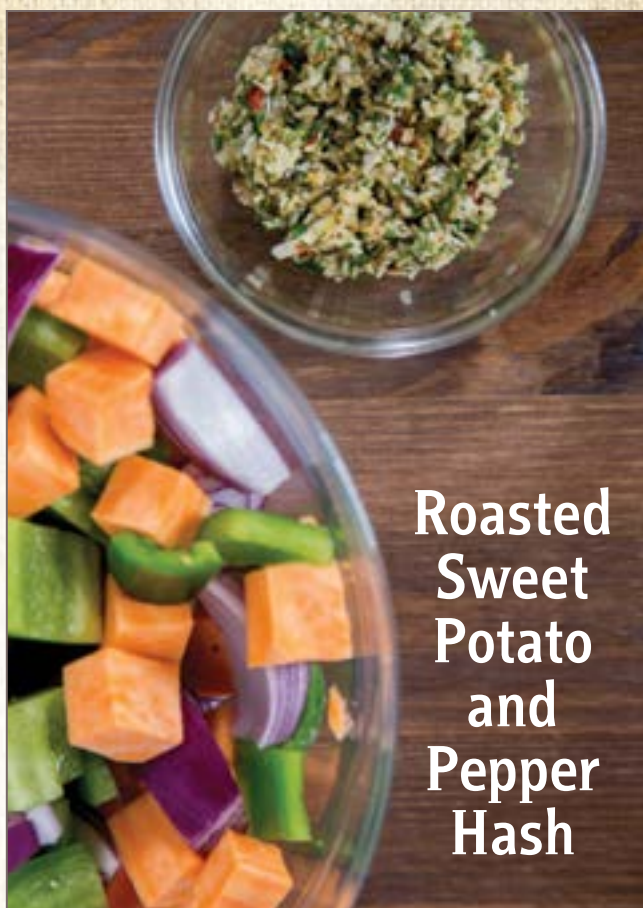


EAT & DRINK

CORMIER'S COUNTRY STORE

792 Main St. | 337.680.4191 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 6AM-9PM; Sat 7AM-10PM; Sun 7AM-9PM
On the Boudin Trail.



Roasted Sweet Potato and Pepper Hash

- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil (or oil of your choice)
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 green bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1-2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and deveined, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup rehydrated **Zydeco Chop Chop***
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 425°. Combine all oil, sweet potatoes, bell peppers, jalapeño peppers, and onion. Rehydrate Zydeco Chop Chop in water. Add Zydeco Chop Chop to vegetable mixture and mix until vegetables are well coated with Zydeco Chop Chop, then add desired amount of salt and pepper. Spread vegetables into a single layer on a foil-lined baking sheet.

Roast for 25-30 minutes.

*Find Zydeco Chop Chop at Targil Seasoning (page 22)
or visit ZydecoChopChop.com



EUNICE

Known as the “*Prairie Cajun Capital*”, Eunice is popular for its Mardi Gras tradition – ***Courir de Mardi Gras*** (see pg. 17). Visit the **Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, an interpretive center for all ages. Here exhibits focus on the history of the Acadians and how they shaped our culture on the prairie. Each Saturday afternoon cooking demos and musical performances are offered.

Just next door is the historic **Liberty Theatre**, where for almost 25 years, thousands have flocked to the live radio and TV show, “***Rendez-vous des Cajuns***,” held every Saturday night. The restored Vaudeville theatre, built in 1924, comes alive as Cajun country’s answer to the *Grand Ole Opry*, *Prairie Home Companion*, and the *Louisiana Hayride*. Cajun bands perform live on stage, while dancers waltz and two-step. This family friendly show is emceed in Cajun French and English.

Other stops on your music tour can include the downtown radio station, **KBON 101.1 FM**, that highlights Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Check out the wall with signatures of music legends. Make time to visit the **Cajun Music Hall of Fame & Museum** to see the past and present of Cajun music; you may meet one of the greats while there. Also include **Savoy Music Center**, owned by a family whose lives are built around the accordion, their heritage, and music, on your itinerary.

If in the area during the month of October, make plans to attend the **Experience Louisiana Festival**, held on the campus of **Louisiana State University at Eunice**. A great setting to hear, see, and taste what Louisiana is all about! LSU-Eunice is also home to national champion baseball and softball teams, where visiting teams and families from across the country are welcomed.

EUNICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER

200 S. C.C. Duson St. (Hwy. 13) | Mon–Fri 9AM–3PM
337.457.2565 | EuniceChamber.com



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

BELLARD'S FAMILY PHARMACY & GIFTS

621 W. Maple Ave. | 337.546.6386
BellardsPharmacy.com | [f](#)
Mon–Fri 8AM–5:30PM; Sat 8AM–1PM
Locally crafted artwork, jewelry, honey, and more.

CAJUN FLEA MARKET & AUCTION

1051 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.7274 | [f](#)
Mon–Sat 9AM–5PM

Huge collection of antique furniture, glassware, cooking ware, and more. Every first, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, attend the live auction for funky finds!

CITY AUTO ANTIQUES

100 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.457.5273 | [f](#)
Mon–Fri 8AM–5PM; Sat 9AM–12PM
Antique wooden furniture, vintage signage, glassware, and décor.

DAMIAN CUCCIO DESIGNS

110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092
Mon–Fri 9AM–5PM & by appt.
Original art includes clay pieces, ceramics, paintings, and various furniture and home accents. Groups (adults & children) of up to 20 are welcome for classes and events.
Ici on parle français.

EUNICE FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Eunice, S. Second St.
337.457.6503 | [f](#)
Summer: Wed 2PM–5PM; Sat 8AM–12PM
Fall: Sat 8AM–12PM
Seasonal garden fruits and vegetables (when available), jellies, jams, pickles, honey, breads, and more.

SAVOY MUSIC CENTER

4413 Hwy. 190 | 337.457.9563
SavoyMusicCenter.com | [f](#)
Tues–Fri 9AM–4PM; Sat 9AM–12PM
A stop for Louisiana music fans. Find books, instruments, recordings, and supplies. Marc Savoy's hand-crafted accordions are available. Public jam session every Saturday at 9AM.

ATTRACTIONS

CAJUN MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

240 S. C.C. Duson St.
337.457.6534 | [CajunFrenchMusic.org](#)
Summer: Tues–Sat 9AM–5PM;
Winter: Tues–Sat 8:30AM–4:30PM
Where the history of this region's unique form of music is preserved and showcased.

CAJUN PRAIRIE HABITAT

635 E. Magnolia Ave.
337.457.4497 | [CajunPrairie.org](#) | [f](#)
10 acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. Touted as one of the U.S.' leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species. *Ici on parle français.*

EUNICE DEPOT MUSEUM

220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540
Tues–Sat 9AM–5PM; Winter: Tues–Fri 8:30AM–4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM–4:30PM
The depot was the site where developer C.C. Duson, in 1894, auctioned lots for what became the City of Eunice. It houses educational, cultural, and historical exhibits.
Ici on parle français.

JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center

250 W. Park Ave.
337.457.8499 | [nps.gov](#) | [f](#)
Wed–Fri 9:30AM–4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM–6PM; Closed all federal holidays
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through extensive exhibits and artifacts. Music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations every Saturday.
Ici on parle français.

THE LIBERTY THEATRE

200 W. Park Ave.
337.457.7389 | [Eunice-La.com](#) | [f](#)
Sat 6PM–7:30PM
This restored 1924 Vaudeville Theatre hosts the internationally recognized radio and TV show *Rendez-vous des Cajuns*. Family friendly, emceed in French and English.
Ici on parle français.

LIVE MUSIC

- Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve
- Lakeview Park & Beach
- Rocky's Cajun Kitchen

- Savoy Music Center
 - The Liberty Theatre
- See listings and call for information.



EAT & DRINK

ALLISON'S HICKORY PIT

501 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.9218 | [f](#) | Sat-Sun 10AM-2PM
Serving barbecue dinners and sandwiches.
Call early for ribs! Take-out orders only.

CAFÉ MOSAIC

202 S. 2ND St. | 337.546.6276 | [f](#)
Mon-Thurs 6AM-10PM;
Fri-Sat 6AM-9PM; Sun 6AM-7PM
Offering locally roasted coffee, sandwiches,
and a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

CRAWFISH CORNER & SEAFOOD MARKET

121 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.546.6090 | [f](#)
Tues-Sat 9AM-6PM
Crawfish, catfish, shrimp, crab, and more
available. Boiled crawfish when in season.

