



New Orleans PLANTATION COUNTRY

VISITOR GUIDE



**HERE, like nowhere else,
the past is PRESENT.**



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Along the winding, picturesque Great River Road between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, an unforgettable journey back in time awaits you. Here you will find nine majestic, historic plantation homes for you to discover.

These lavish estates offer you a unique look into the past and a chance to witness history. Perhaps you'll see the slave cabins at Laura: A Creole Plantation, one of several plantations in the area where the world-famous "Tales of Br'er Rabbit" were first recorded. Maybe you'll visit Oak Alley Plantation with its alley of 300-year-old oak trees. And you're bound to hear a chilling ghost story or two along the way. Wherever your journey takes you, storytellers will captivate you with tales of opulence and tragedy, and you'll be fascinated by characters, craftsmen and tour guides in period dress.

It's all waiting for you here. Take the journey of a lifetime and experience the beauty and grandeur of New Orleans Plantation Country – where the past is present.



Houmas House Plantation & Gardens boasts 38 acres of lavish gardens.

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River Parishes Tourist Commission
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Laura: A Creole Plantation features a French-style formal garden.

WELCOME to Plantation Country

Plantation Country has always been known for its hospitality, but it's a little known fact that pineapples have long been a symbol of hospitality in plantation country. Plantation families had a rich tradition of entertaining guests and treating them with great generosity.

The pineapple was an exotic, expensive fruit, but if you were a guest here in their home, you would probably receive a pineapple on the day you arrived. However, if you overstayed your welcome, you might wake up one morning to find another pineapple at the foot of your bed. This was your hosts' polite way of saying that it was time for you to take your pineapple elsewhere. This link to the pineapple remains, and you'll find the pineapple often used as a theme for home architecture, decorating and serving pieces. And, we promise a warm, hospitable welcome, even if we don't hand out pineapples when you arrive.



HISTORY

The roots of New Orleans Plantation Country were planted in 1718 with the founding of New Orleans. Food was vital for the new colony, which soon resulted in farms being consigned in what is now known as plantation country. Over the next 150 years, numerous farms were worked by Germans, Acadians (Cajuns), French, Spanish, Indians and enslaved Africans, and the vital link between New Orleans and New Orleans Plantation Country was established. Most homes were modest at first, but as the planters' wealth grew these were often replaced by opulent plantation homes.

Many of our plantations have been lost over the years, which is why it is so important that the area's remaining history be preserved and shared. Welcoming the public into these homes and passing along the stories of the past, helps link the past to the present and future, preserving our rich heritage.



San Francisco Plantation circa 1870.

HOW TO SAY IT

In Louisiana, we have unique ways of expressing our ourselves. A few terms are listed below to get you started. For a more complete listing, visit our website at NewOrleansPlantationCountry.com/about.

Andouille (ahn-do-ee)

A spicy country sausage used in gumbo and other Cajun dishes.

Bayou (bi-yoo)

A sluggish stream that meanders through lowlands, marshes, or plantation grounds.

Cajun (cay-jun)

Descendants of Acadians, the French-speaking people who migrated to South Louisiana in the eighteenth century from what is now Nova Scotia.

Creole (cree-ol)

Several definitions exist: a Creole is a person descended from French or Spanish settlers or a person of mixed European and African blood.

Étouffée (ay-too-fay)

A spicy Cajun stew of vegetables and seafood, usually prepared with crawfish or shrimp and served over rice.

Gumbo (gum-boe)

A thick, robust roux-based soup sometimes thickened with okra or filé. There are thousands of variations, such as shrimp or seafood gumbo, chicken or duck gumbo, okra and filé gumbo.

Jambalaya (jum-bo-lie-yah)

A rice dish prepared with any combination of beef, pork, fowl, sausage, or seafood, as well as celery, onions, peppers and often tomatoes.

Lagniappe (lan-yap)

An extra or unexpected gift or benefit.

HOW TO GET HERE

DRIVING DISTANCES

- Atlanta, GA • 495 miles • 7 hr, 30 min
- Baton Rouge, LA • 50 miles • 45 min
- Biloxi, MS • 115 miles • 2 hr
- Birmingham, AL • 365 miles • 5 hr, 45 min
- Dallas, TX • 500 miles • 7 hr, 45 min
- Houston, TX • 325 miles • 5 hr
- Jackson, MS • 165 miles • 2 hr, 30 min
- Jacksonville, FL • 570 miles • 9 hr
- Little Rock, AR • 420 miles • 8 hr
- Memphis, TN • 375 miles • 5 hr, 45 min
- Mobile, AL • 170 miles • 2 hr, 45 min
- Nashville, TN: 560 miles • 8 hr, 45 min
- New Orleans • 30 miles • 30 min
- Pensacola, FL • 225 miles • 3 hr, 30 min
- Shreveport, LA • 320 miles • 5 hr, 30 min

AIRPORTS

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport
900 Airline Dr. • Kenner, LA 70062
GPS Coordinates: 29.98301, -90.25992
504.303.7500 • flymsy.com

Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport
9430 Jackie Cochran Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70807
GPS Coordinates: 30.53276, -91.15814
225.355.0333 • flybtr.com

VISITORS CENTERS

St. Charles Parish Tourist Information Center
13825 River Rd. • Luling, LA 70070
GPS Coordinates: 29.93793, -90.37635
985.783.5145

St. James Welcome Center
1094 N. Airline Ave. • Gramercy, LA 70052
GPS Coordinates: 30.07363, -90.68386
225.869.1717

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The River Parishes Tourist Commission, representing St. Charles, St. James and St. John Parishes, is the official marketing organization for New Orleans Plantation Country. Feel free to contact us for more information about travel to the area or if you need any assistance. **We're looking forward to seeing you!**

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Crawfish boils are held throughout the spring.

FOOD FESTIVAL FANATICS

Of the many festivals held throughout the year in plantation country, some of the most popular are food festivals. Small wonder, considering the amazing cuisine you'll find here. Local food festivals include the Louisiana Catfish Festival in Des Allemands (July); the Alligator Festival in Luling (September); the Andouille Festival in LaPlace (October); and the Battle for the Paddle Cook-off in Luling (October). *Bon appetit!*



Jambalaya made with savory Andouille sausage.

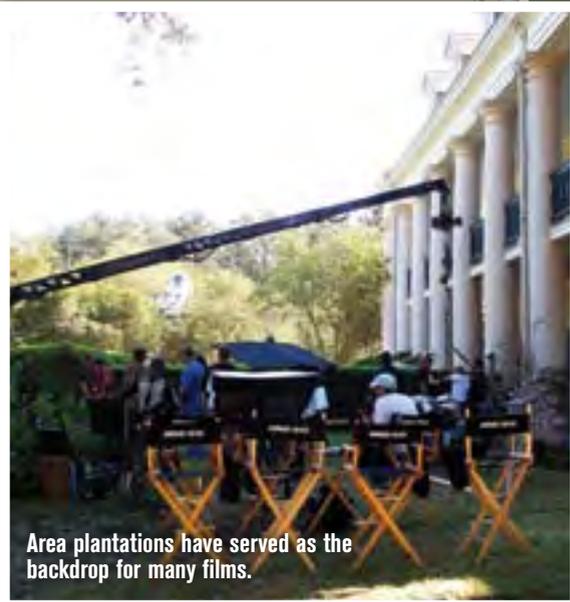


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Area plantations have served as the backdrop for many films.

WE'RE READY FOR OUR CLOSE-UP

With a variety of settings that are uniquely Louisiana and a rich palette of scenic locations that can play for nearly anywhere, filmmakers love shooting their productions in Louisiana almost as much as people love visiting.

If you've watched *The Skeleton Key*, *Monster's Ball*, *Primary Colors*, or *Interview with the Vampire*, then you have already seen New Orleans Plantation Country featured prominently on the big screen.

Visit our website to see a complete list of movies filmed in New Orleans Plantation Country.



Hands-on demonstrations at Destrehan Plantation.

CRAFTY OLD PLANTATIONS

In days gone by, various crafts were a means for plantations to be self-sufficient. Quilting, carving, blacksmithing, indigo dyeing, candle making, doll making, herbal remedies, open-hearth cooking and bousillage construction are among the forms of craftsmanship that were prevalent at many plantations. Fascinating demonstrations and educational reenactments of these time-honored crafts take place at several plantations, particularly San Francisco Plantation and Destrehan Plantation during educational tours and heritage events.



SHOPPING

Finding a unique gift or that locally-made treasure is a must before you leave New Orleans Plantation Country. Our plantations boast extraordinary gift shops for mementos from your visit. Many also feature a wide variety of handmade finds from coffees and Cajun mixes to art and collectibles. Home décor, cookbooks and even clothing are also popular offerings. The area is also home to a number of boutiques, specialty and antiques shops where you will happily browse in search of that special something to complete your trip. Please visit our activities section online for a list of shops and more details.



