OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

St. Landry Parish • LA

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
Here's the Beef Cook-off
Opelousas | 337.684.6751
Last Saturday

FEBRUARY/MARCH
Cajun Country
Courir de Mardi Gras
Eunice | 337.457.7389
Eunice-La.com
5-day celebration beginning the Friday before Mardi Gras day

Lil' Nate's Mardi Gras Parade & Chicken Run
Opelousas
337.319.0639 | 832.217.6935
3-day celebration beginning the Friday before Mardi Gras day

MARCH
World Championship Crawfish Etouffée Cook-off
Eunice | 337.457.2565
EtouffeeCookoff.org
Last Sunday, except when it conflicts with Easter, then 2ND to last Sunday

APRIL
Arnaudville Étouffée Festival
Arnaudville | 337.754.5912
Last weekend

MAY
Herb and Garden Festival
Sunset | 337.662.5225
SunsetHerbFestival.com
1ST Saturday

Sportsmen's Heritage Festival
Krotz Springs | 337.566.3527
ksSportsmensHeritageFestival.com
Last full weekend

JULY
Lebeau Zydeco Festival
Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362
LebeauZydecoFestival.com
1ST Saturday

Southwest Louisiana Attakapas Opelousas Prairie Tribe Festival
Opelousas | 337.246.0718
AttakapasOpelousasPrairieTribes.com
Last Saturday

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival
Opelousas | 337.290.6048
Zydeco.org
Saturday before Labor Day

OCTOBER
Sweet Dough Pie Festival
Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058
SweetDoughGC.com | 4TH Saturday

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.
Bienvenue à la paroisse de Saint Landry

Feel like a local in St. Landry Parish, a rural-heritage destination with a rich history and a people who will find any excuse to celebrate life!

With festivities that celebrate art, Cajun and zydeco music, crawfish étouffée, Mardi Gras, and sweet dough pies, you will certainly experience joie de vivre, Louisiana style.

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

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 3 tbsp chopped green onion 1 ½ tsp salt

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

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

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

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

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

While browsing CajunTravel.com, look for the phrase “Ici on parle français” or French is spoken here.
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 US. The church has a phenomenal gospel choir which performs the first, second, and third Sundays at 11am Mass. So, whether you are embarking on a spiritual journey or an admirer of religious architecture, this itinerary is for you.

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

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

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

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

Arnaudville hosts two annual events in April – the Étouffée Festival and Semaine de la Francophonie.

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

ARNAUDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER
292 Front St. | Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12:30PM
337.351.9364 | 337.945.2033 | ArnaudvilleChamberOfCommerce.com

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

La Poste
153 Fuselier St. | 337.324.2422
LaPoste.DiscoveringStuff.com | Sun 11AM-3PM
A ‘pop-up’ shop/studio/gathering space. Folk arts, eclectic gift items, used books & records, films, music, workshops. Ici on parle français.

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-Fri 12PM-5:30PM,
Sat & Sun by appt.
Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session 1PM-4PM the first Sunday every month.

LIVE MUSIC

• Bayou Teche Brewing
• NUNU Arts & Culture Collective
• Tom’s Fiddle & Bow

See listings and call for information.
Bayou Teche Brewing
1106 Bushville Hwy | 337.754.5122
BayouTecheBrewing.com | 🍺 Sun 12PM-5PM; Mon-Thurs 11AM-5PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-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 unchartered areas of South Louisiana’s swamps and bayous. See beautiful scenery, birds, and other wildlife, including alligators. Tour given in French or English.

EAT & DRINK

Cajun Saucer Pizza
1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5368
| Wed 5PM-8PM; Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM; Sun 12PM-6PM
Authentic wood-fired pizzas created to blend perfectly with Bayou Teche Brewery’s craft beer. Located in the beer garden of Bayou Teche Brewery.

The Little Big Cup
149 Fuselier Rd. | 337.754.7147
LittleBigCup.com | 🍔 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. Ich on parle français.

Myran’s Maison de Manger
1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31) | 337.754.5064
| Daily 7AM-8:30PM

Russell’s Food Center
114 Main St. | 337.754.5722
RussellsFoodCenter.com | 🍲 Open daily 7AM-8PM
Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail. Ich on parle français.

The Cajun Cabin Guest Cottage
113 E. Railroad St. | 337.331.6677
CajunCabinGuestCottage.com | 🛌 Downtown, cozy cabin with a front porch, open back deck, and cathedral ceilings with exposed beams. A 2-bedroom house adjacent to the cottage is also available. Ich on parle français.