D.C.'S SPORTS BAR & STEAKHOUSE

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.7001 | [f](#)
Open daily 11AM-10PM
The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and
lively atmosphere.

EUNICE SUPERETTE

1230 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.546.6042
EuniceSuperette.com | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM;
Sun 8AM-2PM
Meat market with locally sourced products.
Drive-thru. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.
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EUNICE POULTRY

251 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.5614
EunicePoultry.weebly.com
Mon-Fri 6AM-5PM; Sat 6AM-12PM;
Sun 7AM-11AM
Specialty meats including stuffed roast and
a variety of sausage. On the Boudin Trail.
Ici on parle français.

LEJEUNE'S SAUSAGE KITCHEN

108 Tasso Cir. | 337.457.8491
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM
LejeunesSausageKitchen.com | [f](#)
Open since 1977, this family owned local
smoke house sells sausage, ponce, and tasso.
Ici on parle français.

MEL'S QUICK STOP

1894 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
337.457.1958 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM
Conveniently located nearby Lakeview Park
& Beach. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

MO' CRAWFISH

29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy.
337.457.8434 | [MoCrawfish.com](#) | [f](#)
Open seasonally - call ahead
Boiled crawfish, crab, and shrimp.
On-site catering available.



MOWATA GROCERY STORE

30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13
337.457.1140 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-5PM
Offering specialty meats, boudin, and
cracklins. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.
Ici on parle français.

THE NEW RONNIE'S CAJUN CAFÉ

541 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.2004 | [f](#)
Mon-Tues 6AM-2PM;
Wed-Sat 6AM-9PM; Sun 6AM-3PM
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served Cajun
style. Catering available.

RAY'S BAKERY

971 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)
337.457.5366 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 6AM-3PM
In business for 50 years, this local bakery
offers fresh donuts, breads, and cakes.
Ici on parle français.

ROCKY'S CAJUN KITCHEN

1415 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)
337.457.6999 | [f](#)
Mon-Thurs 11AM-9PM;
Fri-Sat 11AM-9:30PM; Sun 11AM-3PM
Fresh seafood, steaks, poboys, gourmet
burgers, and more. Fri night - seafood buffet.
Sun - brunch buffet. Jam sessions every Wed
night and live music every Fri and Sat night.

RUBY'S CAFÉ

221 W. Walnut Ave.
337.550.7665 | Mon-Fri 6AM-10AM
Ruby's has been in business for more than
30 years. Open for breakfast, drop in for the
homemade biscuits and jelly - a local favorite.
Ici on parle français.

RUBY'S RESTAURANT & COURTYARD

123 S. Second St. | 337.550.7665 | [f](#)
Lunch: Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM;
Full Dinner: Thurs-Sat 5PM-10PM
Cajun and Creole dishes and plate lunches.
Boiled crawfish in season. Groups welcome.
Ici on parle français.

T-BOYS

1500 W. Laurel Ave.
337.457.3344 | [tBoysBoudin.com](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM
On the Boudin Trail - will ship. 1st place
winner - 2013 Boudin Cook-off & People's
Choice Award.



BED & BREAKFAST

THE FARMHOUSE AND COTTAGE AT CYPRESS GROVE

150 Seale Ln. | 337.546.4177
CypressGrovePlace.com | [f](#)

1920s farmhouse with 21st century conveniences. 2650 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a full kitchen. Cottage is newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

LE VILLAGE

121 Seale Ln. | 337.457.3573
LeVillageHouse.com | [f](#)

4 beautifully furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres of flora, fauna, and tall pine trees. Complimentary breakfast. Can accommodate private parties and groups.

CAMPGROUNDS

CAJUN CAMPGROUND

5552 Hwy. 190 E
337.457.5753 | CajunCampground.com

On 40 acres along Bayou Doza with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions, and WiFi. Hiking, swimming, fishing, game room, mini golf, and paddle boats. Clubhouse open to groups. *Ici on parle français.*

LAKEVIEW PARK & BEACH

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)
337.457.2881 | LVPark.com | [f](#)

This award-winning RV park offers 4 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, WiFi, 13-acre fishing pond, beach, playgrounds, pavilions, family restrooms, and laundry. Seasonal Sat night barn dances, Feb-Nov.

HOTELS & MOTELS

BEST WESTERN OF EUNICE

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.2800 | [f](#)
BestWesternEunice.com

35 rooms. Pool, W/D, HBO. Free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

DAYS INN & SUITES

1251 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)
337.457.3040 | DaysInn.com | [f](#)

41 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, HBO, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

EUNICE INN

1145 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.4274

27 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

1698 Hwy. 190 W. | 337.546.2466
HIExpress.com/eunicela | [f](#)

66 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast and motorcoach parking. Indoor pool.

HOWARD'S INN

3789 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.2066

24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, free WiFi. Gazebo and BBQ pit. *Ici on parle français.*

L'ACADIE INN & RV PARK

259 Tasso Loop
337.457.5211 | HotBoudin.com | [f](#)

20 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Continental breakfast on weekends.

GRAND COTEAU

Grand Coteau, French for big ridge, rests on what was the west bank of the Mississippi River some 2,000 years ago. It was settled in 1776 and became home to Acadian, Creole, Irish, and German immigrants.



The town is one of the primarily few rural districts on the National Register of Historic Places with more than 70 structures designated as architecturally significant. Several of these structures have been repurposed and house antique shops, kitchen shops, and coffee houses. Grand Coteau is also noted for its magnificent trees that form alleys, groves, and gardens.

For almost 200 years, Catholicism and Grand Coteau have been deeply connected with the establishment of the **Academy of the Sacred Heart**. The academy also houses the *Shrine of St. John Berchmans*, the site of the only documented miracle in the U.S. Along with the church and retreat centers, spiritual and educational guidance is extended to the local community and visitors from afar.

The town hosts four major events each year: **Sweet Dough Pie Festival** (October), **Festival of Words** (November), **Grand Noel** (November), and the **Exit 11 Yard Sale** on the third Saturday in March and September.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

THE KITCHEN SHOP

296 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3500 |

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM

Gourmet food, books, greeting cards, linens, items for garden and bath. Sweet Dough Pie and *Gateau NaNa* served daily by Pastry Chef Nancy Brewer.

PETITE ROUGE ANTIQUES & ORGANICS

272 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4002

PetiteRougeAntiques.com |

Tues 11AM-4PM;

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-4PM

Antiques and vintage jewelry. A wide selection of herbs, hand selected tea blends, essential oils, aroma therapy, goat milk soaps, infused local honey, and apothecaries.

PISTACHE

294 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3599 |

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM

Featuring hand-knitted items, clothes, jewelry, and accessories.





ATTRACTIONS

ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART

1821 Academy Rd. | 337.662.5275
SSHcoteau.org | [f](#) | By appt. only

- Shrine of St. John Berchmans
 - ASH Museum
 - Oak Alley & formal gardens
- Ici on parle français.*

JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER AT ST. CHARLES

313 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.662.5251

JesuitSpiritualityCenter.org

Mon–Fri 8AM–12PM/1PM–5PM

Founded in 1837, St. Charles is the site of the first Jesuit college in the South. Today it is a seminary and spirituality center. Retreats offered. Private.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH & CEMETERY

174 Church St. | 337.662.5279

St-Charles-Borromeo.org

Groups by appt. only

Designed by New Orleans architect James Freret, this wooden structure, the finest gem in Grand Coteau, has stained glass windows, paintings, statues, and ornate altars.

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT HOUSE

214 Church St. | 337.662.5410

OurLadyOfTheOaks.com

Built in 1938 on the site of the original St. Charles Church, this Spanish mission-style building sits under moss-draped oak trees. Retreaters are welcome. Private.
Ici on parle français.

EAT & DRINK

BEAU CHENE RESTAURANT

1828 I-49 N. Service Rd.

337.662.3509 | [f](#)

Mon–Fri 6AM–9PM; Sat 6AM–6PM

Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Buffet on Friday night.

BRENT'S CATERING

234 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4003 | 337.344.3562

BrentsCatering.com | [f](#)

Tues–Fri 10AM–2PM

Restaurant serves home cooked plate lunches. Catering available.