FROM FAT TUESDAY TO ASH WEDNESDAY

You can experience Mardi Gras (literally "Fat Tuesday") revelry, from the elaborate parades in New Orleans to smaller, family-friendly celebrations throughout our area. A special ring-shaped pastry decorated with purple, green and gold sugar, known as a King Cake, is often the centerpiece of Mardi Gras parties. Mardi Gras begins on the Epiphany, celebrating the arrival of the three kings at Jesus' birthplace. A small, plastic baby, representing the Christ child, is hidden inside the cake. Tradition requires that the person who gets the baby in their piece must provide the next King Cake.

Mardi Gras has its roots in the Christian calendar as a "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a solemn period of prayer and fasting that is observed by Catholics and lasts until Easter Sunday. The first Mardi Gras celebrations in the U.S. were held by French-Catholics in New Orleans in the early 1700s, beginning a tradition that thrives to this day.

BONFIRES ON THE LEVEE

The holiday season brings to light one of the oldest holiday traditions in the United States - Christmas Eve bonfires. Held all along the Mississippi River levees since the 1720s, these bonfires line the river for miles and attract thousands of visitors to the towns of Reserve, Garyville, Gramercy, Lutcher and Paulina. The first European settlers brought the custom with them, and our roots continue to flourish as families work together to create bonfires each year into amazing works of art.



Christmas Eve bonfires on the levee.

THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

New Orleans Plantation Country is a treasure trove of Civil War history. With artifacts, documents, reenactments and battlesites, there is no better place to witness the history of the War Between the States. You will find numerous plantations that survived and hear the stories of soldiers, slaves and everyday people who took part in this historic tragedy.



The Colonel at Oak Alley Plantation.

LOUISIANA BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATE WITH US

As we celebrate our 200th year of statehood throughout 2012, we pause to pay tribute to local son Jean Noel Destrehan, who fought for Louisiana rights in statehood and helped preserve our French heritage.

Destrehan Plantation was the home of this Louisiana patriarch, which today showcases the transition of the Louisiana territory to statehood, including maps, original documents signed by Thomas Jefferson and other important documents and artifacts. Visit Destrehan and our other area plantations for this historic celebration 200 years in the making.



Tours at Destrehan Plantation delve into the lives of the people of the past.

MEETINGS & GROUPS

New Orleans Plantation Country hosts corporate retreats and sightseeing activities. We assist motor coach operators in setting up group tours of the grand plantations and schedule student groups looking for hands-on history tours. We even help military and family reunion groups find the perfect spot to reconnect.

You won't find boring banquet fare here. Louisiana chefs prepare amazing cuisine, even for a crowd. Our variety of accommodations may suit your small group, and our location between New Orleans and Baton Rouge makes accessibility a breeze. Our experienced staff can help you plan your group adventure with assistance in everything from group rates to step-on guides.



Educational tours at San Francisco Plantation.



Oak Alley Plantation provides a fairy-tale wedding setting.

WEDDINGS

It is the storybook wedding of every little girl's dream. Descending the broad stair like Cinderella at the ball, the southern plantation wedding in all its splendor can be found at the magnificent homes throughout New Orleans Plantation Country.

No wonder Louisiana is such a popular wedding destination; with Louisiana cuisine, music and breathtaking scenery, you can choose from a variety of venues. And considering that the plantation homes have hosted weddings and grand events for more than a hundred years, you can imagine why our seasoned professionals are experts at managing every detail for today's perfect fairy-tale wedding.

Our website contains complete information for finding the perfect locale and all the details, from a charming historic church setting to a grand ball beneath a canopy of oaks. When you gather to celebrate this most important day with your family and friends, you'll never forget saying "I do," in New Orleans Plantation Country.



San Francisco Plantation has hosted weddings for more than a century.

ITINERARIES

DAY 1 - TRAVEL THROUGH TIME

Begin your tour in Vacherie at **Oak Alley Plantation**, one of the world's most photographed plantations with its alley of 300-year-old oak trees and Civil War history. Spend a little time shopping Oak Alley's vast gift shop on the grounds. Nearby **St. Joseph Plantation**, is a working Creole sugar plantation with tours provided by descendants of Joseph Waguespack who acquired the property in 1877. After a full morning of touring, cross the river at Hwy. 641 and stop for lunch at **Nobile's Restaurant**. Nobile's was founded in 1895 during the logging boom and still serves authentic Louisiana dishes in an historic atmosphere. Head east to Garyville where the opulence of **San Francisco Plantation** with its vivid colors and intricate architecture will stand in stark contrast to the more modest Creole homes. Leave time for shopping at **Roussel's Antiques** in LaPlace or a **Cajun Pride Swamp Tour** before dinner at **Frenier Landing Restaurant & Oyster Bar**. LaPlace-area hotels will provide comfortable accommodations.



St. Joseph Plantation features artifacts from early sugar production.

Swamp tours take in the area wetlands.



DAY 2 - TOURING AND SWAMP TOURS

Take I-10 to Darrow for a tour of **Houmas House Plantation & Gardens**, stopping off at their lavish gift shop. Then take I-10 to Exit 220 and head to tours at **Ormond Plantation** and **Destrehan Plantation**. Ormond is a West Indies-style plantation, and Destrehan is the oldest documented plantation home in the lower Mississippi Valley and boasts skilled artisans and displays of the original Louisiana Purchase documents. Ormond Plantation serves lunch during the weekday, or **Zydeco's** in Boutte is also a good option. An exhilarating **Swamp Adventures** or **Airboat Tours by Arthur Matherne** will round out the afternoon. Dinner at **Mario's Cypress Café** and another night's accommodations in the area will leave you refreshed for one more day of touring.

DAY 3 - AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

Explore our African American heritage. **Laura: A Creole Plantation** has tours based upon Laura's detailed memoirs of life in Creole Louisiana in 1805 and the interaction between the slaves and her family. This plantation is also noted as the place where the tales of Br'er Rabbit were first recorded. A wide variety of gifts, including Laura's memoirs are available in the gift shop. Stop for lunch at **B & C Seafood Market & Cajun Restaurant**, a quaint spot known for its mouth-watering, down-home Cajun and Creole dishes. **Evergreen Plantation** in Edgard has the most intact plantation complex in the South with 37 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including 22 slave cabins. Both Evergreen and Laura: A Creole Plantation are featured on the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail because of their dedication to preserving the true stories of slaves, as well as their contributions to art, history and Louisiana culture. Cross the Mississippi to Reserve to "feel the spirit" at **Our Lady of Grace Historic Sanctuary**, the first Catholic Church in the area built for African American parishioners.



Evergreen Plantation contains 22 slave cabins.

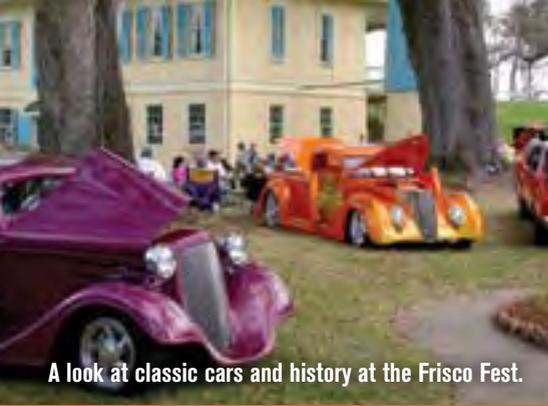


Our Lady of Grace Church is on the National Register of Historic Places.



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A look at classic cars and history at the Frisco Fest.

CALENDAR for every season

Whether you're planning a family vacation, a weekend getaway or a business trip – the calendar is full of fascinating and fun things to do year-round in New Orleans Plantation Country.

No matter what time of year you visit, you are likely to find one of our world-famous festivals, seasonal fairs or special events to attend. You can catch the Catfish Festival in the summer or the Andouille Festival in the fall. You could join in the party at Mardi Gras in the winter or enjoy the May Festival in the spring. There's always something happening here!

And if you happen to be here for the holidays, you won't want to miss our Christmas Eve bonfires. Inspired by their German and French ancestors, this unique Louisiana tradition takes place along the banks of the Mississippi River and attracts thousands of spectators each year.

Regardless of when you visit, we know you will have one of the most special, memorable experiences of your life. Visit NewOrleansPlantationCountry.com/ events for all the details.

ONGOING EVENTS

Art Gumbo Market at Houmas House Plantation & Gardens
Third Saturday of each month
Houmas House • Darrow, LA 70725
artgumbo.org

There will be art, crafts, home-grown and homemade products at this art market with beautiful Houmas House as the backdrop.

German Coast Farmers' Market
East Bank Saturday Market, 8 a.m. - noon
Ormond Plantation • Destrehan, LA 70047

West Bank Wednesday Market,
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
St. Charles Plaza • Luling, LA 70070
germancoastfarmersmarket.org
In addition to local products, the market features a variety of special events including live music and entertainment, information exchange and expert advice.

SPRING EVENTS

Frisco Fest Annual Spring Garden & Craft Fest
First weekend in March
San Francisco Plantation • Garyville, LA 70051
sanfranciscoplantation.org

Festival features local arts and crafts, kids' activities area, car show, food & live music.

