

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE



Gumbo for Your Soul!

ARNAUDVILLE | CANKTON | EUNICE | GRAND COTEAU
KROTZ SPRINGS | LEONVILLE | MELVILLE | OPELOUSAS
PALMETTO | PORT BARRE | SUNSET | WASHINGTON



Cajun Spirit, Creole Soul!

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/MARCH

Cajun Country Courir de Mardi Gras

Eunice | 337.457.7389
EuniceMardiGras.com
*5-day celebration beginning the
Friday before Mardi Gras day*

MARCH

Here's the Beef Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.684.6751
*1st Saturday in March, except
when it conflicts with Mardi Gras*

Washington Community Festival

Washington | 337.351.2412
3rd Saturday

World Championship Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off

Eunice | 337.457.2565
EtouffeeCookoff.org
Last Saturday

APRIL

Arnaudville Étouffée Festival

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912
Last weekend

MAY

Herb and Garden Festival

Sunset | 337.662.5225
SunsetHerbFestival.com
1st Saturday

Sportsmen's Heritage Festival

Krotz Springs | 337.566.3527
ksSportsmensHeritageFestival.com
Weekend after Memorial Day

JULY

Lebeau Zydeco Festival

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362
1st Saturday

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival

Opelousas | 337.290.6048
Zydeco.org
Saturday before Labor Day

OCTOBER

Sweet Dough Pie Festival

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058
Last Saturday of October

NOVEMBER

Holy Ghost Creole 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

*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, German, 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.

We invite you to begin your visit in St. Landry Parish at the **St. Landry Parish Visitor 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. 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.



Crawfish Étouffée

1 stick real butter	1 tbsp minced garlic	3 pinches of cayenne pepper
2 cups chopped onion	2 bay leaves	¼ tsp white pepper
1 cup chopped celery	1 tbsp flour	1 tsp hot sauce
½ cup chopped green bell pepper	1 cup warm seafood or chicken stock	2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
1 lb. peeled crawfish tails	1 ½ tsp salt	3 tbsp chopped green onion

Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add onions, celery, and bell pepper and sauté until vegetables are wilted, about 10-12 minutes. Add the crawfish, garlic, and bay leaves and reduce heat to medium. Cook for 10-12 minutes stirring occasionally. Dissolve the flour in the warm stock and add to the mixture. Season with salt and cayenne and stir until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the parsley and green onions and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Serve over Prairie Ronde Rice (a St. Landry Parish product). **Crawfish tails can be substituted with peeled shrimp (40/50 count)*



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**LOUISIANA
CULTURAL DISTRICTS**



CORRIDOR DES ARTS

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

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Cover photo courtesy of Cycle Zydeco.



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.

French programs are available on local radio stations, like *Bonjour Louisiane*, weekday mornings on KRVS 88.7FM and “*Tee Cajun*” Sterling Burleigh Saturday mornings on KBON 101.1FM.

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 - 9:30AM, *last Saturday of the month*

La Table Kreyol | 2PM, *2nd Saturday of the month*

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

1510 Bayou Courtableau Rd. | 337.754.5990

EUNICE - 9:30AM, *every Wednesday*

Eunice Depot Museum | 220 C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540

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

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

Located in the Whiteville School House



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 is also home to **Holy Ghost Catholic Church**, which boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the U.S. The church has a phenomenal gospel choir which performs every Sunday at 11am Mass.

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 one of the only documented miracles in the U.S.

Continue your tour of Grand Coteau at the **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**, noted for its very large collection of religious art. While visiting, make time to see the **St. Charles Cemetery**. This hallowed ground is the resting place of many Jesuit priests.

This is just a small sample of the trail. For the full itinerary, visit **CajunTravel.com**. While on our website, don’t forget to sign up for the Spiritual Trail Passport. When you visit many of the places on the itinerary, you can earn points to win prizes designed by local artist, Hannah Gumbo.



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 is a haven for artists, musicians, 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.




Ici on parle français.

Every April, Arnaudville hosts the **Étouffée Festival**. Residents and visitors can enjoy coffee and conversation *en français* at a **French Table** (see pg. 5).

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective


1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93 E)
337.754.5990

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. | 337.322.5402


TomsFiddleAndBow.com | 

Mon 11:30AM-5PM; Tues 12PM-3PM;
Wed-Fri 11:30AM-5PM; Sat & Sun
by appt.

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

ATTRACTIONS

Atelier de la Nature

1050 Andrew Gautreaux Rd
337.761.6335 | By appt. | 

This nature reserve and education center offers dual language cooking workshops, guided nature walks, eco-workshops, art and science educational programming, and more.
Ici on parle français.

Bayou Teche Brewing

1106 Bushville Hwy | 337.754.5122

BayouTecheBrewing.com | 

Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs 12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM

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 Customized Excursions

337.303.8060

CajunCustomizedExcursions.com

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.

Louisiana Hemp Extractors

2742 Oscar Rivette Rd. | 337.418.9498

Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM & by appt.

LouisianaHempExtractors.com | 

This 10,000 sq. ft. facility houses a full suite of extraction equipment and has processed over 2000 lbs. of industrial hemp for local farmers. Offers finished goods manufacturing for farmers and businesses. Tours available.

LIVE MUSIC

- **Bayou Teche Brewing**
- **NUNU Arts & Culture Collective**

- **Tom's Fiddle & Bow**

See listings and call for information.

EAT & DRINK

Cajun Saucer Pizza

1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5368

[f](#) | Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs

12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM

Authentic wood-fired pizzas created to blend perfectly with Bayou Teche Brewery's craft beer. Located in the beer garden of Bayou Teche Brewery.

Knott's Cajun Kitchen

408 Market St. | 337.754.5999 | [f](#)

Mon-Thurs 10AM-8PM; Fri-Sat

10AM-9PM; Sun 10AM-8PM

Serving Cajun cuisine. BBQ on Sundays

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.

Myran's Maison de Manger

1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31) | [f](#)

337.754.5064 | Daily 7AM-8:30PM

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

Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail.

Ici on parle français.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Cajun Cabin Guest Cottage

113 E. Railroad St. | 337.331.6677 | [f](#)

Downtown. Cozy cabin with a front porch, and cathedral ceilings with exposed beams. Adjacent to the cottage, a 2-bedroom house is also available.

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.