Les Deux Mondes
259 Front St. | 337.277.9537
| 🍶 Nestled along Bayou Teche. 3 cottages circa 1890-1930, each historically restored with modern amenities and sustainable practices. Ich on parle français.

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. Ich on parle français.

CANKTON

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

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

EAT & DRINK

Cormier’s Country Store
792 Main St. | 337.680.4191 | 🍔 Mon-Fri 6AM-10PM; Sat-Sun 7AM-10PM
On the Boudin Trail.
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. Cajun bands perform live on stage, while dancers waltz and two-step.

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 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

LIVE MUSIC

- Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve
- Lakeview Park & Beach
- Nick’s on 2ND
- Rocky’s Cajun Kitchen
- Savoy Music Center
- The Liberty Theatre

See listings and call for information.
Beaucoup
114 S. Second St. | 337.550.4727
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 | Mon-Fri 8AM-5:30PM; Sat 8AM-1PM
Locally crafted artwork, jewelry, honey, and more.

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

City Auto Antiques
100 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.457.5273 | 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.*

Elizabeth Clare's
550 N. Second St. | 337.523.0877 | Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM
Featuring handmade bath products, jewelry, rosaries, wire trees, and other painting and wood art.

Eunice Farmers Market
Downtown Eunice, S. Second St. | 337.457.6540 | Summer: Wed 2PM-5PM; Sat 8AM-12PM; Fall: Sat 8AM-12PM
Seasonal garden fruits and vegetables (when available), jellies, jams, pickles, honey, breads, and more.

Savoy Music Center
4413 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.9563 | www.SavoyMusicCenter.com | Tues-Fri 9AM-4PM; Sat 9AM-12PM
A must stop for Louisiana music fans. Find books, instruments, recordings, and supplies. Marc Savoy's hand-crafted accordions are available. Public jam session every Saturday at 9AM.

Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum
240 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6534 | CajunFrenchMusic.org | Summer: Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM; Winter: Tues-Sat 8:30AM-4:30PM
Where the history of this region’s unique form of music is preserved and showcased.

Cajun Prairie Habitat
635 E. Magnolia Ave. | 337.457.4497 | CajunPrairie.org | 10-acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. Touted as one of the U.S.’ leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species. *Ici on parle français.*

Eunice Depot Museum
220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540 | Summer: Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-5PM; Winter: Tues-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-4:30PM
The depot was the site where developer C.C. Duson, in 1894, auctioned lots for what became the City of Eunice. It houses educational, cultural, and historical exhibits. *Ici on parle français.*

Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center
250 W. Park Ave. | nps.gov | 337.457.8499 | Wed-Fri 9AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-6PM; Closed all federal holidays
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through extensive exhibits and artifacts. Music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations every Saturday. *Ici on parle français.*

KBON 101.1 FM
1009 S. Second St. | 337.546.0007 | KBON.com | Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM
Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists.

The Liberty Theatre
200 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.7389 | www.Eunice-La.com | Sat 6PM-7:30PM
This restored 1924 Vaudeville Theatre hosts the internationally-recognized radio and TV show *Rendez-vous des Cajuns.* Family friendly, emceed in French and English. *Ici on parle français.*
Allison’s Hickory Pit
501 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) 337.457.9218 | Mon-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 | Mon-Fri 6AM-9PM; Sat 7AM-9PM
Sun 6AM-7PM
Offering locally-roasted coffee, sandwiches, and a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

Crawfish Corner & Seafood Market
121 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) 337.457.6090 | Open seasonally - call ahead
Crawfish, catfish, shrimp, crab, and more available. Boiled crawfish when in season.

D.C.’s Sports Bar & Steakhouse
1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) 337.457.7001 | Restaurant: open daily 11AM-10PM
Bar open daily 11AM-2AM
The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and lively atmosphere.

Eunice Superette
1230 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.546.6042
EuniceSuperette.com | Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM; Sun 8AM-2PM

Eunice Poultry
251 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.5614
EunicePoultryMarket.com | Open daily 6AM-6PM
Specialty meats including stuffed roast and a variety of sausage. On the Boudin Trail. Ici on parle français.

Lejeune’s Sausage Kitchen
108 Tasso Cir. | 337.457.8491
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM | Open since 1977, a family owned local smoke house selling sausage, ponne, and tasso. Ici on parle français.