St. Joseph Altar
March 19
St. Joseph Plantation • Vacherie, LA 70090
stjosephplantation.com

This day celebrates the Italian tradition of commemorating St. Joseph's Feast Day by decorating an altar with a bounty of food.

Oak Alley Plantation's Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Festival
Mid-March
Vacherie, LA 70090
oakalleyplantation.org

Over 170 booths of juried artists and crafters from across the United States along with great entertainment.

Annual May Festival
First weekend in May
Lutcher Recreation Park • Lutcher, LA 70071
225.623.9751

This annual spring event harkens back to our Germanic roots. Enjoy festivities in the park.

Spring Heritage Days & Civil War Encampment
First week in May
Destrehan Plantation • Destrehan, LA 70047
destrehanplantation.org
Visitors step back in time with trade and culture demonstrations from a bygone era.

SUMMER EVENTS

Juneteenth Celebration
First weekend in June
7260 Park Street • St. James, LA 70086
800.367.7852

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is an American holiday honoring African American heritage.

Fourth of July Celebrations
July 3
St. Charles Parish
Westbank Bridge Park • Luling, LA 70070

St. John Parish
St. Peter Church • Reserve, LA 70084
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Edgard, LA 70049

Our nation's birthday is celebrated with fireworks displays, food, and live music.

Louisiana Catfish Festival
Second weekend in July
Des Allemands, LA 70030
louisianacatfishfestival.com
Live bands, rides, 1-mile and 5k races, crafts, catfish-eating contest, and pageant.



Oak Alley Plantation's Spring Arts & Crafts Festival.

FALL EVENTS

Alligator Festival
Last weekend in September
Westbank Bridge Park • Luling, LA 70070
stcharlesrotary.com/alfestival.html
Gators take center stage at the festival named in their honor.

Pumpkin Patch
October
St. James Welcome Center
Gramercy, LA 70052
800.367.7852
Pumpkins galore, plus gourds, a hayride, nature boardwalk, and even a haunted room.

A Mourning Tour
October 1 - November 2
St. Joseph Plantation • Vacherie, LA 70090
stjosephplantation.com
Mourning customs and rituals of 19th century Creole Louisiana.

FALL EVENTS

Battle for the Paddle Cook-off
Early October
Westbank Bridge Park • Luling, LA 70070
www.uwaysc.org/battle-paddle
Annual jambalaya and gumbo cook-off. Family event with teams from across the region competing for the titles of "Best Jambalaya" and "Best Gumbo."

Andouille Festival
Third weekend in October
LaPlace, LA 70068
andouillefestival.com
Festival features music, rides and Andouille, the delectable sausage for which the festival was named.

Fall Heritage Day
Late October
Destrehan Plantation • Destrehan, LA 70047
destrehanplantation.org
Fall Heritage Day is a folk life festival for elementary students with hands-on activities such as open hearth cooking, blacksmithing, and indigo dyeing. Civil War and slave life are featured.

Oak Alley Plantation's Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival
Late October
Vacherie, LA 70090
oakalleyplantation.org
Visit over 170 booths of juried artists and crafters from across the United States with entertainment for the entire family.

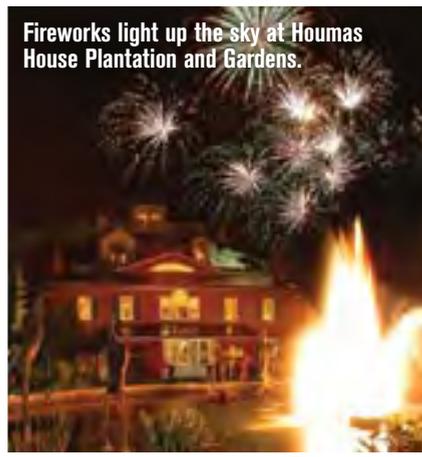
Veterans Day Celebration
Day before Veterans Day
St. James Welcome Center
Gramercy, LA 70052
800.367.7852
Celebration honoring our veterans with fireworks, food and other tributes.

Gone But Not Forgotten, A Mourning Event
Late October, Early November
St. Michael the Archangel Church
Convent, LA 70723
crazybouthistoryinc.org
Event examines cemeteries and the legacies of the families and lifestyles that contributed to the development of the River Parishes.

Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra at San Francisco Plantation
November
Garyville, LA 70052
sanfranciscoplantation.org
Full day of family fun with car show, gumbo cook-off, and an orchestra concert.

FALL EVENTS

Destrehan Plantation Fall Festival
Second full weekend in November
Destrehan, LA 70047
destrehanplantation.org
Featuring arts and crafts, antiques, great food, and exciting musical guests.



Fireworks light up the sky at Houmas House Plantation and Gardens.

WINTER EVENTS

Oak Alley Plantation's Annual Christmas Bonfire Party
First Saturday in December
Vacherie, LA 70090
oakalleyplantation.org
Celebrate the Christmas season with bonfires on the levee, food, dancing and music to heighten your holiday spirit.

Norco Christmas Parade
First Sunday in December
Norco, LA 70079
norconoel.com

A parade and a community celebration with caroling, Christmas tree lighting and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

St. Charles Parish Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Second Thursday after Thanksgiving
Westbank Bridge Park • Luling, LA 70070
985.783.5000

Lighting of the Christmas tree, caroling, and a visit from Santa.

Festival of the Bonfires
Second weekend in December
Lutcher Recreation Park
Lutcher, LA 70071
festivalofthebonfires.org
Experience a prelude to the famous Christmas Eve Bonfires. Enjoy great food, live entertainment, crafts, carnival rides and Santa's Very Merry Forest.

WINTER EVENTS

Bayou Gauche Christmas Boat Parade
December
Bayou Gauche, LA 70030
985.209.7098
A family event featuring boats decorated with Christmas lights. The parade also features a fireworks display. Santa will also be on hand to pass out candy.

Christmas Eve Bonfires
December 24
Along the levee in St. James & St. John parishes
Bonfires lit at 7 p.m., usher in America's oldest Christmas tradition.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Pilgrimage March & Program
Third Monday in January
Hahnville, LA 70057
985.785.2097
St. Charles Parish
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Organization holds its annual celebration with a march and rally to commemorate the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Third Monday in January
St. James High School • St. James, LA 70086
225.229.2492
St. James Parish
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Ecumenical Commemorative Service Commission sponsors a march and commemorative service.

Mardi Gras Parades
The weekend before Mardi Gras, the River Parishes are full of parades and celebrations. Please visit our website for more specifics and parade routes.

Krewe of Lul Parade
Luling, LA 70070
Saturday before Mardi Gras

Krewe of Towahpasah Parade
Reserve, LA 70084
Saturday before Mardi Gras

Krewe du Monde Parade
LaPlace, LA 70068
Sunday before Mardi Gras

Krewe of Des Allemands Parade
Des Allemands, LA 70030
Sunday before Mardi Gras

Krewe of Tomorrow Parade
Lutcher/Gramercy, LA 70071
Sunday before Mardi Gras



Laura: A Creole Plantation recounts the relationships between all of the people on the plantation.



13034 River Rd. • Destrehan, LA 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.94516, -90.36571
985.764.9315 • destrehanplantation.org

DESTREHAN PLANTATION

Oldest documented plantation home in lower Mississippi Valley with skilled artisans and displays of original Louisiana Purchase documents.

Cost: Adults \$15.00, Children (6 to 16 years) \$5.00*

Hours: Daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, gift shop, costumed guides, slave cabins, demonstrations, motor coach parking, handicap accessible.



3645 Hwy. 18 • Vacherie, LA 70090
GPS Coordinates: 30.00500, -90.77889
225.265.2151 • oakalleyplantation.org

OAK ALLEY PLANTATION

Known for its quarter-mile alley of 300-year-old live oaks, slave and Civil War history, the story of romance, wealth, greed and tragedy unfolds inside this antebellum mansion.

Cost: Adults \$18.00, Youth (13 to 18 years) \$7.50, Children (6 to 12 years) \$4.50*

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, gift shop, costumed guides, demonstrations, on-site restaurant, motor coach parking, accommodations.

EVERGREEN PLANTATION

Most intact plantation complex in the South featuring 37 national landmark buildings, an alley of 100 moss-draped centuries old oaks, and 22 original slave cabins.

Cost: Adults \$20.00, Children (12 years & under) \$10.00*

Hours: Mon. - Sat., tours at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 2 p.m.

Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, slave cabins, motor coach parking.



4677 Hwy. 18 • Edgard, LA 70049
GPS Coordinates: 30.02751, -90.63889
985.497.3837 • evergreenplantation.org

ORMOND PLANTATION

This home, located along the Great River Road showcases a rare, West Indies-style architecture. Built in 1787, it features rich history, beautiful antiques and mysterious ghost stories.

Cost: Adults \$7.00, Children (6 to 12 years) \$3.00.*

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekends by appointment.

Features: Tour groups welcome, on-site restaurant, motor coach parking, handicap accessible, accommodations.