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Maison Stéphanie

1862 Bushville Hwy. | 337.454.4073

Maison-Stephanie.com | [f](#)

Built in 1796, this 8 bedroom, 20-acre estate has been newly renovated and is now a bilingual bed & breakfast and event space.

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Shiny Tiny House

1510 Hwy. Courtableau

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.*

Taylor's Retreat

311 Fuselier Rd. | 337.501.0314

Newly renovated home built in the late 1800s featuring a fully equipped kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a seasonal porch, and a private reading/work area.

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

Cankton Café

613 Main St. | 337.668.4744 | [f](#)

Tues-Thurs 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-

9PM; Sun 10AM-8PM

Serving traditional Cajun dishes such as boiled seafood, étouffée and daily

plate lunches. Check Facebook for live music schedule.

Cormier's Country Store

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

Open Daily 6AM-2AM

On the Boudin Trail.



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 more than 30 years, thousands have flocked to the live radio and TV show, “**Rendez-vous des Cajuns**,” held every Saturday night and emceed in Cajun French and English. Ongoing theater renovations will have dancers waltzing and two-stepping again soon.

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 French Music Hall of Fame & Museum** to see the past and present of Cajun music. Also include on your itinerary a jam session at **Savoy Music Center**, owned by a family whose lives are built around the accordion, their heritage, and music.



Eunice Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Center



200 S. C.C. Duson St. (Hwy. 13)
Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM | 337.457.2565
EuniceChamber.com | [f](#)

LIVE MUSIC

- **Lakeview Park & Beach**
- **Savoy Music Center**

See listings and call for information.

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

Beaucoup

114 S. Second St. | 337.550.4727 | [f](#)
Tues-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-4PM
Handmade jewelry, art, religious items, gift items, and Mardi Gras costumes and masks.

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-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-4PM
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. *Ici on parle français.*

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. *Ici on parle français.*

Damian Cuccio Designs

110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092
By appt. only
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.
337.457.7389
Summer: Wed & Sat 8AM-12PM
Fall: Sat 9AM-12PM
Seasonal garden fruits and vegetables (when available), jellies, jams, pickles, honey, breads, and more.

Lakeview General Store

1717 Veterans Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)
337.457.2881 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-4PM
Shop local jams, jellies, smoked and fresh meats, local handmade items, and other Louisiana-inspired items.

ATTRACTIONS

Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum

240 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6534
Weds-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.

Eunice Depot Museum

220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540
Wed-Sat 8:30AM-4:30PM
In 1894, developer C.C. Duson auctioned lots from this site 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. | [f](#)
337.457.8499
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through exhibits and artifacts. Music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations every Saturday. *Ici on parle français.*

KBON 101.1 FM

1009 S. Second St. | 337.546.0007
[KBON.com](#) | [f](#) | Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM
Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. When visiting, check out the wall of signatures from local legends.



Savoy Music Center

4413 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.9563
[SavoyMusicCenter.com](#) | [f](#)
Sat 9AM-12PM
Workshop of famed master accordion craftsman, Marc Savoy. Join Marc and his musical family for a jam session every Saturday. This jam session has attracted attention from all over the world and has been featured in major media outlets. Bring an instrument and join in or just sit back and enjoy the music. *Ici on parle français.*

The Liberty Theatre

200 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.7389 | [f](#)
[Eunice-La.com](#) | **Reopening Soon*
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.*

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. Second St. | 337.546.6276 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM
Offering locally-roasted coffee, sandwiches, and a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

Crawfish Corner

740 W. Laurel St. | 337.546.6090 | [f](#)
Open seasonally - call ahead
Boiled crawfish when in season.

D.C.'s Sports Bar & Steakhouse

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.7001 | [f](#)
Open daily 10:30AM-2AM
The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and lively atmosphere.

Donut Queen

940 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.466.7300 | [f](#)
Open daily 4:30AM-1PM
Variety of breakfast items: croissants, kolaches, donuts, and biscuits. King cakes available year-round.

Eunice Poultry

251 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.5614
EunicePoultry.weebly.com | [f](#)
Open daily 6AM-6PM
Specialty meats including stuffed roast and a variety of sausage. On the Boudin Trail.

Lejeune's Sausage Kitchen

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

Love Bonez

121 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.550.4739 | [f](#)
Mon & Wed 6AM-2PM/5PM-10PM
Thurs 6AM-10AM/5PM-10PM
Fri 6AM-2PM/5PM-12AM
Sat 8AM-11AM/6PM-11PM
Sun 6PM-9PM
Serving Cajun and Creole cuisine and daily plate lunches.

Mel's Quick Stop

1894 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
337.457.1958 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM
Conveniently located near Lakeview Park & Beach. On the Boudin Trail.

Mo' Crawfish

29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13 | [f](#)
337.457.8434 | MoCrawfish.com
Crawfish Season: Wed-Sat 5PM-9PM
Boiled crawfish, crab, shrimp, gumbo, and étouffée.

Mowata Grocery Store

30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13
337.457.1140 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-1:30PM
Offering specialty meats, boudin, and cracklins. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

The New Ronnie's Cajun Café

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

Ray's Bakery

971 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)
337.457.5366 | [f](#)
Tues-Sun 6AM-2PM
In business for over 50 years, this local bakery offers fresh donuts, breads, and cakes.

Ruby's Café

221 W. Walnut Ave.
337.550.7665 | 337.546.0903 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM
Ruby's has been in business for more than 30 years. Drop in for Cajun smoked ponce, crawfish étouffée over fried eggplant, and homemade biscuits and jelly – a local favorite. *Ici on parle français.*

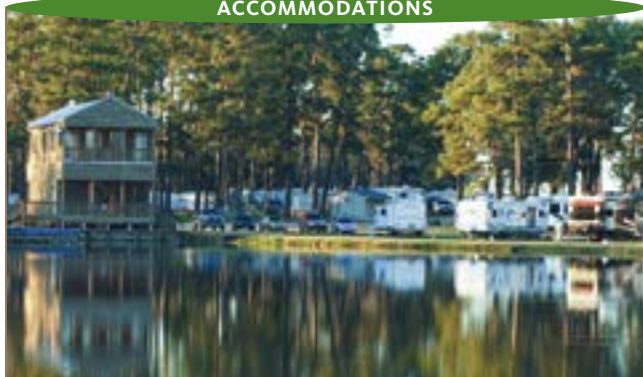
T-Boys Boudin & Cracklins

1500 W. Laurel Ave.
337.457.3344 | tBoysBoudin.com
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:15PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM
Boudin, boudin balls, and cracklins. Fresh, smoked, and specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. 1st place winner – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, & 2016 Boudin Cook-off & People's Choice Award.