Mel’s Quick Stop
1894 Veterans Memorial Hwy. 337.457.1958 | Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-5PM
Conveniently located nearby Lakeview Park & Beach. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Mo’ Crawfish
29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy. | 337.457.8434 | MoCrawfish.com
Off-season: Mon-Fri 10:30AM-2PM; Crawfish Season: Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM
Boiled crawfish, crab, and shrimp. Seafood burgers, poboys, gumbo, and etouffée available during the off-season. Catering available.

Mowata Grocery Store
30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13 337.457.1140 | Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM

The New Ronnie’s Cajun Café
541 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) 337.457.2004 | Sun-Tues 6AM-2PM; Wed-Sat 6AM-9PM
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served Cajun style. Catering available.

Nick’s on 2ND
123 S. Second St. | 337.466.3433 | Tues-Tue 10:30AM-2PM; Tues-Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM; Sun 8AM-2PM
Fine-dining restaurant serving Cajun and Creole dishes, plate lunches, and specialty drinks and cocktails. Groups welcome.

Ray’s Bakery
971 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E) 337.457.5366 | Mon 6AM-12PM; Tues-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 6AM-3PM
In business for over 50 years, this local bakery offers fresh donuts, breads, and cakes.

Rocky’s Cajun Kitchen
1415 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E) 337.457.6999 | Mon-Sat 11AM-11PM; Sun 11AM-3PM
Fresh seafood, steaks, po’boys, gourmet burgers, and more. Fri night - seafood buffet. Sun - brunch buffet. Jam sessions every Wed night and live music every Fri and Sat night.

Ruby’s Café
221 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.550.7665 | Ruby’sCafeLA.com | Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM
Ruby’s has been in business for more than 30 years. Drop in for Cajun smoked ponne, crawfish etouffée over fried eggplant, and homemade biscuits and jelly – a local favorite. Ici on parle français.

T-Boys
1500 W. Laurel Ave. 337.457.3344 | tBoysBoudin.com
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM
Boudin, boudin balls, and cracklins. Fresh, smoked, and specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Ruby’s Bakery & Seafood Market
Eunice Superette
1230 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.546.6042
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM; Sun 8AM-2PM

Ray’s Bakery
971 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E) 337.457.5366 | Mon 6AM-12PM; Tues-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 6AM-3PM
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T-Boys
1500 W. Laurel Ave. 337.457.3344 | tBoysBoudin.com
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM
Boudin, boudin balls, and cracklins. Fresh, smoked, and specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

The Cottage at Cypress Grove
150 Seale Ln. | 337.546.4177
CypressGrovePlace.com
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. | 337.580.4205
Built in the 1800s, the first floor features a master bedroom with full en suite bath and French doors leading into a parlor room. Second floor boasts 3 bedrooms and a full-sized bath.

Bed & Breakfast
Le Village
121 Seale Ln. | 337.457.3573
LeVillageHouse.com
4 beautifully-furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres of flora, fauna, and tall pine trees. Complimentary breakfast. Can accommodate private parties and groups.

Lulu's Cottage Acadian
119 Freddie Fruge Rd. | 734.323.1761
LulusCottageAcadian.com
This historic home includes 3 private bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, laundry unit, and a large screened-in porch.

Campsgrounds
Cajun Campground
5552 Hwy. 190 E | 337.457.5753
CajunCampground.com
On 40 acres along Bayou Doza with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions, and WiFi. Hiking, swimming, fishing, game room, mini golf, and paddle boats. Clubhouse open to groups. Ici on parle français.

Lakeview Park & Beach
1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13) | 337.457.2881 | LVPark.com
This award-winning RV park offers 7 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, WiFi, 13-acre fishing pond, beach, playgrounds, pavilions, family restrooms, and laundry. Seasonal Sat night barn dances, Feb-Nov.

Hotels
Best Western of Eunice
1531 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) | 337.457.2800
BestWesternEunice.com

Days Inn & Suites
1251 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E) | 337.457.3040 | DaysInn.com
39 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, HBO, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

Eunice Inn
1145 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) | 337.457.4274
24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi.

Holiday Inn Express
1698 Hwy. 190 W | 337.546.2466
HIExpress.com/eunicela
66 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast and motorcoach parking. Indoor pool.