13786 River Rd. • Destrehan, LA 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.95381, -90.38721
985.764.8544 • plantation.com



40136 Hwy. 942 • Darrow, LA 70725
GPS Coordinates: 30.14031, -90.93436
225.473.9380 • houmashouse.com

HOUMAS HOUSE PLANTATION & GARDENS

Grand antebellum estate displaying period antiques and artwork depicting the Southern splendor of "The Sugar Palace", with 38 lush acres of gardens.

Cost: Mansion and Gardens \$20.00, Gardens \$10.00*

Hours: Mon. & Tue., 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, gift shop, costumed guides, on-site restaurant, motor coach parking, handicap accessible.



2646 Hwy. 44 • Garyville, LA 70051
GPS Coordinates: 30.04927, -90.60189
985.535.2341 • sanfranciscoplantation.org

SAN FRANCISCO PLANTATION

This authentically restored home built by French and German sugar planters is one of the most opulent, colorful, and distinctive plantation homes in the South.

Cost: Adults \$15.00, Children (6 to 17 years) \$7.00*

Hours: Daily, 9:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, gift shop, costumed guides, slave cabins, demonstrations, motor coach parking.

LAURA: A CREOLE PLANTATION

Based upon Laura's detailed memoirs of life on the 1805 Creole plantation, stories come alive during tours of the home where the tales of Br'er Rabbit was first recorded.

Cost: Adults \$18.00, Children (6 to 17 years) \$5.00*

Hours: Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., last tour at 4 p.m.

Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, gift shop, slave cabins, motor coach parking.



2247 Hwy. 18 • Vacherie, LA 70090
GPS Coordinates: 30.00861, -90.72527
225.265.7690 • lauraplantation.com

ST. JOSEPH PLANTATION

Visit a working Creole sugar plantation offering authentic stories about early plantation life from descendants of Joseph Waguespack who acquired the property in 1877.

Cost: Adults \$15.00, Youth (13 to 18 years) \$7.00, Children (6 to 12 years) \$5.00*

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., tours on the hour, last tour 3 p.m.

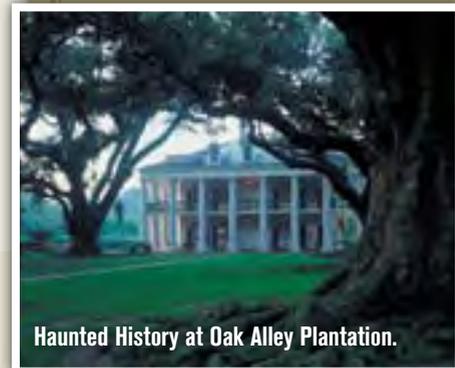
Features: Tour groups welcome, gardens, gift shop, slave cabins, motor coach parking, first floor handicap accessible.



3535 Hwy. 18 • Vacherie, LA 70090
GPS Coordinates: 30.00687, -90.77245
225.265.4078 • stjosephplantation.com

HAUNTED HISTORY

Although the tour guides at Oak Alley Plantation never stress the presence of spirits in the home, countless people are sure it is haunted. The most common specter reported is the "Lady in Black" – who has been seen by guests and guides alike all over the home. Other reported phenomena include voices calling out to people from the empty home, empty chairs rocking in unison, and a candlestick flying across the room in front of 35 tour bus passengers. Real or imagined? Visit and decide for yourself.



Haunted History at Oak Alley Plantation.

MOURNING TOUR

One of the most sacred plantation customs involved mourning the dead. A death in the family meant draping the doorway of the home and rooms throughout the house in black crepe – and widows, children and household servants wearing black garments for one year. In honor of these customs, you can witness the "Mourning Tour" at St. Joseph Plantation from mid-October until November 3. The entire home is dressed in "deep mourning" including a black draped coffin placed in the main hall to illustrate the true mourning ritual.

PLANTATIONS *each has its own story*

When you visit the plantations in New Orleans Plantation Country, you'll hear real stories about the people who lived here – English sugar barons, Creole women, slaves and soldiers – each with their own historic perspective. You'll see artifacts, read stories and touch history – from the grand ballrooms to the impoverished slave cabins.

Take note of the differences between the plantations. The grandeur of Houmas House and Gardens and the opulence of San Francisco Plantation with its mélange of architectural styles and vivid colors is in stark contrast to the more modest St. Joseph Plantation and Laura: A Creole Plantation displaying the rustic, daily life of the plantation.

New Orleans Plantation Country has some of the most beautiful and famous plantation homes in the country, but it is their unique tales that truly make each worthy of a visit. You will pass on the stories of your travel back in time, and you will return to New Orleans Plantation Country to relive history.

Fishing is just one of the many activities in New Orleans Plantation Country.



ACTIVITIES *endless possibilities*

Once you arrive in New Orleans Plantation Country, you'll quickly find out what it means to "pass a good time." There are just so many things to see and do!

If you're the adventurous type, then a swamp tour is just the thing for you. You'll experience the amazing ecosystem and fascinating wildlife of Louisiana up close and personal – as an experienced guide takes you on a boat ride deep into bayou country. Or perhaps you would prefer fishing in the bountiful Bonnet Carré Spillway or one of our beautiful lakes. Boat launches are located throughout the area.

If you're into golf, you'll be glad to hear that there are a number of challenging and beautiful courses in the area. Maybe you would like to explore our many historic churches and cemeteries – or you could go shopping for local crafts at dozens of stores and boutiques. And for guaranteed fun and excitement, you could experience one of our famous festivals or fairs.

Regardless of which activities you decide to explore, you'll have an unbelievably good time in plantation country.

AROUND TOWN

Crazy Bout History Tours
225.869.8148
crazybouthistoryinc.org
Tours are culturally and historically designed to entertain and educate.

Hollywood Cinemas 7
1312 W. Airline Hwy. • LaPlace, LA 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07204 -90.49259
985.652.1000
hollywoodcinemas7.com

St. Charles Parish Planetarium
105 Lakewood Dr. • Luling, LA 70070
GPS Coordinates: 29.91254, -90.34456
985.785.8471
stcharles.lib.la.us/planetarium
Offering a three-dimensional portal to the universe by viewing over 110,000 stars with the latest digital technology.

St. John Theatre
115 W. 4th St. • Reserve, LA 70084
GPS Coordinates: 30.05480, -90.55790
985.536.6630 • stjohntheatre.com

BOAT LAUNCHES

ST. CHARLES PARISH
Bayou Gauche Boat Launch
Located at the end of LA 306 at Bayou Gauche
GPS Coordinates: 29.78161, -90.39465

Bonnet Carré Spillway Launch (Norco)
Located on US 61 at East Levee Spillway
GPS Coordinates: 30.02144, -90.40910

Des Allemands Boat Launch
Located under the US 90 bridge on the east side
GPS Coordinates: 29.82163, -90.47618

East Guide Levee Launch (Norco)
Located at the end of the East Bonnet Carré Spillway Levee at Lake Ponchartrain
GPS Coordinates: 30.05577, -90.37211

Fisherman's Wharf (Bayou Gauche)
Located on LA 306 at Bayou Gauche
GPS Coordinates: 29.77996, -90.39823

Hahnville Boat Launch
Located at the intersection of LA 3127 and LA 3160
GPS Coordinates: 29.95514, -90.43574

BOAT LAUNCHES

Pier 90
Located on US 90 between Luling and Jefferson Parish
GPS Coordinates: 29.91446, -90.27433

ST. JOHN PARISH
Fred's Boat Launch
Located at the end of LA 643 in Pleasure Bend
GPS Coordinates: 29.91751, -90.62513

Moll Canal Boat Launch
Located off LA 3127 in Edgard
GPS Coordinates: 30.01389, -90.54251

Peavine Boat Launch
Located at the end of Peavine Rd.
GPS Coordinates: 30.10716, -90.42301

Reserve Canal Boat Launch
Located on Airline Hwy., between LA 3179 and LA 53
GPS Coordinates: 30.07722, -90.54528

Ruddock Boat Launch
Located off of I-55, exit 7
GPS Coordinates: 30.19693, -90.43253

ST. JAMES PARISH
Blind River Boat Launch
Located on Airline Hwy., between Gramercy and Gonzales
GPS Coordinates: 30.10083, -90.73611

Brazan Canal Boat Launch
Located at the end of LA 644
GPS Coordinates: 29.95361, -90.69167

HISTORIC CHURCHES & CEMETERIES

Lutcher Methodist Church
2347 Texas St. • Lutcher, LA 70071
GPS Coordinates: 30.04278, -90.69917
225.869.5248
Built in: 1901

Manresa House of Retreats
5858 Hwy. 44 • Convent, LA 70723
GPS Coordinates: 29.99271, -90.82078
manresala.org
Built in: 1836
This is a private Jesuit retreat center but can be viewed easily from the road.