CHICORYS COFFEE & CAFÉ

219 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.886.5770 | [f](#)

Tues–Fri 6AM–5PM; Sat–Sun 7AM–2PM

Offers a wide selection of specialty coffees, smoothies, and breakfast and lunch items – all within walking distance of area antiques and historic attractions. *Ici on parle français.*

DDee's CAFÉ

284 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.347.2161 | [f](#) | Wed–Sat 11AM–2PM

A unique and charming café serving home cooked meals. *Ici on parle français.*

GO BEARS & LAFITTE'S TREASURE CASINO

1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | [f](#)

1.800.256.1250 | GoBearsOnline.com

Southern eatery and casino. Eatery: open daily 6AM–8PM. Casino/Store: open 24 hrs/day.

P&D'S CAKE COTTAGE

106 St. Joseph St.

337.662.CAKE (2253)

PDCakeCottage.com | [f](#)

Tues–Fri 8AM–5PM; Sat 8AM–10AM

Specializing in homemade cakes for weddings and other occasions. Pastries and cakes sold by the slice.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CASITA AZUL

151 Church St.

337.254.9695 | 337.280.5517 | [f](#)

Relax in a private guest cottage with accommodations including a queen bed, Wi-Fi, a large bathroom, and continental breakfast.

FROZARD PLANTATION COTTAGE

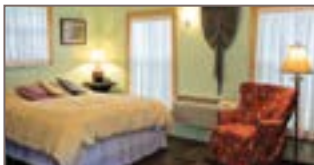
307 Frozard Rd. | 337.945.0204 | [f](#)

Private, historic 2-room guest cottage on the beautiful wooded grounds of the Frozard plantation. Kitchenette and queen bed. GPS city location is Arnaudville.

MAMA SUE'S TINY COTTAGE

134 Church St. | 337.739.7974

Converted little, red barn with high ceilings overlooking the beautiful grounds of St. Charles College. All furnishings are antiques or recycled pieces. Wi-Fi.





KROTZ SPRINGS

Krotz Springs, also known as the “*Mile of Boudin*”, was named after Ohio native and sawmill owner, C. W. Krotz. Krotz put down the first oil well in St. Landry Parish but struck water instead of oil, so the town formerly known as Lantania became Krotz Springs.

Situated on the **Atchafalaya River**, Krotz Springs is a port and refinery center handling almost three million tons of liquid and dry bulk cargo such as oil and grain. The town is also a gateway to the outdoors with the 40,000-acre **Sherburne Wildlife Management Area** along its eastern border.

Outdoor enthusiasts can also access a 28,000-acre area in the **Atchafalaya Basin, Indian Bayou**, perfect for hunting and fishing. North of Highway 190, on Highway 105, is the **Teche Vermillion Pumping Station**. The station is responsible for the healthy water levels and water quality of our bayous. They monitor the water flow and prevent further debris from entering our waterways.



SHOPPING

CRICKET'S BAIT SHOP

24386 Hwy. 190 | 337.592.0452 | [f](#)

Open daily 6AM-6PM

Open since 2004, Cricket has a talent for acquiring eclectic and folk-artsy items of all sorts.

EAT & DRINK

BILLY'S DINER

24467 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2080

Sun-Wed 4:30AM-10PM;

Thurs-Sat 4:30AM-11PM

Short-order menu with burgers, salads, poboys, boudin balls, and cracklins. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

CAJUN CORNER CAFÉ

24386 Hwy. 190 E | 337.566.8003 | [f](#)

Mon-Thurs 9AM-9PM;

Fri-Sat 9AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-9PM

Specialty meats, boudin, and boudin balls.

On the Boudin Trail - will ship. Located in the Valero Station.

KARTCHNER'S GROCERY

24562 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.0529

KartchnersSpecialtyMeats.com | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-6PM

Specialty meat market. Available frozen - gumbo, étouffée, rice dressing, and much more. On the boudin trail - will ship.

CAMPGROUNDS

ATCHAFALAYA CAMPGROUND

174 Campground Loop | 337.945.9002

Water, electricity, dump site, 35 sites on the Atchafalaya, pavilion, picnic tables, washateria, bathroom, and showers.

DC'S RV PARK

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800

Great area for fishing, boating, hunting, and more. Full service restaurant, 15 full hook-up sites, 30/50 amps, water, electricity, sewer, RV rental, WiFi, and pet friendly.



BOUDIN - CAJUN STYLE FAST-FOOD

MORROW'S DINER

24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737

Mon-Fri 4AM-10PM; Sat 5AM-10PM;

Sun 10AM-10PM

Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station. *Ici on parle français.*

WHITETAILS BAR & GRILL

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800 | [f](#)

Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM;

Wed-Sun 11AM-11PM

Features an array of specialty sandwiches, seafood, and daily specials, in a motif centered around the whitetail deer. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.

LEONVILLE

The first Catholic pastor, Fr. Leon Mailluchet, named this village after St. Leon. Nestled between Opelousas and Arnaudville, along Bayou Teche, Leonville's public boat launch makes a great starting point for a paddle down this historic waterway. It's also a perfect stopping point for cyclists pedaling on the **Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway** (Hwy 31). The **Fete Dieu du Teche** is held each year on August 15, which is the Feast of the Assumption. This Eucharistic Procession features a flotilla of boats, commemorating the arrival of the Acadians, marking faith and heritage with stops along the way to recite the rosary.

SHOPPING

CHAMPAGNE'S MARCHÉ

3802 Hwy. 31 | 337.879.2586

ChampagnesMarche.com | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM, Sun 7:30AM-2PM

Plate lunches. Award-winning king cakes, boudin, and boudin nuggets. On the boudin trail. *Ici on parle français.*

EAT & DRINK

SILVER SLIPPER, CAJUN HIBACHI GRILL

2818 Hwy. 31 | 337.879.2050

TheSilverSlipperCajun.com | [f](#)

Wed, Thurs, Sun 11AM-9PM;

Fri-Sat 11AM-10:30PM; Brunch Sun

10AM-2PM with live music

Local landmark reopened in 2014 with Cajun Asian fusion menu, outdoor deck, and live music every Fri and Sat night.



ACCOMMODATIONS

PALMS ON THE TECHE

4834 Hwy. 31 | 904.866.0899 |

904.386.5212 | PalmsOnTheTeche.com

Lodging in a rural setting on scenic Bayou Teche. This 3-bedroom, 1-bath country cottage has a full kitchen, cable TV, WiFi, a large screened porch, and a canoe/kayak launch.

MELVILLE

Much of the Melville's history and commerce are tied to the **Atchafalaya River**. Historically, the town made its fortune in river commerce and as a crossing point for the railroad.

Documents also indicate that Melville had several fish docks and ice houses. By the turn of the century, 50 barrels of fish were being shipped from Melville each day.

Biker enthusiasts and fans of the film *Easy Rider* can get to Melville by way of scenic **Hwy. 105**, where that memorable last scene took place.



SHOPPING

CANNATELLA'S GROCERY & HARDWARE

421 Landrum St. | 337.623.4211 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sat 7AM-7PM;

Sun 9AM-3PM

Home of "Finest Italian Sausage" and "One Good Muffaletta!" This grocery/hardware store has been serving Melville since 1923. On the Boudin Trail.

ATTRACTION

LONG RIVER LODGE

497 Cannatella Rd. | 337.592.0592

LongRiverLodge.com | [f](#) | Seasonal

Cajun Country Mardi Gras



Here, **Mardi Gras** is not your typical festival with floats, beads and doubloons. Instead, for the **Courir de Mardi Gras**, locals trade floats for horses, beads for bells, and crowded streets for country roads.

You can participate in this fascinating, century-old celebration in Eunice, Louisiana. The **courir** or “run” puts costumed *revelers* on foot or on horseback in search of items to contribute to the community gumbo. Those seeking a little adventure can give it a shot in the chicken chase, which for some, is a Mardi Gras rite of passage.

Don't forget the costume! The traditional mask and a tall hat called a *capuchon* are required, but you can add your own creative flair.

The festivities don't start and end there. In fact, it is a five-daylong event that begins Friday and ends with the *courir* on Mardi Gras day. The remaining days are filled with Cajun traditions, such as jam sessions, street dances, cooking demos, a traditional *boucherie*, and **Lil' Mardi Gras**, a run held on Sunday for children ages 0-14.