The Superette

1230 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.546.6042
Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM;
Sun 8AM-2PM | [f](#)
Meat market with locally sourced products. Drive-thru. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*





BED & BREAKFAST

The Cottage at Cypress Grove

119 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727

CypressGrovePlace.com | [f](#)

Cottage is newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

The Keller House

420 S. Second St. | 337.962.4849 | [f](#)

Built in the 1800s, the first floor features 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms including the master bedroom with a full *en suite* bath and French doors leading into a parlor room. Second floor has 3 bedrooms and a full-sized bath. Continental breakfast served.

Lulu's Cajun Cottage

119 Freddie Fruge Rd. | 218.600.6485

This historic home includes 3 private bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, laundry unit, and a large screened-in porch. | [f](#)

The Main House at Cypress Grove

121 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727

CypressGrovePlace.com | [f](#)

4 beautifully furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres. Can accommodate private parties and groups. Prairie Barn, located on the grounds, also sleeps 4.

CAMPGROUNDS

Cajun Campground

5552 Hwy. 190 E | 337.457.5753

CajunCampground.com | [f](#)

On 40 acres along Bayou Doza with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions, and WiFi. Hiking, swimming, fishing, game room, and mini golf. 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 10

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

HOTELS

Best Western of Eunice

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)

337.457.2800 | [f](#)

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](#)

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

Eunice Inn

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

337.457.4274

24 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.

L'Acadie Inn & RV Park

259 Tasso Loop | 337.457.5211 | [f](#)

16 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Pet friendly.

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 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, one of the only documented miracles 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** (March).



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING



The Kitchen Shop

296 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3500 | [f](#)

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 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4002

PetiteRougeAntiques.com | [f](#)

Mon-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.



ATTRACTIONS

Academy of the Sacred Heart

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

- Shrine of St. John Berchmans
 - Le Petit Musée
 - Oak Alley & formal gardens
- Ici on parle français.*

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.



St. Charles Borromeo Church & Cemetery

174 Church St. | 337.662.5279
St-Charles-Borromeo.org | [f](#)
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.

EAT & DRINK

B Sweet Bakery

106 St. Joseph St. | 337.662.2253 | [f](#)
Tues-Thurs 10AM-5PM; Fri 10AM-6PM
Freshly baked sweet treats including pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and puddings. King cakes during Mardi Gras season.

Big Hill Café at Brent's

234 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | [f](#)
337.662.4003 | BrentsRestaurant.com
Tues-Fri: Breakfast 8AM-10:30AM; Lunch 10:30AM-1:30PM; Sun 10AM-1:30PM
Serving delicious traditional breakfast items, beignets, and locally roasted Rêve coffee. Restaurant also serves Cajun cuisine favorites and home cooked plate lunches. Seafood buffet Friday nights during Lent.

Go Bears Southern Eatery

1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | [f](#)
337.662.2500 | Go-Bears.com
Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM
Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.

The Hive Market

202 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | [f](#)
337.962.1588 | TheHive-Market.com
Tues-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4PM
Café serving local and farm-fresh ingredients. Snoballs with natural and organic syrups, pastries, unique sandwiches and soups.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Casita Azul

151 Church St.
337.254.9695 | [f](#)
Relax in a private guest cottage with accommodations including a queen bed, WiFi, a large bathroom.
Ici on parle français.

La Maison Chatrian

252 Chatrian St.
337.662.0108 | 337.654.5272
This 1835 idyllic vacation rental home is completely renovated and has an interesting history involving two unique women. This home has 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, full kitchen, large dining room, sunroom, and furnished patio with BBQ pit.

Mama Sue's Tiny Guesthouse

134 Church St. | 337.739.7974 | [f](#)
Converted little, red barn with high ceilings and a front porch overlooking the beautiful and peaceful grounds of the Jesuit Spirituality Center at St. Charles College. All furnishings are antiques or recycled pieces. WiFi.

Train Wreck Inn

211 Chatrian St. | [f](#)
337.466.8002 | TrainWreckInn.com
This retro train motel offers four separate lodging spaces, including a train car and caboose. Each space has a private bathroom and a custom, stocked kitchen. *Ici on parle français.*

KROTZ SPRINGS

Krotz Springs, also known as the “*Mile of Boudin*” for its popular vendors, was named after Ohio native and saw-mill 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.

EAT & DRINK

Billy's Boudin & Cracklins

24467 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2080 | [f](#)
Sun-Thurs 5AM-9pm; Fri-Sat 5AM-10PM
Short-order menu with burgers, salads, poboys, boudin balls, and cracklins.
On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Cajun Corner Café

24392 Hwy. 190 E | 337.566.8003 | [f](#)
Sun-Wed 10AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat 10AM-9PM
Café featuring plate lunches, boudin, and boudin balls. On the Boudin Trail.
Located in the Texaco 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.

Morrow's Diner

24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737 | [f](#)
Open Daily 4AM-10PM
Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials.
Located in the Exxon Station.

Whitetails Bar & Grill

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800 | [f](#)
Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM; Wed-Sun 11AM-9PM
Features an array of specialty sandwiches, seafood, and daily specials, in a motif centered around the whitetail deer. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.

CAMPGROUNDS

Cypress Cove RV Park

517 Division St. | 337.407.7756 | [f](#)
11 sites with water and sewer. Laundry facility across the street. Pet friendly.
30/50 amps.

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, WiFi, and pet friendly.

Riverview RV Resort

174 Campground Loop | [f](#)
337.351.4260
Water, electricity, dump site, 67 sites on the Atchafalaya, pavilion, picnic tables, washateria, bathroom, and showers.





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 **Bayou Teche** is maintained by T.E.C.H.E. Project (TecheProject.com), and is a National Water Trail.