Our Lady of Grace Church
123 Redemption Way • Reserve, LA 70084
GPS Coordinates: 30.07420, -90.55619
985.536.4717
Built in: 1937

HISTORIC CHURCHES & CEMETERIES

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church & Cemetery
13281 Hwy. 644 • Vacherie, LA 70090
GPS Coordinates: 29.94472, -90.68222
225.265.3953 • olopchurch.org
Built in: 1894

St. Charles Borromeo Church & Cemetery
13396 River Rd. • Destrehan, LA 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.94952, -90.37573
985.764.6383
archdiocese-no.org/scbparish
Built in: 1921

St. James Catholic Church & Cemetery
6613 Hwy. 18 • St. James, LA 70086
GPS Coordinates: 30.01614, -90.84195
225.265.4225
Built in: 1930

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & Cemetery
2361 Hwy. 18 • Edgard, LA 70049
GPS Coordinates: 30.04585, -90.55836
985.497.3412
Built in: 1920

St. Joseph Catholic Church
2130 Rectory St. • Paulina, LA 70763
GPS Coordinates: 30.02782, -90.71211
225.869.5751
riverroadcatholic.com
Built in: 1921

St. Mary Catholic Chapel
10138 Hwy. 44 • Convent, LA 70723
GPS Coordinates: 30.08732, -90.90531
225.56.3255
Built in: 1875

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
6476 Hwy. 44 • Convent, LA 70723
GPS Coordinates: 30.00972, -90.82751
225.562.3549
riverroadcatholic.com
Built in: 1833

St. Philip Catholic Church
1175 Hwy. 18 • Vacherie, LA 70090
GPS Coordinates: 30.02789, -90.69275
225.265.4085
Built in: 1921

GOLF

Belle Terre Golf & Country Club
111 Fairway Dr. • LaPlace, LA 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.08611, -90.49639
985.652.5000 • belleterregolf.com
Semi-private course, opened 1977
18 holes, 72 par, 72.2 rating, 130 slope rating on Bermuda grass

Cypress Lakes Golf and Country Club
10 Villere Dr. • Destrehan, LA 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.97149, -90.37384
985.764.6868
cypresslakescountryclub.com
Semi-private course, opened 1979
18 holes, 72 par, 72.8 rating, 124 slope rating

Fashion Golf & Country Club
223 Joe Louis Ln. • Hahnville, LA 70057
GPS Coordinates: 29.96239, -90.40705
985.783.6486
Private course, opened 1962,
9 holes, 36 par

Riverlands Golf & Country Club
500 Fairway Dr. • LaPlace, LA 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.08404, -90.48752
985.652.6316
Private course opened 1964
18 holes, 72 par, 71.1 rating, 128 slope rating on Bermuda grass

St. Rose Driving Range
10362 Airline Hwy. • St Rose, LA 70087
GPS Coordinates: 29.97512, -90.29618
504.466.0411 • strosedrivingrange.com
33 driving bays



Country Club golf is available for area visitors.

Swamp Tours take visitors into the heart of our rich ecosystem.



SWAMP TOURS

Airboat Tours by Arthur Matherne
4262 Hwy. 90 • Des Allemands, LA 70030
GPS Coordinates: 29.81843, -90.48545
800.975.9345 • airboatstours.com
Thrilling airboat tours through swamps, marshes, and bayous for six to 15 passengers with a USCG licensed captain.

ATV Swamp Tour
Airline Highway at Bonnet Carré Spillway Norco, LA 70079
GPS Coordinates: 30.02154, -90.41816
504.390.8800 • atvswamptour.com
Explore South Louisiana's unique ecosystem while maneuvering an ATV through an expanse of wetland trails.

Cajun Pride Swamp Tours
110 Frenier Rd. • LaPlace, LA 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.09551, -90.43724
800.467.0758
cajunprideswamptours.com
Tour the famous Manchac Swamp for a unique journey back to the early days of Louisiana bayou and swamp explorations.

Pleasure Bend Nature Tours
117 Rue St. Martin • Vacherie, LA 70090
GPS Coordinates: 29.91939, -90.62297
225.265.7611
Pontoon boat ride with a USCG licensed operator on Lac Des Allemands with views of Southern Louisiana's pristine beauty.

Swamp Adventures
Hwy. 3127 at Hymel Canal Paradis, LA 70080
GPS Coordinates: 29.92569, -90.41836
504.810.3866 • aswampadventure.com
Take a nearly two-hour, personalized tour of our private swamp, combining the action and excitement of airboats with Louisiana's natural beauty.

Frenier Landing provides fresh seafood and beautiful views.



DINING

savor the flavor

Part of what defines the rich history of New Orleans Plantation Country is our food. It's not just delicious – it's legendary. You might enjoy a gourmet Cajun dish at a fine-dining establishment one night, and then have a bowl of gumbo at a festival the next day – and both will be equally exquisite.

You'll find that Louisiana food is like none other in the world. This results from a melting pot of cooking styles that has shaped our culture over hundreds of years. You'll savor authentic Cajun and Creole cuisine, fresh Louisiana seafood and so much more. Jambalaya, gumbo, boiled crawfish, red beans & rice, crawfish étouffée, po-boys – the list of amazing Louisiana dishes is almost endless. And with options to satisfy every craving, palate and budget, you'll hardly be able to wait for your next meal!



BOULTE

Bamboo Garden
13491 Hwy. 90 • 70039
GPS Coordinates: 29.90104, -90.38727
985.785.9929 • gobamboogarden.com
Cuisine: Asian

Iron Gate
13299 Hwy. 90 • 70039
GPS Coordinates: 29.90286, -90.38172
985.308.0013
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Zydeco's II
13228 Hwy. 90 • 70039
GPS Coordinates: 29.90392, -90.37945
985.308.1058
zydecocajunrestaurant.com
Cuisine: Cajun, Italian, Po-boys, Seafood



Fried shrimp is just one of the many options for our mouth-watering po-boys.

CONVENT

Hymel's Seafood Restaurant
8740 Hwy. 44 • 70723
GPS Coordinates: 30.06905, -90.86469
225.562.7031
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

DARROW

Café Burnside
40136 Hwy. 942 • 70725
GPS Coordinates: 30.14031, -90.93436
225.473.9380 • houmashouse.com
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Latil's Landing
40136 Hwy. 942 • 70725
GPS Coordinates: 30.14031, -90.93436
225.473.9380 • houmashouse.com
Cuisine: Cajun, Seafood

DESTREHAN

Breeze Café
124 Longview Dr. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.95131, -90.37882
985.764.8800
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Café Ormond
1974 Ormond Blvd. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.96908, -90.37398
985.725.0741
Cuisine: American, Po-boys, Seafood

Frostop
3001 Ormond Blvd. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.98665, -90.36489
985.725.1116
Cuisine: American, Po-boys

Mario's Cypress Café
3001 Ormond Blvd. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.98666, -90.36499
985.764.1002 • marioscypresscafe.com
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Italian, Po-boys, Seafood

Ormond Plantation
13786 River Rd. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.95381, -90.38721
985.764.8544 • plantation.com
Mon - Fri 11:00am to 2:00pm
Cuisine: American, Cajun/Creole, Seafood

Sport's Pub & Grill
3001 Ormond Blvd. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.98649, -90.36447
985.764.1100
Cuisine: American, Po-boys

Taste of Tokyo
1972 Ormond Blvd. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.96962, -90.37528
985.764.1818 • tasteoftokyo.com
Cuisine: Asian

Trey Wah
124 Longview Dr. • 70047
GPS Coordinates: 29.95066, -90.37889
985.764.1147
Cuisine: Asian

GARYVILLE

Buddy B's Restaurant
2788 Hwy. 44 • 70051
GPS Coordinates: 30.04722, -90.60667
985.535.3663
Cuisine: Cajun, Italian, Po-boys, seafood

Fatty's Bar & Grill
186 Museum St. 70051
30.058630 -90.619950
985.535.5555 • fattysbarandgrill.com
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood



B & C Seafood Market and Restaurant provides down-home seafood dishes.