Additional festivities include:

Downtown Opelousas Mardi Gras Celebration
Annual Half-Fast Krewe of Frank Mardi Gras Parade
Sunset Mardi Gras Parade.

When is Mardi Gras?

2018: February 13

2019: March 5

2020: February 25

For more information visit:

CajunTravel.com/MardiGras



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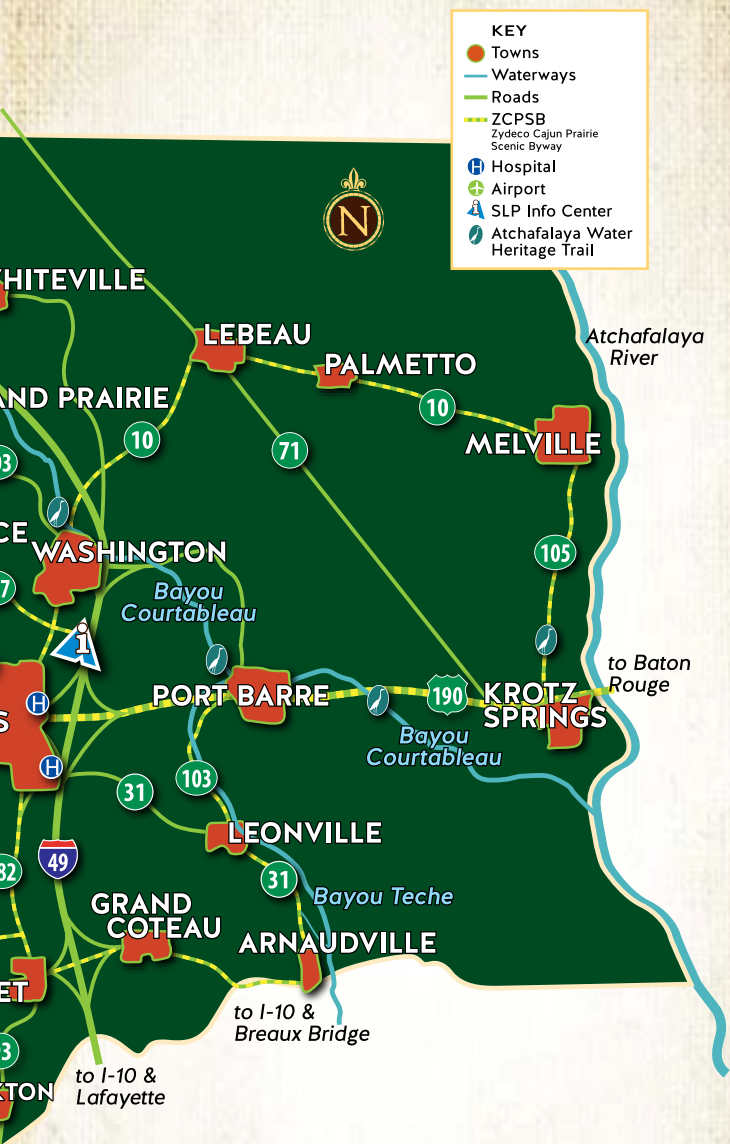
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Town Halls

ARNAUDVILLE	337.754.7993
CANKTON	337.668.4456
EUNICE	337.457.7389
GRAND COTEAU	337.662.5246
KROTZ SPRINGS	337.566.2322
LEONVILLE	337.879.2601
MELVILLE	337.623.4226
OPELOUSAS	337.948.2527
PALMETTO	337.623.4426
PORT BARRE	337.585.7646
SUNSET	337.662.5297
WASHINGTON	337.826.3626



LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

Set the soundtrack for your adventure in Cajun country.

KBON 101.1FM
Louisiana artists
kbbon.com

KEUN 105.5FM/1490AM
Cajun & Country
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KRV5 88.7FM
NPR



ZYDECO

Zydeco music is a melting pot of cultural influence, just as diverse as the *Creole* people who created it. To describe this rich sound, unique to Southwest Louisiana, you would have to go back to its origins—*la la*. Back in the mid to late 1800s, French music could be heard at a *la la*, Creole for house dance.

House dances were where both zydeco music and dance steps came to be. The sounds emerging from instruments played, such as the accordion, fiddle, and triangle, had an Afro-Caribbean beat fused with blues. Later contemporary artists would breathe new life into the genre, adding R&B, with a new instrument—the *frottoir* or rubboard.

The rubboard would arrive at the request of Opelousas native and *King of Zydeco*, **Clifton Chenier**. In 1946, he asked metal craftsman, *Willie Landry*, to make a wearable washboard that could be played with spoons or bottle openers. Today, Willie’s **Key of Z Rubboards** are still made for local and Grammy Award winning musicians by his son, *Tee Don Landry*, in the town of Sunset.





OPELOUSAS

Founded in 1720, Opelousas is Louisiana's third oldest city. Take a walk through downtown and see original architecture, historic homes, and public art. A useful brochure of the **Historic District of Opelousas** can be found at the **Opelousas Tourist Information Center**. Some of the parish's oldest buildings have been restored at **Le Vieux Village Heritage Park**. There, you will also find the **Louisiana Orphan Train Museum**, one of only two museums in the U.S. that tells the story of the New York Foundling Hospital orphans.



As the **Zydeco Music Capital of the World**, Opelousas is home to Grammy winners, **Clifton Chenier** and **Terrance Simien**. Learn more about these and other zydeco musicians at the **Zydeco Music Exhibit**, on display at the village or attend the **Annual Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival** now held in Opelousas each Labor Day weekend.



On the second and third weekends of October, see some of the parish's "older" residents come back to life and hear their stories during the **St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours**. Learn about Creole traditions at the **Holy Ghost Creole Festival & Bazaar** each November.

Local restaurants today are still influenced by two Opelousas natives, the late culinary great, **Chef Paul Prudhomme**, and seasoning entrepreneur, **Tony Chachere**. With local eateries still open since the 30's, you can enjoy recipes that are tried and true!

OPELOUSAS TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER & JIM BOWIE DISPLAY

828 E. Landry St. (Hwy. 190) | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM & Sat 9AM-4PM
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442 | CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)

The center houses a display of photos and information on Jim Bowie, one-time resident of Opelousas. *Ici on parle français.*



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

BECKY'S BARN

1145 Hwy. 357 | 337.356.3192
BeckysBarn.net | [f](#)
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 10:30AM-5PM
8,000-sq. ft. Over 50 vendors. Antiques, black iron pots, glassware, goat milk soap, furniture, and more.

DURIO'S CURIOS ANTIQUES & RESTORATION

5853 Hwy. 182 | 337.308.4664 | [f](#)
By appointment only.
Antiques, primitives, shabby chic, collectibles, and gifts. Furniture restoration.

FAVEUR

620 S. Union St. | 337.308.3379 | [f](#)
Tues-Fri 9AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-1PM
A vintage themed boutique featuring handcrafted local gift items and all natural soaps.

J. B. SANDOZ, INC.

312 N. Main St. | 337.942.3564 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7:30AM-1PM
This hardware store has been open since 1878 and is Opelousas's 2ND oldest business. Hardware, housewares, and gifts.

OPELOUSAS FARMERS MARKET

828 E. Landry St. | 337.435.1023
Tues, Thurs, Sat 6:30AM-10:30AM
Discover bounties of homegrown fruits, vegetables, preserves and jellies, and more.

SEBASTIEN DUPRE FINE JEWELRY

822 S. Main St. | 337.948.4367 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM
One-of-a-kind pieces made by locals, including primitive Louisiana folk art, handmade reclaimed wood projects, artwork, and fused glass pendants.

SPOTTED CAT ANTIQUES, ETC.