EAT & DRINK

Champagne's Marché

3802 Hwy. 31 | 337.879.2586
 ChampagnesMarche.com | [f](#)
 Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM;
 Sun 7:30AM-2PM
 Est. in 1926, Champagne's Marché offers plate lunches and award-winning king cakes and boudin. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

Silver Slipper

2818 Hwy. 31 | 337.595.5080 | [f](#)
 Wed-Thurs 10AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-10:30PM; Sun 9AM-2PM
 Visit this historic landmark located on the Bayou Teche. Enjoy Cajun-Asian fusion cuisine - Cajun-style sushi and hibachi, plus Louisiana classics like crab cakes, poboys, and gumbo. See Facebook for live music schedule.

Uncover Your Roots

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., Ste. 109, Opelousas | 337.942.5606 ext. 145
 StLandrypg.org | Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM

Opelousas Public Library

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

Eunice Public Library

222 S. Second St., Eunice | 337.466.7077 | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

Cajun, Creole 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-day long 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:

Opelousas Mardi Gras Celebration
Sunset Mardi Gras Parade
Lundi Gras Boucherie
Cankton Chicken Run
Lebeau Chicken Run
Keith Frank's Zyde Gras on the Square

When is Mardi Gras?

2025: March 4
2026: February 17
2027: February 9

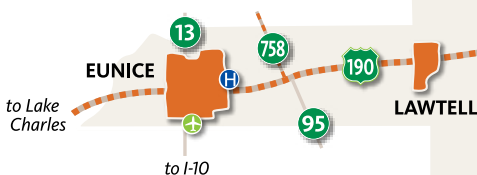
For more information visit:

CajunTravel.com/Mardi-Gras





Travel the **Zydeco-Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway**, a music-heavy trail that traverses three parishes – St. Landry, Acadia, and Evangeline. These regions are responsible for three distinct musical sounds – Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop.



Don't change that station!

Let **KBON 101.1** be the soundtrack for the **Bayou Teche Corridor**. 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 now recognized as a **National Water Trail** featuring 13 established access points for paddle trips.

ST. LANDRY PARISH TOWN HALLS

ARNAUDVILLE.....	337.754.5911	GRAND COTEAU.....	337.662.5246
CANKTON.....	337.668.4456	KROTZ SPRINGS.....	337.566.2322
EUNICE.....	337.457.7389	LEONVILLE.....	337.879.2601



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youtube.com/@StLandryParishTourism
Pinterest.com/VisitStLandryLA

MELVILLE	337.623.4226	PORT BARRE	337.585.7646
OPELOUSAS	337.948.2527	SUNSET	337.662.5296
PALMETTO	337.623.4426	WASHINGTON	337.826.3626

AMÉDÉ ARDOIN COMMEMORATIVE



Amédé Ardoin (1898-1942) was one of the earliest French-speaking Creole musicians to commercially record his songs and the first to build a library of over 30 recordings with national labels. He is widely regarded as the bedrock of today's Cajun and Creole music. The **Amédé Ardoin Commemorative** was inspired by the Ardoin family's efforts to bring him home from his burial place in an unmarked grave at the Central Louisiana Hospital. The memorial, a 1,500-pound steel statue, displays Ardoin standing high atop his most prized possession, his accordion. In his right hand he holds out a bronze lemon, a reference to Ardoin's practice of carrying a lemon in his pocket for his singing voice.

View the memorial statue at the St. Landry Parish Visitors Center located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49.

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. 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.

On the second and third weekends of October, the parish's "older" residents come back to life. See and hear their stories during the **St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours**.



Local restaurants today are still influenced by 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.

LIVE MUSIC

- **Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center**
- **Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino**
- **SLP Visitor Center**
- **Toby's Downtown Restaurant & Lounge**

See listings and call for information.

Art Box Studio & Gallery

115 S. Main St. | 337.418.1789

ArtBoxOpelousas.com | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 11AM-6PM

View the vibrant and bold work of Neketta Guillory. Check her website for other events including poetry readings, music events, and other hands-on learning experiences.

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.

Black Pot Bookshop & Gifts

104 E. Landry St. | 337.942.3636

BlackPotBookshop.com | [f](#)

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM

Handpicked selection of books by local authors, art by local artisans, and unique gifts from across Louisiana.

Opelousas Farmers Market

828 E. Landry St. | 337.435.1023

Tues, Thurs, Sat 6:30AM-11AM

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

Distinctive 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 | [f](#)

SpottedCatAntiquesEtc.com

Thurs-Sun 10AM-5PM

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. | 337.942.6276 | [f](#)

Targil.com | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM, by appt.

Create your own spice blend and custom label. 2.5 billion pounds of spices are produced annually.

Purchase blends in the retail shop.

Ici on parle français.

Tony Chachere General Store

5604 I-49 Frontage Rd. | 800.551.9.066

Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM | Production

viewing Mon-Thurs only

Shop kitchen items, tableware,

Parish Ink apparel, and other

Louisiana-inspired novelties. Also

shop the entire line of seasonings

and box mixes, such as jambalaya and dirty rice.

COOK LIKE A LOCAL WITH LOCAL PRODUCTS

Craft Beer – Each ale is crafted to complement Louisiana dishes. Every weekend, sample **Bayou Teche Brewing's** latest culinary concoctions in the tap room, hear live music, or take a tour in French or English. (pg. 8)

LouAna Cooking Oil – From vegetable and corn to avocado and safflower. Find it at any local grocery or visit LouAna.com for recipes and tips.

Parish Rice – Grown in Eunice, Parish Rice, aside from its delicious taste, has 53% more protein than most other brands. It also has the lowest glycemic index value of any white rice on the market in the U.S.

Prairie Ronde Rice – This artisan long-grain, non-GMO, and gluten-free rice is grown and milled in Prairie Ronde, LA. Pick it up at **Benny's Supermarket** (pg. 24).

Savoie's Foods – From smoked sausage and tasso to roux and dressing mix, this local favorite makes everything you need for a Cajun meal. (pg. 25)

Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning – A Cajun staple that can go on anything from gumbo to popcorn. Find it at any local grocery or visit the general store at **Tony Chachere's**.

Zydeco Chop Chop – Called *mirepoix* or *Cajun Trinity*, Louisiana cooking made easy with this bag of dehydrated ingredients. **Targil Seasoning**. (pg. 22)

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 1,350 slot
machines, concerts, and a variety
of restaurants. Groups welcome.

Historic District Tours

828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227
CityOfOpelousas.com
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.