GRAMERCY

Café Perique
235 Main St. • 70052
GPS Coordinates: 30.04778, -90.68861
225.869.1774
Cuisine: American, Po-boys, Seafood

China King
849 N. Pine St. • 70052
GPS Coordinates: 30.06139, -90.70111
225.869.2000
Cuisine: Asian

Jenny's Overstuffed Po-boys & Chicken Shop
114 N. Airline Ave. • 70052
GPS Coordinates: 30.04778, -90.69000
225.869.0899
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Sandwich World
10800 Hwy. 3125 • 70052
GPS Coordinates: 30.06239, -90.70026
225.869.3894
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Spectacular Tubers
1665 Hwy. 3125 • 70052
GPS Coordinates: 30.06327, -90.69821
225.869.5600 • spectaculartubers.com
Cuisine: American

LAPLACE

Bull's Corner
1036 W. Airline Hwy. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07028, -90.48722
985.359.8888
Cuisine: American, Cajun/Creole, Seafood

Bully's Halfway House Restaurant
3701 Hwy. 51 • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.08472, -90.44806
985.652.9168
Cuisine: Cajun/Creole, Po-boys, Seafood

Chinese King
1036 W. Airline Hwy. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07083, -90.48694
985.651.7888
Cuisine: Asian

Cornerstone Café
50 Dominican Dr. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07500, -90.49556
985.652.1111
Cuisine: Cajun/Creole

Frenier Landing Restaurant & Oyster Bar
113 Dottie Ln. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.10694, -90.42333
985.224.2178
frenierlanding.com
Cuisine: Seafood

Frisco Deli
1113 W. Airline Hwy. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07058, -90.48866
985.651.7745
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Italian Pie
405 Belle Terre Blvd. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.08389, -90.50250
985.359.1743 • italianpie.com
Cuisine: Italian

Kobe's Steakhouse
506 Belle Terre Blvd. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.08722, -90.50306
985.652.8880
Cuisine: Asian

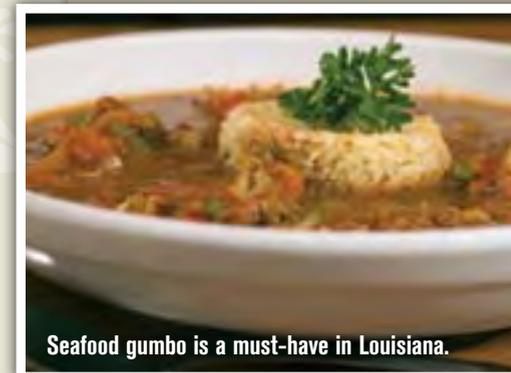
SEAFOOD GUMBO RECIPE

Hymel's Seafood Restaurant Ingredients

- 3 pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 pounds fresh lump crabmeat, picked over for shells and cartilage
- 1 quart oysters, drained
- 3 large onions - chopped
- 3 stalks of celery - chopped
- 1 bunch green onions - chopped
- ½ pod of garlic
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup oil
- 2 quarts of chicken broth

Directions

In a 10 quart pot, mix flour and oil and cook on medium heat while stirring frequently. Cook until golden brown. This should take about 30 minutes to cook to a golden brown. Add onions, celery and half of green onions to mixture and sauté for about 8 to 10 minutes until vegetables are translucent. Add the chicken broth and bring to a boil. Add oysters and let simmer for 15 minutes. Add shrimp and crabmeat to the mixture and let simmer an additional 5 minutes. Add remainder of green onions and hot sauce. Season to taste and serve over rice.



Seafood gumbo is a must-have in Louisiana.



Chef Jeremy Langlois features farm-to-table culinary masterpieces at Latil's Landing Restaurant.



NOW THAT'S REAL LOCAL FLAVOR

Executive Chef Jeremy Langlois of Latil's Landing Restaurant at Houmas House Plantation has created a wonderful new style of cuisine that he calls "Nouvelle Louisiane." This style of cooking focuses on using the freshest local ingredients that Louisiana has to offer – and Chef Langlois has taken it to a whole new level by using many fresh vegetables and herbs that are grown right on the grounds of the plantation. **Now that's fresh – and delicious!**

LAPLACE

La Carreta of LaPlace
107 Carrollwood Ave. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07456, -90.49648
985.651.9991 • carretarestaurant.com
Cuisine: Mexican

LaPlace Frostop
411 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.06361, -90.47611
985.652.6361 • laplacefrostop.com
Cuisine: American, Po-boys

Mabile's Restaurant
1124 W. Airline Hwy. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07117, -90.48951
985.651.2893
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Co.
3813 W. Airline Hwy. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07306, -90.49250
985.653.6731 • nohsc.com
Cuisine: American, Seafood

LAPLACE

Pier 51 Seafood Restaurant & Oyster Bar
3017 Hwy. 51 • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07583, -90.47167
985.651.0300
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Italian, Po-boys, Seafood

Ruby Garden
3101 Hwy. 51 • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.07694, -90.47053
985.653.8700
Cuisine: Asian

Spectacular Tubers
542 Belle Terre Blvd. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.08833, -90.50333
985.653.3323 • spectaculartubers.com
Cuisine: American

Wayne Jacob's Smokehouse & Restaurant
769 W. 5th St. • 70068
GPS Coordinates: 30.06583, -90.50750
985.652.9990
Cuisine: Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

LULING

Occasions Restaurant & Lounge
117 Maryland Dr. • 70070
GPS Coordinates: 29.90903, -90.36042
985.785.1681
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Italian, Po-boys, Seafood

Sushi Café
13899 River Rd. • 70070
GPS Coordinates: 29.94033, -90.38255
985.308.1003
Cuisine: Asian

LUTCHER

Aunt Ellie's Restaurant
1934 Main St. • 70071
GPS Coordinates: 30.04444, -90.69500
225.869.4088 • auntellies.com
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

Nobile's Restaurant & Bar
2082 W. Main St. • 70071
GPS Coordinates: 30.04079, -90.69859
225.869.8900 • nobilesrestaurant.com
Cuisine: American, Cajun, Po-boys, Seafood

RESERVE

Connie's Grill & Catering House
1462 Hwy. 44 • 70084
GPS Coordinates: 30.05436, -90.55748
985.536.3256
Cuisine: American, Cajun/Creole, Po-boys, Seafood

Pirogue's Café
719 W. 10th St. • 70084
GPS Coordinates: 30.07649, -90.56492
985.479.7800
Cuisine: Po-boys, Seafood

ST. JAMES

Chuck Lee's Chinese Kitchen
10560 Hwy. 70 W. • 70086
GPS Coordinates: 30.06248, -90.55134
225.473.3050
Cuisine: Asian

ST. ROSE

Palmettos/Buster's Grill
10405 Airline Dr. • 70087
GPS Coordinates: 29.97391, -90.29972
504.472.0771
Cuisine: American

St. Rose Tavern
11760 River Rd. • 70087
GPS Coordinates: 29.94190, -90.32243
504.469.8864
Cuisine: American, Cajun/Creole, Po-boys

Sunny Day Café
120 Mallard St. • 70087
GPS Coordinates: 29.98158, -90.28325
504.465.1331
Cuisine: American, Cajun/Creole, Po-boys, Seafood

Voodoo BBQ & Grill
100 E. James Dr. • 70087
GPS Coordinates: 29.97912, -90.28313
504.464.1880 • voodooobbqandgrill.com
Cuisine: American

VACHERIE

B & C Seafood Market & Cajun Restaurant
2155 Hwy. 18 • 70090
GPS Coordinates: 30.01040, -90.72259
225.265.8356 • 225-265-9960 fax
Cuisine: Cajun/Creole, Po-boys, Seafood

DJ's Grille
21060 Hwy. 20 • 70090
GPS Coordinates: 29.98222, -90.72056
225.265.7600
Cuisine: American, Italian, Seafood

Oak Alley Plantation
3645 Hwy. 18 • 70090
GPS Coordinates: 30.00500, -90.77889
800.442.5539 • oakalleyplantation.org
Cuisine: American, Cajun/Creole, Po-boys, Seafood

Spuddy's Cajun Food
2644 Hwy. 20 W. • 70090
GPS Coordinates: 29.99306, -90.72444
225.265.4013
Cuisine: Cajun/Creole

FROM LOGGING BOOM TO GREAT FOOD

Founded in 1895 by an Italian immigrant named Lawrence Nobile, this charming restaurant serves authentic River Road cuisine in an historic building located in Litcher. First established to serve the thousands of loggers who came to Litcher during the logging boom, Nobile's provided many other services over the years, including a coffee house, barber shop, shoe shine stand and doctor's office. Today it's simply a wonderful place to enjoy a drink or savor authentic Louisiana dishes in an historic atmosphere.



Nobile's still serves up authentic Louisiana dishes.

FRESH SEAFOOD & FEISTY GATORS

B & C Seafood Market & Cajun Restaurant in Vacherie is known for its mouth-watering, down-home Cajun and Creole dishes – as well as selling fresh Louisiana seafood from their market. However, this quaint establishment is also known for the alligator hunting adventures of founder Tommy Breaux – who originally went into business in the 1960s processing wild-caught catfish before opening B & C. For truly authentic Cajun country cooking, B & C Seafood can't be beat.

Comfortable rooms are available throughout the area.



ACCOMMODATIONS

sweet dreams

Finding a comfortable room in New Orleans Plantation Country is simple. From charming bed and breakfasts to national chain hotels and welcoming local motels – you'll easily find a solution to match your taste and your budget.

If you're looking for something elegant or different, some of our plantations offer accommodations in their beautiful bedrooms or cottages on the grounds. In addition, Poché Plantation is a destination RV resort – and you'll also find several picturesque campgrounds in the area.

Regardless of your preference, you'll always find a wide range of convenient accommodations in Plantation Country. Visit our website to make reservations today!