637 Creswell Ln.
337.678.1081 | 337.945.2593 | [f](#)
SpottedCatAntiques.com
Thurs-Sun 10AM-6PM
More than 100 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing, furniture, and primitive items. *Ici on parle français.*

TARGIL SEASONING & BUTCHER SUPPLIES

229 Wartell Ave. | 800.578.0130 | [f](#)
Targil.com | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM
Create your own spice blend and custom label. 2.5 billion pounds of spices are produced annually. Purchase blends in the retail shop. Group tours available. *Ici on parle français.*



ATTRACTIONS



CREOLE HERITAGE FOLKLIFE CENTER

1113 W. Vine St. | 337.945.5064
Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM; Sat 1PM-4PM;
Sun by appt.
Relive traditions of Creole culture. Call for guided tours. Featured on the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.
337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO
EvangelineDowns.com | [f](#)
Open 24 hours a day
Live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. More than 1,400 slot machines, concerts, and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

HISTORIC MICHEL PRUDHOMME HOME

1152 Prudhomme Cir.
337.942.8011 | 337.523.6074
Tours by appt.
The home is believed to be the oldest structure in St. Landry Parish. This French Colonial house was built in the late 1700s. Available for tours, meetings, and receptions.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

747 N. Union St.
337.942.2732 | [HG Catholic.org](#) | [f](#)
This church boasts the largest Catholic congregation of African Americans in the US. The gospel choir sings on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at the 11AM Mass.

HISTORIC DISTRICT TOURS

828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227
View antebellum, Victorian, and turn-of-the-century homes and other structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A brochure is available for self-guided tours.

LE VIEUX VILLAGE HERITAGE PARK

828 E. Landry St.
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442
CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)
Open year round. Tours by appt.
This historical park and museum is a collection of buildings dating from the 1700s, and includes one of the oldest Creole homes west of the Mississippi River.
Ici on parle français.

LOUISIANA ORPHAN TRAIN MUSEUM

223 S. Academy St.
Located within Le Vieux Village
337.948.9922 | 337.942.7845 | [f](#)
LaOrphanTrainMuseum.com
Tues–Fri 10AM–3PM; Sat 10AM–2PM
Hear the story of the Orphan Train Riders who came to Louisiana by train from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929. One of two museums in the US. Admission charged. *Ici on parle français.*

OPELOUSAS MUSEUM & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

315 N. Main St. | 337.948.2589
CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)
Mon–Fri 8AM–4:30PM
Group tours by appt.
Special exhibits include the Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Display, the

Rodney Milburn Tribute – Gold Medal Winner, Animatronics, and the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives.

ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH & CEMETERY

1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552
StLandryCatholicChurch.org | [f](#)
Mon–Thurs 8:30AM–12PM / 1PM–4PM
Built in 1909, the “Mother Church of Acadiana” is one of the finest examples of Romanesque Revival in the state. It is also the site of the Fr. Lafleur Monument, a tribute to the WWII POW Chaplain. Available for tours.



EAT & DRINK

ARPEGGIOS LOUNGE & EVENT CENTER

204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188 | [f](#)
Mon–Fri 10:30AM–2PM
Dine on Creole cuisine and seafood dishes in a restaurant with a funky French Quarter feel. Live music (pg. 25)

BACK IN TIME

123 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2413 | [f](#)
Mon–Sat 11AM–2:30PM
Café serving award-winning recipes. Collectibles and unique gifts. *Ici on parle français.*

BENNY'S SUPERMARKET

806 S. Union St. | 337.948.6533 | [f](#)
Open daily 7AM–8PM
Delicious plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.

BILLY'S BOUDIN & CRACKLIN

904 Short Vine St. | 337.942.9150
BillysBoudin.com
Mon–Fri 7:30AM–6PM;
Sat 8AM–5PM; Sun 8AM–2PM
Enjoy traditional, smoked, and crawfish boudin, plus cracklins and specialty meats.

BREW & SCOOP

415 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.3660 | [f](#)
Mon–Fri 7AM–8PM; Sat–Sun 8AM–8PM
Serves locally roasted Prayer House Coffee.

BRISKET BASKET

702 N. Market St. | 337.942.4692
Tues–Wed 10AM–4PM; Thurs–Sun 10AM–2AM
Specializes in Louisiana barbecue and southern soul food classics. Daily plate lunch specials. Happy hour Thurs–Sun 6:30PM–8:30PM.

CAFÉ 5696

5696 I–49 N. Service Rd. |
337.948.3300
Mon–Fri 6AM–9:30AM; Sat–Sun 7AM–10:30AM; Dinner: Mon–Sat 5PM–10PM
Serving American and Cajun cuisine.

COBY'S CLASSIC CUISINE

1631 N. Main St. | 337.678.0454 | [f](#)
Mon–Tues 10:30AM–3PM; Wed–Thurs 10:30AM–8:30PM; Fri–Sat 10:30AM–9:30PM; Sun 11AM–4PM
This award-winning restaurant has a large selection of seafood dishes, steaks, burgers, daily plate lunches, salads, pastas, and kid's meals. *Ici on parle français.*

CRAWFISH HOUSE & GRILL

1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049 | [f](#)
Sun–Fri 11AM–2PM; Tues–Sat 5PM–9PM
Birthplace of the “Cajun Girl Poboy.” Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers, and sandwiches. Oysters, shrimp, and boiled crawfish when in season. *Ici on parle français.*

DUOS CAJUN CORNER

840 Hwy. 167

337.628.0123 | 337.224.4969 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 8AM-7PM

Locally cured, smoked meats and sausages, canned preserves, boudin, cracklins, and sweet dough pies. On the Boudin Trail.

EVANGELINE DOWNS**Racetrack & Casino Dining**

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.

337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO

EvangelineDowns.com

- The Spotted Horse Tavern & Dining Parlor
- The Cajun Buffet
- The Café
- Fast and Lucy's Pub

FRANK'S POBOYS603 E. Landry St. | 337.678.3032 | [f](#)

Tues-Sat 10:30AM-8:30PM

Traditional and specialty poboys, such as the Cajun Meatball and Frank's Special.

HEBERT'S BOUDIN & CRACKLIN

4932 I-49 N. Service Rd.

337.942.8828 | HebertsBoudin.com

Mon-Sat 5:30AM-8PM; Sun 6AM-8PM

Specialty meat market and local products. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

*Ici on parle français.***JAVA SQUARE CAFÉ**

103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.1055

ReveCoffeeRoasters.com | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 8AM-4PM

Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust & Savings building (1927). Locally roasted Reve coffee.

JOE'S SANDWICH SHOP

1633 W. Vine St. | 337.942.5163

Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-8PM;

Fri 7:30AM-9PM; Sat 8:30AM-9PM

Est. 1941. Burgers, poboys, fried seafood, and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri.

KELLY'S COUNTRY MEAT BLOCK & DINER1531 S. Union St. | 337.942.7466 | [f](#)

Store: Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM;

Sat 7AM-4PM; Sun 7AM-1PM.

Diner: Daily 10:30AM-2PM

Hearty homemade Cajun fare, daily plate lunches, and BBQ on Thurs and Sun. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. *Ici on parle français.***LAVERGNE'S CAJUN KITCHEN**

10300 Prejean Hwy. (Hwy. 190)

337.678.9468 | [f](#)

LavernesCajunKitchen.com

Mon-Thurs 10:30AM-3PM;

Fri 10AM-3PM/6PM-9PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

Located in Lawtell right on Hwy 190.

Offering plate lunches that range from seafood to stews and include dessert. House-made seasoning blend, Paw's Seasoning.

MAMA'S FRIED CHICKEN

508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203

EatMamasFriedChicken.com | [f](#)

Sun-Thurs 10AM-10PM;

Fri-Sat 10AM-11PM

Serving homemade items such as chicken and biscuits. Desserts include funnel cakes and fried Oreos.

MECHE'S SUPERMARKET

1508 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2089

Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM

Specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

THE PALACE CAFÉ135 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2142 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM; Sun 6AM-2PM

Open since 1927, this popular diner serves down home Cajun cooking. Try the daily special and popular fried chicken salad.

PEARL'S COUNTRY KITCHEN

8247 Hwy. 182 | 337.594.8899

Mon-Fri 10:30AM-5PM; Sun 10AM-2PM

Home cooked plate lunches. BBQ served on Sunday. Cakes and catering for all occasions.

RAY'S GROCERY PLUS6028 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.9077 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM

Featuring boudin made with the original Rays recipe, crawfish boudin, pepper jack cheese stuffed boudin balls, and the sweet potato biscuit. On the Boudin Trail.

SAVOIE'S FOODS1742 Hwy. 742 | 337.942.9955 | [f](#)

SavoiesFoods.com | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

Producers of Savoie's sausage, tasso, roux, and more. On the boudin trail - will ship.