Historic Michel Prudhomme Home

1152 Prudhomme Cir.
337.942.8011 | 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 | HGCatholic.org | [f](#)
This church boasts one of the
largest Catholic congregations of
African Americans in the US. The
gospel choir sings every Sunday at
11AM Mass.



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 Memorial United Methodist Church

515 Bellevue St. | 337.942.3163 | [f](#)
Mon & Wed 9AM-12PM
Established in 1806, this church is
known for having the oldest
Methodist church congregation
west of the Mississippi River.



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 and by appt.
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. *Ici on parle français.*

Opelousas Little Theatre

1344 S. Union St. | 337.351.2591 | [f](#)
Built in the 1880s, this former church
has housed hundreds of plays since
the Opelousas Little Theatre, a group
formed in 1939, made it their home
in 1959. A wide range of plays are still
put on. Tours available.

Opelousas Museum & Interpretive Center

315 N. Main St. | 337.948.2589
CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM; 1ST & 3RD Sat's
10AM-2AM. Group tours by appt.
Special exhibits include the Geraldine
Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil
War Display, the Rodney Milburn
Tribute – Gold Medal Winner, the
Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music
Festival Archives, and “Free People of
Color in St. Landry Parish” exhibit.

St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery

1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552
StLandryCatholicChurch.com | [f](#)
Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM
Tours by appt. only
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.

Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center

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

Mon-Fri 7AM-2PM

Dine on Creole cuisine and seafood dishes in a restaurant with a funky French Quarter feel. Live Music on the first Sunday.

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.*

Bellard's Poultry & Crawfish

405 S. Bullard St. | 337.942.3033 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-12PM

Open since 1964. Custom cutting the freshest quality meat, seafood, and poultry. Zydeco Chop Chop (pg. 23) is also available here.

Benny's Supermarket

806 S. Union St. | 337.948.6533 | [f](#)

Open Daily 7AM-7PM

Delicious breakfast and plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.



BOUDIN—CAJUN STYLE FAST-FOOD

Billy's Boudin & Cracklin

904 Short Vine St. | 337.942.9150 | [f](#)

BillysBoudin.com | Mon-Fri 7:30AM-

6PM; Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 8AM-2PM

Enjoy traditional, smoked, and crawfish boudin, plus cracklins and specialty meats.

Bosco's Specialty Meats

15595 Hwy. 190 | 337.948.0000 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-2PM

Specialty meat shop serving daily plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, sausage, and more.

The Cajun Boudin Stop

1691 US-167 | 337.826.8226 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM

Serving plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, fried chicken, meat pies, and more.

Chicken King

240 E. Prudhomme Ln. | 337.942.9224

ChickenKingLA.com | [f](#)

Open daily 8AM-8PM

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

Crawfish Corner

529 S. Union St. | 337.407.2529 | [f](#)

Mon-Sun 11AM-8PM

Serving live and boiled seafood.

Crawfish when in season.

Crawfish House & Grill

1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049 | [f](#)

Sun 11AM-2PM; Tues-Fri 11AM-

2PM/5PM-9PM; Sat 5PM-9PM

Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers, "Cajun Girl Poboy" and sandwiches.

Oysters, shrimp, and boiled crawfish when in season. *Ici on parle français.*

Creole in the City

10303 Prejean Hwy. | 337.308.8138

Sat-Sun 7AM-5PM | [f](#)

Food truck featuring plate lunches, seafood dishes, and Creole cuisine.

Datz Creole

1701 S. Union St. | 337.459.0930 | [f](#)

Thurs-Sun 10AM-2PM

Serving authentic Creole food including plate lunches and boiled crawfish when in season.

DezMeaux's Boudin

711 E. Vine St. | 337.678.1740 | [f](#)

Tues-Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-2PM

Serving authentic Creole boudin using their decades-old recipe. A must-try are the chicken wings stuffed with boudin – a local favorite.

Dominick's Smoke Wagon

1611 N. Main St. | 337.290.0457 | [f](#)

Thurs-Sun 10AM-5PM or until sold out

For over 30 years, this local eatery has served some of the best BBQ around using local products with their own unique spin, such as the "Come Back Sauce."

Duos Cajun Corner

840 Hwy. 167

337.628.0123 | 337.224.4969 | [f](#)

Crawfish season: Mon-Thurs

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

9:30PM; Closed during the summer

Locally-cured, smoked meats and sausages, boudin, and cracklins.

Boiled crawfish seasonally.

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

• **EVD Express**

• **Infusion Casual Cuisine**

Fat Belly's Diner

317 E. Jefferson St. | 337.942.5445 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 11AM-6PM

Serving home cooked plate lunches and soul food. Boiled crab, shrimp, and crawfish, when in season.

Hebert's Boudin & Cracklin

4932 I-49 N. Service Rd. | [f](#)
337.942.8828 | HebertsBoudin.com
Mon-Sat 5:30AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-6PM
7683 Hwy. 31 | 337.942.2549
Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-7PM
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
JavaSquare.Cafe | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sat-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-Fri 9AM-6PM
Est. 1941. Burgers, poboys, fried seafood, and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri.

Kayenne's Bar & Grill

603 E. Landry St. | 337.678.0195 | [f](#)
Mon 11AM-2PM/5PM-9PM; Wed-Thurs 11AM-2PM/5PM-10PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-1AM; Sun 12PM-10PM
Serving Louisiana classics like jambalaya and blackened redfish as well as charcuterie boards, burgers and BBQ.

Kelly's Country Meat Block & Diner

1531 S. Union St. | 337.942.7466 | [f](#)
Store: Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-2PM. Diner: Daily 10AM-2PM
Hearty homemade Cajun fare, daily plate lunches, and BBQ on Thurs and Sun. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.



Lavergne's Cajun Kitchen

10300 Prejean Hwy. (Hwy. 190) | [f](#)
337.678.9468 | Mon-Fri 10:30AM-3PM
Located in Lawtell right on Hwy 190. Offering plate lunches that range from seafood to stews, with an option for dessert. House-made seasoning blend, Paw's and Poppy's Seasoning.