Howard's Inn
3789 Hwy. 190 E | 337.457.2066

L'Acadie Inn & RV Park
259 Tasso Loop | 337.457.5211 | HotBoudin.com
16 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Continental breakfast available.
Grand Coteau, French for big ridge, rests on what was the west bank of the Mississippi River some 2,000 years ago. It was settled in 1776 and became home to Acadian, Creole, Irish, and German immigrants. The town is one of the primarily few rural districts on the National Register of Historic Places with more than 70 structures designated as architecturally significant. Several of these structures have been repurposed and house antique shops, kitchen shops, and coffee houses. Grand Coteau is also noted for its magnificent trees that form alleys, groves, and gardens.

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

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

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### The Kitchen Shop

296 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.3500  
Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM  
Gourmet food, books, greeting cards, linens, items for garden and bath. Sweet Dough Pie and Gateau NaNa served daily by Pastry Chef Nancy Brewer.

### Petite Rouge Antiques & Organics

272 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.4002  
PetiteRougeAntiques.com  
Tues 11AM-4PM; Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-4PM  
Antiques and vintage jewelry. A wide selection of herbs, hand-selected tea blends, essential oils, aroma therapy, goat milk soaps, infused local honey, and apothecaries.

### Pistache

294 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.3599  
Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM  
Featuring locally-made jewelry and bridal hair pieces, hand-knitted items, clothes, and accessories.
Academy of the Sacred Heart
1821 Academy Rd. | 337.662.5275
SSHCoteau.org | By appt. only
• Shrine of St. John Berchmans
• ASH Museum
• Oak Alley & formal gardens
Ici on parle français.

Jesuit Spirituality Center at St. Charles
313 E. Martin Luther King Dr. 337.662.5251
JesuitSpiritualityCenter.org
Mon-Fri 8AM-12PM, 1PM-5PM
Founded in 1837, St. Charles is the site of the first Jesuit college in the South. Today, it is a seminary and spirituality center. Retreats offered. Private.

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
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. Ici on parle français.

ATTRACTIONS

EAT & DRINK

Brent’s Catering
234 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.662.4003 | 337.344.3562
BrentsCatering.com
Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM
Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.

P&D’s Cake Cottage
106 St. Joseph St.
337.662.CAKE (2253)
PDCakeCottage.com
Tues-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-10AM
Specializing in homemade cakes for weddings and other occasions. Pastries and cakes sold by the slice.

Go Bears Southern Eatery
1672 N. I-49 Service Rd.
337.662.2500 | Go-Bears.com
Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM
Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.

Casita Azul
151 Church St.
337.254.9695 | 337.280.5517
Relax in a private guest cottage with accommodations including a queen bed, WiFi, a large bathroom, and continental breakfast. Ici on parle français.

Frozard Plantation Cottage
307 Frozard Rd. | 337.945.0204
Converted little, red barn with high ceilings overlooking the beautiful grounds of the Frozard plantation. Kitchenette and queen bed. GPS city location is Arnaudville.

Mama Sue’s Tiny Guesthouse
134 Church St. | 337.739.7974
Converted little, red barn with high ceilings overlooking the beautiful grounds of St. Charles College. All furnishings are antiques or recycled pieces. WiFi.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Krotz Springs, also known as the “Mile of Boudin”, was named after Ohio native and sawmill owner, C. W. Krotz. Krotz put down the first oil well in St. Landry Parish but struck water instead of oil, so the town formerly known as Lantania became Krotz Springs. Situated on the Atchafalaya River, Krotz Springs is a port and refinery center handling almost three million tons of liquid and dry bulk cargo, such as oil and grain. The town is also a gateway to the outdoors with the 40,000-acre Sherburne Wildlife Management Area along its eastern border. Outdoor enthusiasts can also access a 28,000-acre area in the Atchafalaya Basin, Indian Bayou, perfect for hunting and fishing. North of Highway 190, on Highway 105, is the Teche Vermillion Pumping Station. The station is responsible for the healthy water levels and water quality of our bayous. They monitor the water flow and prevent further debris from entering our waterways.

**EAT & DRINK**

**Cricket’s Bait Shop**  
24386 Hwy. 190 | 337.592.0452  |  Open daily 6AM-5PM  
Open since 2004, Cricket has a talent for acquiring eclectic and folk-artsy items of all sorts.

**Billy’s Diner**  
24467 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2080  
Sun-Wed 4:30AM-10pm; Thurs-Sat 4:30AM-11PM  
Short-order menu with burgers, salads, po'boys, boudin balls, and cracklins. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

**Cajun Corner Café**  
24386 Hwy. 190 E | 337.566.8003  
Sun-Wed 10AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat 10AM-9PM  
Specialty meats, boudin, and boudin balls. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. Located in the Valero Station.