SEBASTIEN'S WEST END SEAFOOD MARKET1538 W. Landry St. | 337.407.0780 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-2PM

Large variety of fresh, wild caught seafood all from local fishermen.

SOILEAU'S DINNER CLUB

1618 N. Main St.

337.942.2985 | Soileaus.com | [f](#)

Sun-Tues 11AM-8PM; Wed-Thurs

11AM-8:30PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-9PM

Est. in 1937, Soileau's offers Cajun specialties, char-broiled angus beef, and seafood. Family and candlelight dining. Private banquet room. Take-out available.

TOYRI'S CAFÉ1109 N. Main St. | 337.407.5101 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 7AM-4PM

Homestyle plate lunches ranging from crawfish étouffée to stewed oxtail and great homemade cornbread.

YAM COUNTRY PIES

430 E. Grolee St. | 337.948.4553

YamCountryPies.com | [f](#)

Tues-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-2PM

Traditional folded pies made with sweet dough and filled with yam, apple, lemon, custard, coconut, or seasonal flavors.

LIVE MUSIC

ARPEGGIOS LOUNGE & EVENT CENTER

204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188 | [f](#)

Louisiana-style jazz with popular jazz musicians including saxophonists, brass bands, violinists, and more. Food and drinks available. Held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BED & BREAKFAST

SHIRLEY'S B&B

1737 Ernestine Dr. | 337.693.0420 | [f](#)

This modern one-bedroom cottage features a small gym/office, full kitchen, TV, WiFi, and a backyard with a privacy fence. Breakfast is served on the back patio.

CAMPGROUNDS

ALICE'S RV PARK

631 Desiree Rd. | 337.288.9633

8 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water, and sewer. RV rental, WiFi, picnic tables, washateria, laundry, church services available. Pet friendly.

CARIBBEAN CAMPGROUND & WELLNESS CENTER

12178 Hwy. 190 W.

337.678.1500 | 337.678.1844

CaribbeanCampground.com | [f](#)

23 RV sites, can accommodate RVs up to 70ft, 30/50 amp, full hookups, water, sewer, electricity, outdoor pool, laundry, restrooms, showers, accessible.

DALE WHITE RV PARK

7829 Hwy. 31 | 337.652.8353

39 full hook-up sites, with access to running water, electricity, dump station. Showers, laundry, and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.

EVANGELINE

OAKS RV PARK

808 Hwy. 742 | 337.288.0032

EvangelineOaksRVPark.com | [f](#)

17 shaded sites featuring WiFi, laundry and bath facility, 30/50 amp electric, full hookups, water, and sewer.

SOUTH CITY PARK CAMPGROUND

1524 S. Market St. | 337.948.2562

CityOfOpelousas.com/South-City-Park

Office: Mon-Fri 8AM-12PM / 1PM-4:30PM

61 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp, dump station. Tent camping. Year-round tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls for special events.

HOTELS & MOTELS

BUDGET INN

1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762

18 rooms. Daily & weekly rates, microwave/fridge, free WiFi.

CARDINAL INN MOTEL

12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624

35 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

COMFORT INN

5454 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18

337.942.4900 | ComfortInn.com

57 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, pool.

DAYS INN & SUITES

5761 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18

337.407.0004 | DaysInn.com | [f](#)

58 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave/fridge, pool. Groups welcome.

EVANGELINE

DOWNS HOTEL

2235 Creswell Ln., Exit 18, Lot B

337.407.2121 | [f](#)

EvangelineDownsHotel.com

A Choice Hotels property, connected to Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. 117 Rooms. Rooms include a mini-fridge, microwave, WiFi, and continental breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. Event and meeting space available.

HAMPTON INN

1700 Commerce Blvd. | 337.284.3428

HamptonInn3Hilton.com

Opening May 2018. 80 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave, fridge, pool, and fitness center. Meeting room available.

HOLIDAY INN

HOTEL & SUITES

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit

18337.948.3300 | [f](#)

HolidayInn.com/OpelousasLA

75 Rooms. National Award Winner for Design. Full service hotel. Heated spa and indoor pool. Meeting room available.

MOTEL 6

4165 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 15

337.948.9500

62 rooms, outdoor pool, complimentary coffee, WiFi, and meeting space.

RANCH MOTEL

315 S. Cane St. | 337.942.9775

19 rooms.

SUPER 8

5791 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18

337.942.6250

46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV/HBO. Complimentary hot breakfast.

TOWNHOUSE MOTEL

337 W. Landry St. | 337.948.4488

30 rooms. WiFi. Daily & weekly rates.



Eat Like a Local

Here in the ***Prairie Home Cooking Region*** we take pride in our culinary traditions, locally grown produce, and products made right here in St. Landry Parish. Here are some of our favorite seasonings, stops, and snacks!

- ① **Zydeco Chop Chop** – Call it *mirepoix* or the *Cajun Trinity*, this bag of dehydrated ingredients makes Louisiana cooking easy and convenient. Find it at **Targil Seasoning**. (pg. 22) 
- ② **Prayer House Coffee** – Prayer House is the brainchild of Johnny Carrier, a resident of Washington, LA. This passion project has become an exciting new business venture in which coffee lovers can order from the micro-roaster online (PrayerHouseCoffee.com) or sample a cup at **Brew & Scoop** in Opelousas (pg. 23)
- ③ **Sweet Dough Pie** – This traditional dessert can be found year-round in the *Sweet Dough Pie Capital of Grand Coteau* at the **Kitchen Shop** (pg. 13) or further down the road in Opelousas at **Yam Country Pies** (pg. 24).
- ④ **Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning** – This Opelousas product is a Cajun staple that can go on anything from popcorn to gumbo. Find it at any local grocery store, or visit the gift shop at **Tony Chachere's!**
- ⑤ **Craft Beer** – The Knott family loves to experiment with local, seasonal ingredients and crafts each ale to complement Louisiana dishes. Every weekend, travelers can sample **Bayou Teche Brewing's** latest culinary concoctions in the tap room, hear live music, or take a tour in French or English. (pg. 7)



PALMETTO & LEBEAU

Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, the small town of Palmetto earned its name from the native plant that grows in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of the palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt at the community's general store, **Budden's** (pictured above), which has been open since the 1930s.

On the first Saturday in July, thousands head to nearby Lebeau for the annual **Zydeco Festival**. A popular time for family reunions and fun.

SHOPPING

BUDDEN'S STORE

165 W. Railroad Ave., Palmetto

337.623.4711 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM

Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of the early days of Palmetto when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area.

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EAT & DRINK

STELLY'S OF LEBEAU, INC.

8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau | 337.623.4458

Store: Daily 7AM-8PM

Restaurant: Sun-Thurs 6AM-8PM;

Fri-Sat 6AM-9PM

Open since 1920, this grocery store/restaurant combo offers local specialties, breakfast, and plate lunches.

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Landfill

417 Solid Waste Rd., Washington | 337.826.5211 | [SLPSolidWaste.org](#)

Mon - Fri 6AM-5PM; Sat 6AM-4PM | Tours by appointment only

When you think about an attraction, the odds are that a landfill would not come to mind. However, here in St. Landry Parish, our nationally recognized facility has proven to be an unexpected must-see. While touring the property, you will witness firsthand how nature and proper waste management can co-exist side by side. Duck boxes, alligators, a wildlife habitat, bird sanctuary, and peaceful ponds are some of the many sites.

St. Landry Parish Solid Waste is also the first landfill in the country to convert methane gases created as a by-product into a renewable source - CNG (compressed natural gas). The CNG is used to fuel garbage collection vehicles and our local sheriff department's fleet.

From garden clubs to kindergarten classes, these tours prove to be of interest for all ages. *Ici on parle français.*



Trailways & Byways

Louisiana is the reigning champion when it comes to music, food, and lush landscapes. In St. Landry Parish, you can find a rewarding combination of all three, either by car, bicycle or canoe!

Start your adventure on a music heavy trail with plenty of boudin stop along the way. The **Zydeco-Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway** (ZydecoCajunByway.com) traverses three parishes – St. Landry, Acadia, and Evangeline. With a unique blend of French, German, and African roots, these three regions are responsible for not one, but three distinct musical sounds – Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop. Hear these regional genres at famous dance halls such as **Fred's Lounge** in Mamou or **The Liberty Theatre** in Eunice. For a musical warm up, be sure to tune into **101.1FM KBON**.