Mama's Fried Chicken

508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203
Sun-Thurs 10AM-9PM;
Fri-Sat 10AM-10PM
2307 Jake Dr. | 337.948.6262
Mon-Thurs, Sat 10AM-9PM; Fri 10AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-4PM
EatMamasFriedChicken.com | [f](#)

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

Meche's Meat & Supermarket

1508 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2089
Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-6PM
Specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Mikey's Donut King

952 E. Landry St. | 337.942.2128 | [f](#)
Open daily 4AM-1PM
Offering an array of different donuts and fillings. Stop by during Mardi Gras season for a traditional King Cake.

Pearl's Country Kitchen

8247 Hwy. 182 | 337.594.8899
Mon-Fri 10:30AM-5PM
Home cooked plate lunches. Cakes and catering for all occasions.

Pizza Shack

1242 Edith St. | 337.948.4838
PizzaShackOpelousas.com | [f](#)
Mon-Thurs 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM; Sun 5PM-9PM
Est. 1988. Serving poboys, muffulettas, and pizzas (sauces made fresh daily and dough made from scratch.) Ferdie's Special, uses local Savoie's Sausage.

Queb's Country Store

3007 Hwy. 167 | 337.628.0333 | [f](#)
Open daily 6AM-8PM
Full-service butcher shop featuring a large variety of fresh and smoked meats. Deli specializing in plate lunches, Sunday BBQ, boudin, cracklins, and more.

Ray's Grocery Plus

6028 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.9077 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM
Boudin made with Ray's original recipe, crawfish boudin, pepper jack cheese stuffed boudin balls, and sweet potato biscuits. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

Savoie's Foods

1742 Hwy. 742 | SavoiesFoods.com
337.942.9955 | 337.942.7241 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-4PM
Producers of Savoie's sausage, tasso, roux, and more. On the boudin trail - will ship. *Ici on parle français.*

Sebastien's West End Seafood Market

1538 W. Landry St. | 337.407.0780 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-4PM
Large variety of fresh, wild-caught seafood all from local fishermen. *Ici on parle français.*

Soileau's Dinner Club

1618 N. Main St. | Soileaus.com | [f](#)
337.942.2985 | Tues-Fri 11AM-8PM; Sat 4PM-8PM; Sun 11AM-2PM
Est. in 1937, Soileau's offers Cajun specialties, char-broiled angus beef, and seafood. Family and candlelight dining. Private banquet room. Take-out available.

Sonya's Donuts & Deli

1416 Jean Kayla Blvd. | 337.942.7143
 Tues-Sun 4AM-12PM | [f](#)
 Soul food, burgers, and plate lunches.

Toby's Downtown Restaurant & Lounge

132 Toby Ln. | 337.948.3800 | [f](#)
 Lunch: Tues-Fri 11AM-2PM; Dinner:
 Tues-Wed 5PM-7:30PM; Thurs 5PM-
 9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM; Brunch:
 Sun 10AM-2PM

Historic restaurant serving Cajun and Creole food classics like fried alligator, crawfish étouffée, and gumbo. Also serving brunch.

Yam Country Pies

430 E. Grolee St. | 337.948.4553
 YamCountryPies.com | [f](#)
 Tues-Fri 10AM-4PM; Sat 10AM-2PM
 Traditional folded pies made with sweet dough and filled with yam, apple, lemon, custard, coconut, or seasonal flavors.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMPGROUNDS**Alice's RV Park**

631 Desiree Rd. | 337.288.9633
 10 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water, and sewer. WiFi, RV rental, picnic tables, gazebo, washateria, laundry, church services available. Pet friendly.

Dale White RV Park

7829 Hwy. 31 | 337.652.8353
 39 full hook-up sites, with access to running water, electricity, and 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, with 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 | Office: Mon-Thurs 8AM-4PM; Fri 8AM-11AM
 10 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp, dump station. Tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls.

HOTELS & MOTELS**Budget Inn**

1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762
 18 rooms. Daily & weekly rates, cable, microwave/fridge, free WiFi.

Cardinal Inn Motel

12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624
 35 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

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. Pet friendly.

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 - mini-fridge, microwave, WiFi, and continental breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. Event/meeting space. Pet friendly.

Hampton Inn

1700 Commerce Blvd.
 337.284.3428 | [f](#)
 80 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave, fridge, pool, and fitness center. Meeting room.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18
 337.948.3300 | [f](#)
 HolidayInn.com/OpelousasLA
 75 rooms. National Award Winner for Design. Full-service hotel. Heated indoor pool and spa. Meeting room. Pet friendly.

Motel 6

4165 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 15
 337.948.9500
 62 rooms, outdoor pool, cable TV, and WiFi. Pet friendly, no pet fee.

Quality Inn

5454 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18
 337.942.4900
 57 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, pool.

Ranch Motel

315 S. Cane St. | 337.942.9775
 15 rooms.

Studio 6

5791 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18
 337.942.6250
 46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV. Complimentary hot breakfast. Pet friendly.

Townhouse Motel

337 W. Landry St. | 985.212.2510
 30 rooms. Cable TV and WiFi. Daily & weekly rates.





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**, 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-Wed, Fri 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM; Sat 8AM-4:30PM

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. *Ici on parle français.*

EAT & DRINK

Stelly's of Lebeau, Inc.

8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau

337.623.4458 | [f](#)

Store: Daily 7AM-8PM

Restaurant: Daily 6AM-8PM

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

On the Boudin Trail.



Taste your way through St. Landry Parish with the Allons Manger! passport

Try the best Cajun and Creole restaurants, fried chicken icons, upscale dining, boudin stops and specialty meat locations to earn points and win prizes. You can also enjoy exclusive discounts at participating restaurants. Get the passport on your phone via text or email, and make sure you're on site to check in at each location. Once you have enough points saved up, redeem the prize of your choice. It's the perfect excuse to try all the great food you can find in St. Landry Parish.



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

Bourbon Street Deli

17681 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.6903

Open daily 5AM-10PM

More than your average gas station dive. Serving Louisiana cuisine classics: beignets, boudin, poboys. Try the Zydeco Omelette and the Cajun Sunrise for breakfast.