**Kartchner’s Grocery**  
24562 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.0529  
KartchnerSpecialtyMeats.com  |  Mon-Sat 6:30AM-7PM; Sun 7:30AM-6PM  

**BOUDIN—CAJUN STYLE FAST-FOOD**

**Morrow’s Diner**  
24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737  
Mon-Sat 5AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-10PM  
Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station. Ici on parle français.

**Whitetails Bar & Grill**  
24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800  
Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM; Wed-Sun 11AM-11PM  
Features an array of specialty sandwiches, seafood, and daily specials, in a motif centered around the whitetail deer. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.
LEONVILLE

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

MELVILLE

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

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

Biker enthusiasts and fans of the film Easy Rider can get to Melville by way of scenic Hwy. 105, where that memorable last scene took place.
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
- Lil’ Nate’s Mardi Gras Parade & Chicken Run
- Sunset Mardi Gras Parade
- Lundi Gras Boucherie

**When is Mardi Gras?**
- 2020: February 25
- 2021: February 16
- 2022: March 1

**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.
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.
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!
Creole Heritage
Folklife Center
1113 W Vine St. | 337.945.5064
Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM; Sat 1PM-4PM; Sun by appt.

Dashing W Farm
313 Country Ridge Rd. | 337.678.0883
DashingWFarm.com | By appt. only
Interact with horses through fun ground activities designed to help you learn more about yourself and how to enhance your own personal development. Only Equine Assisted Learning facility in the state. Groups welcome.

Evangeline Downs
Racetrack & Casino
2235 Creswell Ln. Ext. | 337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO
EvangelineDowns.com | 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 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 | HG Catholic.org | This church boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the U.S. The gospel choir sings on the first, second, and third, Sundays at the 11AM Mass.

Ici on parle français.
Le Vieux Village
Heritage Park
828 E. Landry St.
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442
CityOfOpelousas.com | 800.424.5442
Open year-round. Tours by appt.
This historical park and museum is a collection of buildings dating from the 1700s, and includes one of the oldest Creole homes west of the Mississippi River. Ici on parle français.

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

Opelousas Museum & Interpretive Center
315 N. Main St. | 337.948.2589
CityOfOpelousas.com | CityOfOpelousas.com
Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM
Group tours by appt. Special exhibits include the Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Display, the Rodney Millburn Tribute – Gold Medal Winner, animatronics, and the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives.

Rural African American History Museum
1414 N. Main St. | 337.945.1050 | 337.942.7845
LaOrphanTrainMuseum.com
Tues-Fri 10AM-3PM; Sat 10AM-1PM
Museum features displays that document the history of rural African Americans in St. Landry Parish, including the Creole cowboy culture.

St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery
1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552
StLandryCatholicChurch.com | 337.942.6552
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.

Zydeco Chop Chop – Call it mirepoix or the Cajun Trinity, this bag of dehydrated ingredients makes Louisiana cooking easy and convenient. Find it at Targil Seasoning (pg. 22)
Prayer House Coffee – This passion project has become an exciting business venture in which coffee lovers can order from the micro-roaster online (PrayerHouseCoffee.com) or sample a cup at Brew & Scoop in Opelousas (pg. 24)
Prairie Ronde Rice – This artisan long-grain, non-GMO, and gluten-free rice is grown and milled in Prairie Ronde, LA. Pick up a bag at Benny's Supermarket (pg. 24) and Janise's Supermarket (pg. 30), or order online (PrairieRondeRice.com)
Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning – This Opelousas product is a Cajun staple that can go on anything from gumbo to popcorn. Find it at any local grocery store or visit the gift shop at Tony Chachere's.
Craft Beer – The Knott family loves to experiment with local, seasonal ingredients and crafts each ale to complement Louisiana dishes. Every weekend, travelers can sample Bayou Teche Brewing's latest culinary concoctions in the tap room, hear live music, or take a tour in French or English. (pg. 8)
LouAna Cooking Oil – LouAna has cooking oil covered, from vegetable and corn to avocado and safflower. Find it at any local grocery store and check out their website (LouAna.com) for recipes and tips.
Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center
204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188
Mon-Fri 10:30AM-2PM
Dine on Creole cuisine and seafood dishes in a restaurant with a funky French Quarter feel. Live music on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

Back in Time
123 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2413
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
Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-12PM
Open since 1964, this specialty shop is devoted to 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
Open daily 7AM-8PM
Delicious breakfast and plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.