Atchafalaya

Don't change that station! Let KBON be your soundtrack for the **Bayou Teche Corridor** (BayouTecheCorridor.com). Part of the **Atchafalaya National Heritage**

Area, this corridor traces historic Bayou Teche, a 135-mile bayou, flowing from its head in Port Barre down to its mouth in Berwick.

This bayou is maintained by **T.E.C.H.E. Project** (TecheProject.com), a nonprofit organization. Through their efforts, the Bayou Teche is now recognized as a National Water Trail featuring 13 established access points for paddle trips.



This allows several annual events to take place, including a race, **Tour du Teche**, and a floating eucharistic procession, **Fete Dieu du Teche**.



Learn more about Louisiana's water story through the **Atchafalaya Water Heritage Trail**. The trail marks sites with historical, cultural, or environmental significance. Find all four St. Landry Parish sites on WaterHeritageTrail.org.





PORT BARRE

Port Barre is the birthplace of **Bayou Teche**. Settled as a French trading post in the early 1800s, Port Barre sits at the point where **Bayou Courtableau** flows into the Teche.


In October, hundreds gather for **Tour du Teche**, a 135-mile staged marathon for canoes and kayaks of all sizes. The course is the length of the bayou from Port Barre to Berwick. The race snakes through St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary parishes.

Built up an appetite? Then pick up a jalapeño-sausage-cheese bread, the town's most famous culinary export. In November, cracklins take center stage at the **Port Barre Cracklin Festival**.

EAT & DRINK

BOURQUE'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

581 Saizan St. | 337.585.6261

BourqueSpecialties.com | 


Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-8PM

Famous for jalapeno, sausage, cheese bread.
On the Boudin Trail - will ship.



CHICKEN KING

17560 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7150

ChickenKingLA.com | 

Open daily 8AM-10PM

Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

KING'S TRUCK STOP

16470 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.2993 | 

Open 24 hours a day

Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BAYOU TECHE RV PARK

100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646

45 shaded camp sites located on the banks of Bayou Teche with access to electricity and running water. Dump site and large pavilion available.

TRAVELERS MOTEL

17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642

31 rooms with cable TV, microwave, and fridge. Daily and weekly rates available.



SUNSET

Legend has it that Sunset received its name from railroad workers in the late 1800s. The workers named new train stops as they reached them and apparently arrived here at sunset.




Today, the town's sun is rising, especially in the arts community. Historic buildings have been revived into shops for antiques, collectibles, and local handcrafted items. Shop for even more unique finds the third Saturday of March and September at the **Exit 11 Yard Sale**, which includes the neighboring community of Grand Coteau.

For those with a green thumb, visit in May for **A Celebration of Herbs & Gardens**, or take part in local traditions on the second Saturday of the month at the **Sunset JAM—jambalaya, arts, music**.




ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

ANTIQUE WOODS OF LA

184 Pershing Hwy. | 337.662.2121
AntiqueWoodsLA.com | 
Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-4PM; Fri 7:30AM-2:30PM
If you are looking for wooden doors, shutters, windows, or other reclaimed architectural pieces, then this is the place.

ARTWORKS BY TED BERTRAND

855 Napoleon Ave. | 337.351.3043
ArtWorksByTedBertrand.com | 
Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM
Colorful, impressionistic artwork depicting Louisiana landscapes, wildlife, Acadiana style homes, and other structures and scenes that exemplify this area. Also featuring local artist, Anne Matt. *Ici on parle français.*

BAYOU SOME STUFF THRIFT SHOP

789 Napoleon Ave.
337.331.5577 | Thurs-Sat 9AM-5PM
Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys, music, jewelry, collectibles, and art.

BOHO

829-B Napoleon Ave.
337.662.2223 | 
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM
An eclectic mix of modified finds, creative works, art, and restyled and vintage furniture. Also features local artists using reclaimed materials.

FUNKY FLEA


829-A Napoleon Ave.
337.258.5404 | 
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM
Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.




THE GLASS PORCH STUDIO

297 Pershing Hwy. | 337.322.7906
By appt. only
Working glass studio. Fused glass art specializing in garden and home décor.

J&B QUILTING

988 Napoleon Ave.
337.662.1183 | JBQuilting.com | 
Tues-Fri 9AM-5:30PM; Sat 10AM-3PM
Quilting fabrics and supplies.
Call for class schedule.

JERILYN'S FUSED GLASS GALLERY & ART STUDIO

819 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.5409 | 
Wed-Sat 10:30AM-5PM and by appt.
One-of-a-kind fused glass art pieces and jewelry. Commissioned pieces upon request.

REMEMBER WHEN ANTIQUES

956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 | 
Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-5PM
Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale. Mid-century room.

SUNRISE SATURDAYS IN SUNSET FARMERS MARKET

832 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.3276
Sat 8AM-12PM
Find fresh local produce and artisan food producers every Saturday.

SUNSET ANTIQUE MARKET

151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091 | [f](#)
 Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-5PM
 10,900 sq. ft. of antiques, art, and collectibles in a converted sweet potato shed. The buildings are vintage warehouses approximately 50-75 years old. *Ici on parle français.*



SUNSET RAIL STOP FLEA MARKET

312 Anna St. | 337.945.9188 | 337.662.1118
 SunsetRailStop.com | [f](#)
 Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM
 Located in a converted feed store and warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, memorabilia, and more. 6000 sq. ft. and climate controlled. One block south of traffic light.

WATER OAK FARMS

832 Napoleon Ave.
 337.662.3276 | WOFinc.com | [f](#)
 Wed-Sat 10AM-4PM
 Specializing in artisan crafted, all natural bath and body goods.

EAT & DRINK

Café Josephine

818 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.0008
 CafeJosephineSunset.com | [f](#)
 Tues-Thurs 11AM-2PM / 5PM-9PM;
 Fri 11AM-10PM; Sat 11AM-10PM
 Specializing in Cajun cuisine. Full service bar, and brand new oyster bar. Private group dining.

JANISE'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

147 Oak Tree Park Dr.
 337.662.5512 | [f](#)
 JanisesSupermarket.com
 Open daily 7AM-8PM
 Specialty meats, poboyos, and Cajun cuisine. Homemade plate lunches made daily. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LA CABOOSE B&B AND GIFT SHOP

135 S. Budd St. | 337.662.5401
 Restored railroad caboose, depot, mail car, and ticket office hosts guests in Certified Natural Backyard Habitat. Gift shop includes gourd art and homemade jams and jellies.

SUNSET MOTOR INN

2153 I-49 S. Service Rd.
 337.662.3726
 31 rooms.

Genealogy

St. Landry Parish is fortunate to have archival records dating back to the early 1800s and welcomes visitors to search for ancestry through several resources open to the public.

The **Imperial St. Landry Genealogical & Historical Society** has an active membership that meets monthly with periodic workshops and seminars. The public is invited to attend. Members are happy to assist with research that may answer some of your family's questions about roots of origin.

Research online:

ImperialStLandryGenealogy.org
 facebook.com/ImperialStLandry

Other public resources include:

St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court

118 S. Court St., Suite 109, Opelousas
 337.942.5606 ext. 145 | StLandryParish.org | Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM

Opelousas-Eunice Public Library

212 E. Grolee St. Opelousas | 337.948.3693
 Mon-Fri 8AM-5:30PM; Sat 8AM-5PM | Opelousas.lib.la.us



WASHINGTON

Washington, first named Church Landing, was the site of the first Catholic Church (built in 1770) in St. Landry Parish. Located on **Bayou Courtableau**, and a thriving steamboat town in the 1800s, Washington served as the largest port between New Orleans and St. Louis. Steamers worked their way through a maze of bayous and rivers to carry cargo to and from New Orleans.

Today antique lovers can spend hours browsing treasures at the numerous shops along Main Street. The **Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall**, a former high school built in 1934, houses more than 100 antique dealers. On the second weekend in April and October, the **Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale** is held on site, attracting thousands of shoppers.



Much of the original town is included in the **Washington Historic District**, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Its homes, cottages, warehouses, and other buildings from those steamboat days are still standing, serving as restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and shops.