Bourque's Supermarket & Deli

581 Saizan Ave. | 337.585.6261

BourqueSpecialties.com | [f](#)

Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-7:15PM

Famous for jalapeno, sausage, cheese bread. Also serves boudin, cracklins, and homemade plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Chicken King

17560 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7150

ChickenKingLA.com | [f](#)

Open daily 10AM-8PM

Cajun fare. Plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

King's Cajun Cuisine

16470 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7697 | [f](#)

Sun-Thurs 7PM-10PM; Fri-Sat open 24 hours

Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes and homemade burgers. Located inside King's Truck Stop.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bayou Teche RV Park

100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646

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

JC's RV Park

2963 Hwy. 741 | 337.351.9913 | [f](#)

Open daily 7AM-8PM

22 full hook-up sites with 30/50 amp service, 3 covered RV sites, a large pavilion, WiFi, and private laundry and shower facilities. Pet friendly. Gated entry.

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 in the late 1800s, railroad workers gave Sunset its name. The workers named new train stops as they reached them and apparently arrived here at sunset. Today, Sunset is known as the **Rubboard Capital of the World** with a thriving 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 at the **Exit 11 Yard Sale**, which includes the neighboring community of Grand Coteau. For those with a green thumb, visit in May for the **Herb & Garden Festival**.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

Antique Woods of LA

184 Pershing Hwy. | 337.662.2121

AntiqueWoodsLA.com | [f](#)

Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-4PM;

Fri 7:30AM-11AM

If you are looking for flooring, ceiling, beams, or other reclaimed architectural pieces, then this is the place.

Bayou Some Stuff Thrift Shop

798 Napoleon Ave. | 337.331.5577

Thurs-Sat 9AM-5PM | [f](#)

Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys, music, jewelry, collectibles, and art.

J&B Quilting

988 Napoleon Ave.

337.662.1183 | [JBQuilting.com](#) | [f](#)

Thurs-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-3PM

Fabric store with a large selection of supplies for needlepoint crafts. Also, books, gift items, bags, and totes.

Jerilyn's Fused Glass Art Gallery & Studio

819 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.5409 | [f](#)

Wed-Sat 10:30AM-4PM & by appt.

One-of-a-kind, fused glass art pieces and jewelry. Commissioned pieces upon request.

Le Petit Cadeaux

829-B Napoleon Ave. | 337.329.3254

Wed-Sun 10AM-5PM & by appt. | [f](#)

Gift shop featuring handmade items by local artists and craftspeople, including Louisiana-inspired items. Artwork, woodwork, photography, jewelry, clothing, candles, and home décor.

Remember When Antiques

956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 | [f](#)

Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM

Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale. Mid-century room.

Sunset Antique Market

151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091 | [f](#)

Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM

Over 10,000 sq. ft. of antiques, art, and collectibles in a converted sweet potato shed - warehouses approx. 50-75 years old. *Ici on parle français.*

Sunset Rail Stop Flea Market

312 Anna St.

337.945.9188 | 337.662.1118 | [f](#)

Fri-Sat 10AM-4PM; Sun 12PM-4PM

Located in a converted feed store and warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, and more. 6,000 sq. ft. and climate controlled.

Tee Don's Rubboards

385 Sandpiper Place | 337.654.0858

KeyOfZRubboards.com | [f](#)

By appt. only

Carrying on the tradition of his father, Tee Don Landry is famous for his Key of Z Rubboards. Purchase a rubboard, have one custom made, or buy a mini rubboard for decoration.

The Funky Flea

829-A Napoleon Ave. | 337.258.5404

Wed-Thurs 12PM-4PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-4PM & by appt. | [f](#)

Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.

ATTRACTIONS

Knollwood Farm

169 Knollwood Ln. | 337.658.6000

By appointment | [f](#)

Small horse farm providing horseback riding lessons and riding trails.

Annual horse show and other equine events held here. *Ici on parle français.*

EAT & DRINK

Café Josephine

818 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.0008

CafeJosephineSunset.com | [f](#)

Tues-Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-2PM/5PM-10PM

Specializing in Cajun cuisine.

Full-service bar and oyster bar.

Private group dining.

DDee's Café

207 Landry St. | 337.347.2161

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

Plate lunches, soups, salads, and sandwiches, all inspired by Cajun recipes.

Private parties and catering available.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Honey Bee Home

845 Napoleon Ave.

337.267.6477 | 985.705.1235

Built in 1927 and recently remodeled.

5 bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, living room, and covered patio. Sleeps

12 people. Large, fenced yard for pets.

Shuga' Shack

1457 Napoleon Ave. | 337.351.4931 | [f](#)

This retro Mid-Century modern cottage built in the late 1920s has a full kitchen, two bedrooms, 1 acre of land and an outdoor fire pit.

Sunset Motor Inn

2153 I-49 S. Service Rd. | 337.662.3726

31 rooms.

The Rustic Retreat Guesthouse

1208 Hwy. 357 (Church Point)

337.344.1554 | [f](#)

Located on the grounds of Bien-Aime Farm, featuring a cozy studio for two with a kitchen, queen bed, and bathroom. Farm tours available.



Filmed in St. Landry Parish

Many films, television shows, and made-for-TV movies have been filmed in St. Landry Parish. We're a favorite with film crews for our natural beauty, music, Mardi Gras, horse racing, and Cajun and Creole culture and cuisine. Below is a

sample of what you will see when you visit our film blog at CajunTravel.com/Blog.

**Photo courtesy of IMDb.com*

- **Free State of Jones** (2016) – filmed in Washington
- **Secretariat** (2010) – filmed in Opelousas
- **Easy Rider** (1969) – filmed in Krotz Springs
- **Out of Sight** (1998) – filmed in Krotz Springs
- **Passion Fish** (1992) – filmed in Opelousas
- **Casey's Shadow** (1978) – filmed in Opelousas
- **Dirty Rice** (1997) – filmed in Eunice
director, Eunice native Pat Mire
- **Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown** (2018)
& **No Reservations** (2011) – filmed in Opelousas
& Eunice



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


Nanny Belle's Antiques

402 S. Main St. | 337.849.8477
Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM; Sun 12PM-6PM
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china, and more.

Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | 
OldSchoolhouseAntiqueMall.com
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM
40,000 sq. ft. of antiques, jewelry, collectibles, clothing, and primitives. 50s-style café offers home-cooked meals. Semi-annual sales in April and October. *Ici on parle français.*

Olde Wood Accents

321 Main St. | Mon-Thurs 7AM-5PM; Fri 7AM-3PM
337.351.9009 | 337.308.3563 | 
Source for reclaimed wood, cypress furniture, floors, stairs, and wood-working.