HOTELS/MOTELS

BOUTTE	# of Guest Rooms	Swimming Pool	Internet Access	Free Breakfast	Fitness Center	Laundry Facilities	Handicap Accessible	AAA Diamond Rated	AAA Diamond Accessible	On-Site Restaurant	Pet Friendly	Rooms w/Microwaves	Rooms w/Refrigerators	Airport Transportation	Miles to Airport	
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Days Inn LaPlace 3912 Hwy. 51 • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.08447, -90.44979 985.652.1223 daysinn.com/hotel/11528	55	•	•	•				•	•					•	•	18
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Holiday Inn Express & Suites 4284 Hwy. 51 • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.08644, -90.44550 985.618.1600 laplaceexpress.com	91	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	17
LaPlace Motel 918 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.05513, -90.46329 985.652.4665	30							•						•	•	14
Millet Motel 1525 W. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.07224, -90.49500 985.652.4401	50	•												•	•	17
Quality Inn LaPlace 3900 Hwy. 51 • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.08389, -90.45057 985.652.5544 qualityinnlaplace.com	102	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	18
Suburban Extended Stay Hotel 111 Jean St. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.09019, -90.44005 985.651.1799 suburbanhotels.com/hotel-laplace-louisiana-LA199	82	•	•		•	•								•	•	17
Troxie Motel 1053 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.05325, -90.45999 985.652.9950	29													•	•	14
Uncle Sam's Motel 1190 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.04987, -90.45529 985.653.0986 unclesamshotel.com	40			•			•	•						•	•	14

LULING	# of Guest Rooms	Swimming Pool	Internet Access	Free Breakfast	Fitness Center	Laundry Facilities	Handicap Accessible	AAA Diamond Rated	AAA Diamond Accessible	On-Site Restaurant	Pet Friendly	Rooms w/Microwaves	Rooms w/Refrigerators	Airport Transportation	Miles to Airport	
Best Western River Region Inn 12215 Hwy. 90 • 70070 GPS Coordinates: 29.91285, -90.34761 985.331.0064 bestwesternlouisiana.com/luling-hotels	45	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	16
Comfort Inn 12177 Hwy. 90 • 70070 GPS Coordinates: 29.91317, -90.34602 985.785.1125 comfortinn.com/hotel-luling-louisiana-LA414	42	•	•	•				•						•	•	16
Cypress Inn 12275 Hwy. 90 • 70070 GPS Coordinates: 29.91147, -90.35007 985.308.0400 cypressinnofluling.com	30	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	16
Ramada Luling 13889 River Rd. • 70070 GPS Coordinates: 29.94026, -90.38189 985.785.2600 ramada.com/hotel/04830	76	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	11
PARADIS																
A-1 Motel 15237 Hwy. 90 • 70080 GPS Coordinates: 29.87720, -90.43546 985.758.9793	27			•										•	•	16
ST. JAMES																
Supreme Inn & Suites 10441 Hwy. 70 Access Rd. • 70086 GPS Coordinates: 30.09472, -90.92778 225.474.3400 supremeinn.com	61	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	52
ST. ROSE																
Ramada Inn & Suites New Orleans Airport 110 James St. • 70087 GPS Coordinates: 29.97912, -90.28313 504.466.135 ramada.com/hotel/12984	130	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
Comfort Inn New Orleans Airport 10151 Airline Hwy. • 70087 GPS Coordinates: 29.97774, -90.28538 504.443.5100 comfortinn.com/hotel-saint_rose-louisiana-LA190	68			•	•	•	•	•	•						•	2



Bed & Breakfasts such as Auberge du Chêne Vert provide a relaxing retreat.



Southern hospitality is the hallmark of Louisiana, from check-in, to "we hope you'll come again."



What lies beneath the murky waters?

BEWARE OF SWAMP THINGS!

One of the most well-known stories in our swamps tells of "Rougarou" – the local version of Big Foot. A popular local tour guide tells the story he heard from an old-time swamp guide years ago. This guide took a group of Girl Scouts on a swamp tour, and noticed something large swimming in front of his boat. Thinking it was a very large alligator, he was shocked to see a huge, hairy creature swim to shore and run off on two legs. Talk about Girl Scout pandemonium!



The Spillway is a pristine place for kayaking.

BONNET CARRÉ SPILLWAY

Built as a flood control operation about 30 miles west of New Orleans in 1931, the Bonnet Carré Spillway has since become a popular 7,800-acre outdoor recreation area. Approximately 350,000 visitors come to enjoy ATV trails, fishing, crawfishing, hunting, birding and watching wildlife each year. There are two boat launches and a primitive campground. A park ranger is on-site to provide visitor assistance. It's a wonderful place to experience the best of Louisiana outdoor activities.

BED & BREAKFASTS

CONVENT	# of Guest Rooms	Swimming Pool	Internet Access	Free Breakfast	Fitness Center	Laundry Facilities	Handicap Accessible	AAA Diamond Rated	On-Site Restaurant	Pet Friendly	Rooms w/Refrigerators	Rooms w/Microwaves	Airport Transportation	Miles to Airport
Jolie Bed & Breakfast 6804 Hwy. 44 • 70723 GPS Coordinates: 30.02016, -90.82981 225.562.3553	2	•		•	•	•							•	47
Poché Plantation Bed & Breakfast 6554 Hwy. 44 • 70723 GPS Coordinates: 30.01222, -90.82778 225.715.9510 pocheplantation.com	6	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	42
DESTREHAN														
Ormond Plantation 13786 River Rd. • 70047 GPS Coordinates: 29.95289, -90.38463 985.764.8544 plantation.com	5				•			•				•	•	9
PAULINA														
Auberge du Chêne Vert 2794 Hwy 44 • 70763 GPS Coordinates: 30.02311, -90.71777 225.206.0303 aubergeduchenevert.com	3			•	•									40

RV PARKS/CAMPGROUNDS

BOUTTE	# of Sites	Roads: Gravel/Paved	Accommodate Big Rigs	Electricity	Water Hookups	Dump Station	Internet Access	Restroom & Showers	Cable TV	Laundry Facilities	Swimming Pool	Pet Friendly	Snack Bar/Vending	Good Sam Park
D & D RV Park 13448 Hwy. 90 • 70039 GPS Coordinates: 29.90178, -90.38578 985.785.1355 ddrvpark.com	42	•	G	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				5
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Sugar Hill RV Resort 9450 Hwy. 44 • 70723 GPS Coordinates: 30.07000, -90.89016 225.715.9510 sugarhillrvpark.com	161	•	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	

RV PARKS/CAMPGROUNDS

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South Louisiana Swamp Camp Rentals 160 Rue St. Martin • 70090 GPS Coordinates: 29.91999, -90.62223 225.265.3160	3			•	•	•	•				•	•		
HAHNVILLE														
Nicholas RV Park 118 Thelma Ln. • 70057 GPS Coordinates: 29.98881, -90.41731 985.783.6905	30	•	G	•	•						•	•	•	
Hanson RV Parking 141 Matis Rd. • 70057 GPS Coordinates: 29.95334, -90.40025 985.783.1925	14		G	•	•			•	•					
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Colonial Mobile Home-RV Park 1370 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.04555, -90.44869 985.652.9521	80		G	•	•	•					•			
LaPlace Trailer Park & Campground 1042 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.05384, -90.46129 985.652.9086	75	•	G	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Scenic Riverview Mobile Home Park 492 Hwy. 628 • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.04325, -90.47003 985.651.9987	25	•	G	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Troxie RV Park 137 Jaubert Ln. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.05325, -90.45999 985.652.6800	10		G	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•
Uncle Sam's RV & Trailer Park 1190 E. Airline Hwy. • 70068 GPS Coordinates: 30.04987, -90.45529 985.653.5590	100		G	•	•						•			•
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NORCO														
Bonnet Carré Spillway Campground 16302 River Rd. • 70079 GPS Coordinates: 29.99893, -90.42333 985.783.5090 Camping permit required. mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/rec_bonnetcarre.asp	20													•
PARADIS														
Mozella RV Park 144850 Old Spanish Trl. • 70080 GPS Coordinates: 29.88855, -90.42232 985.758.3002	86		P	•	•						•	•	•	



Poché Plantation is a destination RV resort.

POCHÉ PLANTATION GO RVING IN STYLE!

Poché Plantation was one of the last plantations built on the Mississippi River and stands as a fine example of a raised plantation house influenced by the Victorian Renaissance Revival. Besides being one of the most architecturally unusual plantations in the region, Poché Plantation in Convent is also the state's only destination RV resort. As a Class A Motor Coach RV Park, the plantation provides a full-service site designed to accommodate nearly every type of modern camping coach. Facilities include large concrete spaces, modern tower hookups and state-of-the-art digital conveniences. In addition to overnight stays in the RV park, an on-site restaurant and tours of the plantation are available. Tour times vary by season; please call for rates and hours.



RV's are made welcome at a number of area parks.