Washington has become a desirable wedding destination, with its historic venues and churches that provide quaint settings and charming backdrops for that special day. The significance of the town's original architecture was recognized in 2017, as the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, chose Washington as the site of its annual Fall Ramble.

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

HISTORIC WASHINGTON ART GALLERY

514 St. Landry Veteran Memorial Hwy.
337.692.9378 | 
Sat 10AM–4PM; Sun 12PM–4PM; or by appt.
Housed in a small historic church and features unique and original artwork by local artists.

NANNY BELLE'S ANTIQUES

402 S. Main St. | 337.628.5000
Fri–Sun 9AM–6PM; Special Holiday Hours
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china, and more.

OLDE WOOD ACCENTS

400 S. Main St. | By appt. only
337.351.9009 | 337.308.3563
Source for reclaimed wood, cypress furniture, floors, stairs, furniture repairs, and woodworking.

OLD SCHOOLHOUSE ANTIQUE MALL

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580
OldSchoolhouseAntiqueMall.com | 
Fri–Sun 9AM–5PM
40,000 sq. ft. of antiques, collectibles, vintage clothing, jewelry, and primitives. 50s-style café offers home-cooked meals. Look for semi-annual sales in April and October!

STEELE MAGNOLIA ANTIQUES

114 N. Main St. | 
337.826.3321 | 337.224.8980
Fri–Sun 10AM–6PM
French-American antique furniture including armoires, marble, estate jewelry, tabletops, lamps, Belgium chandeliers, stained glass, crystal glassware, and linens.

ATTRACTIONS

WASHINGTON MUSEUM & TOURIST CENTER

404 N. Main St. | 337.826.3627 | TownOfWashingtonLa.org | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM; Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM

Information on historic sites, maps, house and walking tours upon request. Artifacts of the steamboat era are housed in the museum. Trolley rental is available for groups.

EAT & DRINK

ARDOIN'S GROCERY

321 N. St. John St. | 337.826.7136

Mon-Fri 6:30AM-6:30PM;

Sat 6:30AM-2PM

Family owned since 1955, locally sourced produce, and meat cut fresh daily. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.



OLD SCHOOLHOUSE CAFÉ

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | [f](#)

Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM

50s-style café offers home cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall.

STEAMBOAT WAREHOUSE RESTAURANT

525 N. Main St. | 337.826.7227 | [f](#)

SteamboatWarehouse.com

Tues-Sat 5PM-until; Sun 11AM-2PM

This brick warehouse was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then dine on delicious steaks, seafood, and specialties.

WASHINGTON CITGO

311 N. Main Street | 337.826.5704

Sun-Thurs 5AM-6PM; Fri-Sat 5AM-7PM

Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BAYOU COURTABLEAU RV PARK

187 Elizabeth St. | 337.351.2615

Located on Bayou Courtableau.

Offers 12 full hook up sites, picnic tables, firewood, a pavilion, and outdoor kitchen for guest use. Water, electricity, and RV rentals.

CRAWFORD HOUSE B&B

331 E. Carriere St.

337.826.3003 | 337.945.8274

Acquired by steamboat Captain William Crawford in 1864. Enjoy 19th-century living with three porches overlooking the grounds, including 150-year-old live oaks.



LAURA'S COTTAGE

111 E. Moundville St. | 337.351.1309 | [f](#)

A 1940s 2-bedroom private cottage with a full kitchen, laundry room, satellite TV, WiFi, and 2 screened in porches. Within walking distance of antique shops.



STEAMBOAT COTTAGES

513 N. Main St. | 337.826.1009

Nestled on scenic Bayou Courtableau, the cottages feature spacious living areas, patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, TV, mini-fridge, and microwave.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON RV PARK

143 Front St. | 337.826.3626

Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM

Weekends & after hours 337.826.3305

Enjoy five acres in a family and pet friendly environment with 50+ full hookups incl. water, electricity, and sewerage.

WILLIE'S CAMPGROUND

1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.826.4822 | [f](#)

Tues-Wed 1PM-12AM; Thurs-Sat 1PM-2AM

Office closed on Sunday & Monday

This campground of 60 sites is situated along Bayou Courtableau. Water, electricity, and sewerage provided. *Ici on parle français.*



ST. LANDRY PARISH *Spiritual Trail*

Travelers flock to this area in search of the site of a miracle, a floating eucharistic procession on the bayou, and *traiteurs* or “faith healers”. We can thank the people who settled here for these diverse beliefs and rituals. They brought with them their own style of worship, creating an area with varied denominations.

In fact, Opelousas is home to one of the oldest African American churches in Louisiana, **Little Zion Baptist Church**, and the oldest Methodist church congregation west of the Mississippi River, **Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church**. The town also boasts a phenomenal gospel choir at the **Holy Ghost Catholic Church**, which performs the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 11AM Mass. So, whether you are embarking on a spiritual journey or an admirer of religious architecture this itinerary is for you.

While visiting Opelousas, stop by **St. Landry Catholic Church**. There you'll find the **Father Lafleur Monument**, an original sculpture in honor of this WWII POW's heroic last moments aboard a scuttled ship. Also, visit the church cemetery in October for historic reenactments and tours.

St. Landry Parish is also noted for its many historic Catholic institutions, especially in the town of Grand Coteau. Here travelers report an indescribable peacefulness. That feeling may have a lot to do with the **Shrine of St. John Berchmans** at **The Academy of the Sacred Heart**, the site of the only documented miracle in the U.S.

Continue your tour of Grand Coteau at **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**, noted for its very large collection of religious art. This church parish will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2018. While visiting, make time to see **St. Charles Cemetery**. This hallowed ground is the resting place of many Jesuit priests. Guided tours of the church and cemetery are offered every October during the Sweet Dough Pie Festival, or by appointment.

This is just a small sample of the trail. For the full itinerary, visit CajunTravel.com



VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

We invite you to begin your visit in St. Landry Parish at the **St. Landry Parish Visitor Information Center**. Located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49, the facility is one of the first sustainably designed centers in the country.

By utilizing both old and new practices in its construction, this award-winning structure is welcoming and a great way to introduce visitors to this region of Louisiana.



Because the design incorporates many LEED certified materials and reclaimed objects like long leaf pine and handmade bricks, the Center serves also as a teaching lab for all ages. We



welcome home builders and groups to tour the facility and learn about creative ways to work with nature. Irises in the spring, black-eyed Susan's in the summer and native grasses seeding in the fall, make for a changing landscape all year long.

At the 2016 American Society of Landscape Architects' annual meeting, the SLP Visitor Information Center was recognized with a **General Design Award**. The other seven recipients were for projects located in China (2), Singapore, Thailand, Texas, Canada, and Wyoming. A prestigious group if we say so ourselves!

The Center has earned the status of **Franco-Responsible** by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), as we have French speakers on staff along with printed information and exhibits *en Française*.

The Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9AM-5PM and offers free coffee, WiFi, and of course, the most up to date information about things to do and see in St. Landry Parish.

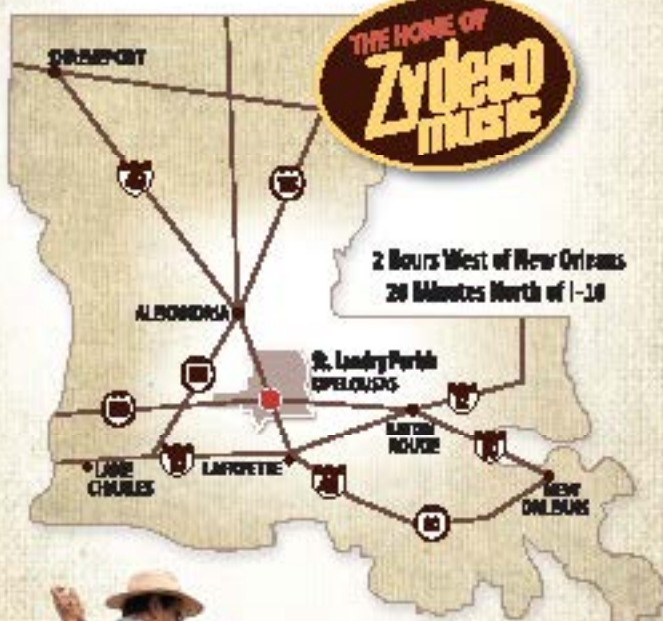


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