Robinson Weaving Shop

406 Martin Luther King St.
By appt. only | 337.308.1692
Owner/craftsman Donald Robinson Sr., specializes in caning seat weaving restoration and repairs to antique furniture. He learned his craft from his father, whose works are preserved at the Smithsonian.

ATTRACTIONS

Washington Museum & Tourist Center

404 N. Main St. | 337.324.8658
Fri-Sun 10AM-3PM
Information on historic sites, maps, house and walking tours upon request. View artifacts of the steamboat era, Acadiana brown cotton blankets and antique loom, antique agriculture equipment, Native American tools, and more.

EAT & DRINK

Lou's Bakery

303 N. Main St. | 337.945.7244 | [f](#)
Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM; Sat 7AM-3PM
Find vintage candy bars, decadent cakes, cake pops, cobblers, and King Cake in Mardi Gras season. Gift shop offers handmade towels and quilts.

Duet's Café

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | [f](#)
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM
1950's-style café offers home-cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall. *Ici on parle français.*

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 Fast Foods

311 N. Main St. | 337.826.5704 | [f](#)
Open daily 5AM-9PM
Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

LIVE MUSIC

• Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

See listings and call for information.



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.

Carriere Street Cottage

316 Carriere St. | 318.458.4441
Built in the early 1900's and recently renovated, this cottage sleeps 5 with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Pet friendly.

Hotel Klaus

203 N. Main St. | 337.565.9516
HotelKlaus.com | [f](#)
This historic boutique hotel offers a perfect blend of history, Acadiana charm, and modern luxury. The 9-room retreat features exquisite historic architectural details, a serene courtyard, and a cocktail pool.

The Ponderosa

116 Elizabeth St. | 337.290.8028
ThePonderosaRVPark.com
Enjoy 7 acres in a family and pet friendly environment with 30/50 amp hookups including water, electricity, and sewage.

Renee's Galaxy RV Campground

171 Hebert Ortego Rd.
281.451.4850 | [f](#)

This peaceful RV park is pet friendly with picnic tables and laundry available. It has 8 sites with full hookups and 50-amp plugs. Short-term and long-term welcome.

Steamboat Cottages

519 N. Main St.
337.826.1009 | 337.230.7229
Nestled on scenic Bayou Courtableau, featuring spacious living areas, patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, mini-fridge, and microwave. Complimentary in-room coffee, WiFi, and DIRECTV.



Willie's Campground

1408 Hwy. 10 N.
337.308.8444 | 337.945.6518 | [f](#)
Wed 1PM-12AM; Thurs-Sat 1PM-2AM,
Office closed on Sun & Mon
This campground of 60 sites is situated along Bayou Courtableau. Water, electricity, and sewage provided. *Ici on parle français.*



Birding

Birders have a lot to explore across the coastal prairie, upland hardwood, and bottomland hardwood habitats of St. Landry Parish. These ecosystems, along with the iconic wetlands of the Atchafalaya Basin, provide sanctuary for over 200 species of birds.

During winter, waterfowl like snow geese and ducks migrate down from their snowy homelands by the thousands. In Spring, beautifully colored neotropical songbirds make their way into the area.

- Large Wading Birds
- Neotropical Songbirds
- Raptors
- Woodland Birds



Clifton Chenier

THE KING OF ZYDECO

June 25, 2025

is a special day in St. Landry Parish and beyond. The date marks 100 years since the birth of Clifton Chenier, the King of Zydeco.

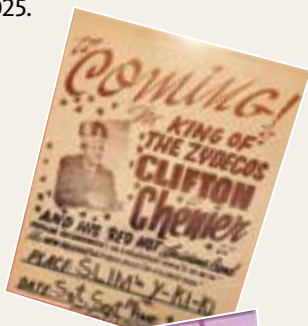
Born near Leonville, Chenier transported the Creole accordion music of his rural roots to stages that stretched from “Austin City Limits” on PBS to clubs and festivals across the United States and Europe. Chenier’s “I’m Here” album earned a Grammy in 1983.

In 2011, Chenier’s “Bogalusa Boogie” album was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. The Library of Congress preserved the album in its National Recording Registry as a “culturally, historically or significant” work.

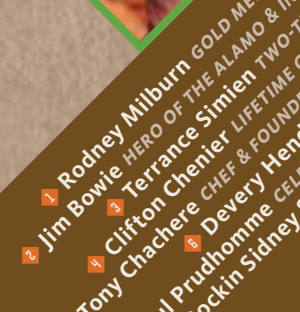
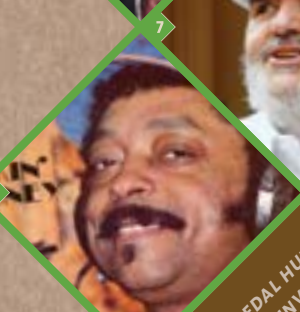
The Recording Academy awarded Chenier its prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014. Chenier’s legacy will be celebrated with a tribute album, statue and music events for his centennial in 2025.

KING OF ZYDECO TRIBUTES

- Rolling Stone Mick Jagger, who described Chenier as a “great influence,” said, “I love the way he just grabs a blues number and adapts it to his style.”
- June 25 is Clifton Chenier Day in the city of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish and the Louisiana State Legislature.
- Chenier received a 1984 National Heritage Fellowship, considered the nation’s highest honor for folk and traditional arts.
- Chenier was the honoree of the 2023 *Festivals Acadiens et Creoles* in Lafayette. Chenier performed at the first festival in 1974.
- C. J. Chenier has continued his father’s Red Hot Louisiana Band since his passing Dec. 12, 1987.



FAMOUS FACES



- 1 Rodney Milburn GOLD MEDAL HURDLER AT THE 1972 SUMMER OLYMPICS
- 2 Jim Bowie HERO OF THE ALAMO & INVENTOR OF THE BOWIE KNIFE
- 3 Terrance Simien TWO-TIME, GRAMMY-WINNING ZYDECO MUSICIAN
- 4 Clifton Chenier CHEF & FOUNDER OF TONY CHACHERE'S 'KING OF ZYDECO'
- 5 Tony Chachere CELEBRITY CHEF AND RESTAURANTEUR
- 6 Devery Henderson LSU/NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
- 7 Paul Prudhomme MILLION-SELLING HIT, "MY TOOT TOOT"
- 8 Rockin Sidney Simien

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