AREA MAP

Plantations

- Destrehan Plantation (I5)
- Evergreen Plantation (F4)
- Houmas House Plantations and Gardens (B2)
- Laura: A Creole Plantation (D4)
- Oak Alley Plantation (D4)
- Ormond Plantation (I5)
- Poché Plantation (C4)
- San Francisco Plantation (F3)
- St. Joseph Plantation (D4)

Activities

Around Town

- Hollywood Cinemas (J2)
- St. Charles Parish Planetarium (J6)
- St. John Theatre (G3)

Boat Launches

St. Charles Parish

- Bayou Gauche Boat Launch (H7)
- Bonnet Carré Spillway Launch (I4)
- Des Allemands Boat Launch (H7)
- East Guide Levee Launch (I3)
- Fisherman's Wharf (H8)
- Hahnville Boat Launch (H5)
- Pier 90 (J6)

St. James Parish

- Blind River Boat Launch (D3)
- Brazen Canal Boat Launch (E5)
- Fred's Boat Launch (F6)
- Moll Canal Boat Launch (G4)
- Peavine Boat Launch (K1)
- Reserve Canal Boat Launch (G3)
- Ruddock Boat Launch (H1)

Historic Churches & Cemeteries

- Lutcher Methodist Church (E3)
- Manresa House of Retreats (C4)
- Our Lady of Grace Church (G3)
- Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church (E5)
- St. Charles Borromeo Church (I5)
- St. James Catholic Church & Cemetery (C4)
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (G3)
- St. Joseph Catholic Church (D4)
- St. Mary Catholic Chapel (B3)
- St. Michael the Archangel (C4)
- St. Philip Catholic Church (E4)

Golf

- Belle Terre Golf & Country Club (J1)
- Cypress Lakes Country Club (I4)

- Fashion Golf & Country Club (I5)
- Riverlands Golf & Country Club (J1)
- St. Rose Driving Range (J4)

Swamp Tours

- Airboat Tours by Arthur Matherne (H7)
- ATV Swamp Tour (H4)
- Cajun Pride Swamp Tours (K1)
- Pleasure Bend Nature Tours (F5)
- Swamp Adventures (I5)

Dining

- Aunt Ellie's Restaurant (E3)
- B & C Seafood Market & Cajun (E4)
- Bamboo Garden (I6)
- Breeze Café (I5)
- Buddy B's Restaurant (F3)
- Bull's Corner (J2)
- Bully's Halfway House Restaurant (K2)
- Café Burnside (A2)
- Café Ormond (I5)
- Café Perique (E3)
- China King (D3)
- Chinese King (J2)
- Chuck Lee's Chinese Kitchen (B3)
- Connie's Grill & Catering House (G3)
- Cornerstone Café (J1)
- DJ's Grille (D4)
- Fatty's Bar & Grill (F3)
- Frisco Deli (J2)
- Mario's Cypress Café (I4)
- New Orleans Hamburger (J2)
- Nobile's Restaurant & Bar (D3)
- Oak Alley Plantation (D4)
- Occasions Restaurant & Lounge (I6)
- Ormond Plantation (I5)
- Palmettos/Buster's Grill (J5)
- Pier 51 Seafood Restaurant (J2)
- Pirogue's Café (G3)
- Ruby Garden (J2)

- Sandwich World (E3)
- Spectacular Tubers (J1)
- Spectacular Tubers - Gramercy (E3)
- Sport's Pub & Grill (I4)
- Spuddy's Cajun Food (D4)
- St. Rose Tavern (J5)
- Sunny Day Café (J4)
- Sushi Café (I5)
- Taste of Tokyo (I5)
- Trey Wah (I5)
- VooDoo BBQ & Grill (J5)
- Wayne Jacob's Smokehouse (I2)
- Zydeco's II (J6)

Hotels & Motels

- A-1 Motel 100 (H6)
- Best Western LaPlace Inn (K2)
- Best Western River Region Inn (J5)
- Breaux's Motel (I6)
- Comfort Inn (J6)
- Comfort Inn New Orleans Airport (J5)
- Cypress Inn (J6)
- Days Inn LaPlace (J2)
- Hampton Inn LaPlace (J1)
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites (J1)
- LaPlace Motel (J2)
- Millet Motel (J2)
- Quality Inn LaPlace (J2)
- Ramada Inn & Suites New Orleans Airport (J4)
- Ramada Luling (I5)
- Southern Inn (I6)
- Suburban Extended Stay Hotel (K1)
- Supreme Inn & Suites (B3)
- Troxie Motel (K2)
- Uncle Sam's Motel (J2)

Bed & Breakfasts

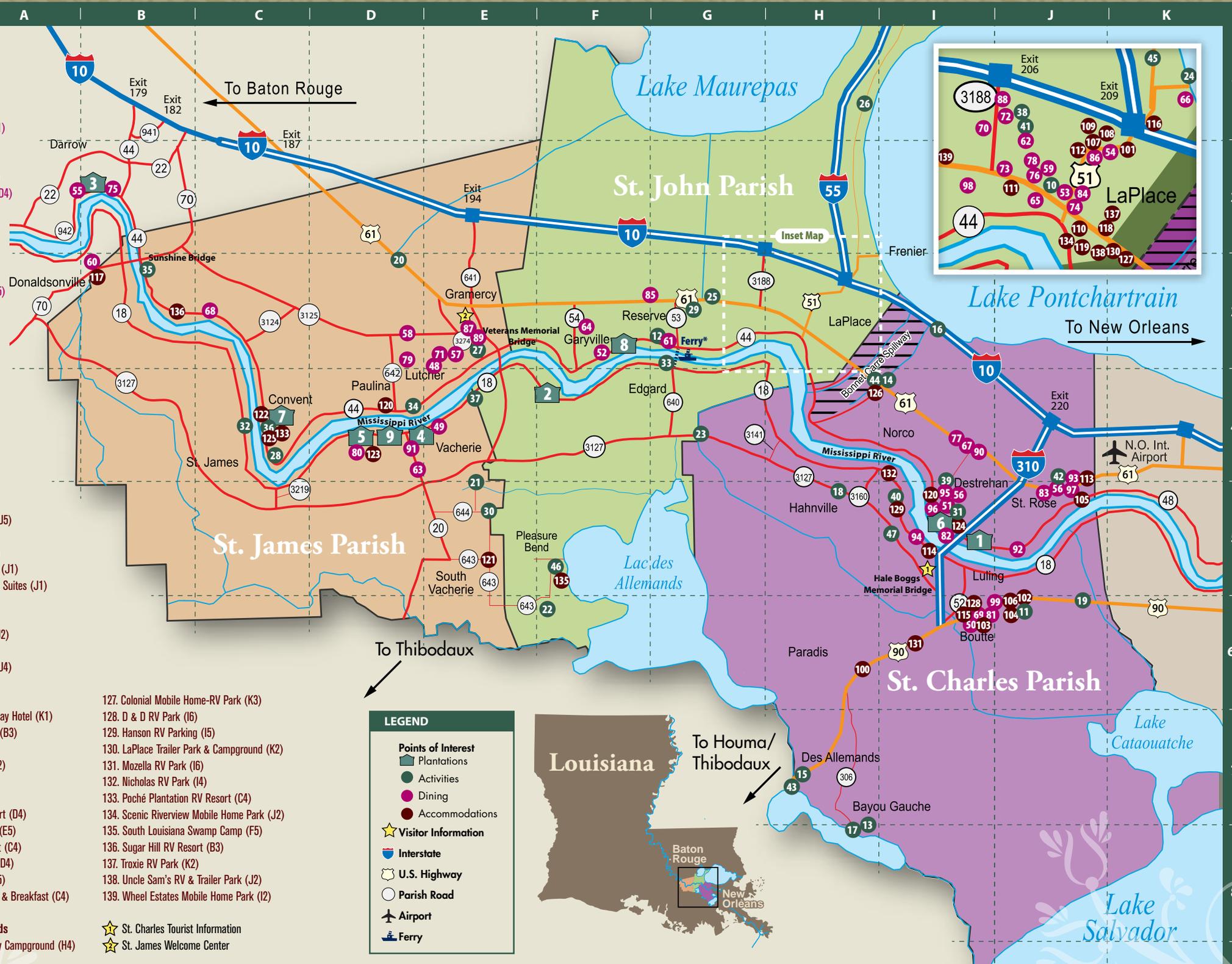
- Auberge du Chêne Vert (D4)
- Cottage on the Farm (E5)
- Jolie Bed & Breakfast (C4)
- Oak Alley Plantation (D4)
- Ormond Plantation (I5)
- Poché Plantation Bed & Breakfast (C4)

RV Parks & Campgrounds

- Bonnet Carré Spillway Campground (H4)

- Colonial Mobile Home-RV Park (K3)
- D & D RV Park (I6)
- Hanson RV Parking (I5)
- LaPlace Trailer Park & Campground (K2)
- Mozella RV Park (I6)
- Nicholas RV Park (I4)
- Scenic Riverview Mobile Home Park (J2)
- South Louisiana Swamp Camp (F5)
- Sugar Hill RV Resort (B3)
- Troxie RV Park (K2)
- Uncle Sam's RV & Trailer Park (J2)
- Wheel Estates Mobile Home Park (I2)

- St. Charles Tourist Information
- St. James Welcome Center



LEGEND

- Points of Interest
 - Plantations (Green circle)
 - Activities (Blue circle)
 - Dining (Pink circle)
 - Accommodations (Red circle)
- Visitor Information (Yellow star)
- Interstate (Blue shield)
- U.S. Highway (White shield)
- Parish Road (Black circle)
- Airport (Black airplane)
- Ferry (Blue boat)