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

Brew & Scoop
415 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.3660
Mon-Fri 6:30AM-8PM; Sat-Sun 7:30AM-8PM
Café serving locally-roasted Prayer House Coffee.

Café 5696
5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18
337.948.3300
Mon-Fri 6AM-9:45AM; Sat-Sun 7AM-10:45AM;
Dinner: Mon-Fri 5PM-9:30PM
Serving American and Cajun cuisine.

Chicken King
240 E. Prudhomme Ln. | 337.942.9224
ChickenKingLA.com
Sun-Wed 8AM-10PM; Thurs-Sat 8AM-12AM
Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

Chicorys Coffee & Café
135 W. Landry St. | 337.886.5770
Tues-Fri 6:30AM-3:30PM; Sat-Sun 7AM-2PM
Offers a wide selection of specialty coffees, smoothies, and breakfast and lunch items – all within walking distance of area antiques and historic attractions. Ici on parle français.

Coby's Classic Cuisine
1631 N. Main St. | 337.678.0454
Mon-Tues 10:30AM-2:30PM; Wed-Thurs 10:30AM-8:30PM; Fri-Sat 10:30AM-9:30PM; Sun 11AM-3PM
Award-winning restaurant offering seafood dishes, steaks, burgers, daily plate lunches, salads, pastas, and kid's meals. Ici on parle français.

Crawfish House & Grill
1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049
Sun-Fri 11AM-2PM; Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM

Duos Cajun Corner
840 Hwy. 167
337.628.0123
Mon-Sat 11AM-2PM; Crawfish season: Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-8:30PM;
Fri-Sat 8:30AM-9:30PM
Locally-cured, smoked meats and sausages, boudin, and cracklins. Boiled crawfish seasonally.

The Spotted Horse Tavern
2285 Hwy. 167
337.942.2411
Mon-Sat 11AM-2PM; Crawfish season: Mon-Thurs 8AM-2PM; Thurs-Sat 5PM-9PM
Serving fresh, fried, and boiled crab and shrimp. Boiled crawfish when in season.

Fat Belly's Diner
317 E. Jefferson St. | 337.942.5445
Mon-Sat 10AM-8PM; Sun 10AM-6PM
Serving home cooked plate lunches and soul food. Boiled crab, shrimp, and crawfish, when in season.

Frank's Poboys
603 E. Landry St. | 337.678.3032
Mon-Wed 10AM-9:30PM; Thurs-Sat 10AM-10:30PM
Traditional and specialty poboys, such as the Cajun Meatball and Frank's Special.

Hebert's Boudin & Cracklin
4932 I-49 N. Service Rd. | 337.942.8828
HebertsBoudin.com
Open daily 6AM-8PM
Java Square Café
103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.1055
JavaSquare.Cafe | Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 8AM-4PM
Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust &

Joe’s Sandwich Shop
1633 W. Vine St. | 337.942.5163
Mon-Thurs 7AM-8PM; Fri 7AM-9PM;
Sat 8:30AM-9PM
Est. 1941. Burgers, poboys, fried
seafood, and chicken. Plate lunches served
Mon-Fri.

Kelly’s Country
Meat Block & Diner
1531 S. Union St. | 337.942.7466 | Mon-Fri 7am-5:30pm;
Sat 7AM-4PM; Sun 7AM-2PM.
Diner: Daily 11AM-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) | 337.678.9468
Mon-Fri 10AM-3:30PM;
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.

Mae’s Café
925 W. Vine St. | 337.678.0866 | Mon-Thurs 6AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 6AM-
11PM; Sun 6AM-7PM
Serving local Cajun and Creole
dishes, plate lunches, and breakfast.
Barbecue on Sundays.

Mama’s Fried Chicken
508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203
Sun-Thurs 10AM-10PM; Fri-Sat
10AM-11PM
2307 Jake Dr. | 337.948.6262
Open daily 10AM-11PM
EatMamasFriedChicken.com | 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-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM
Specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail -
will ship.

Mikey’s Donut King
952 E. Landry St. | 337.942.2128 | 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; Sun 10AM-2PM
Home cooked plate lunches. BBQ
served on Sunday. Cakes and catering for
all occasions.

Pizza Shack
1242 Edith St. | 337.948.4838
PizzaShackOpelousas.com | Mon-Thurs 11AM-9:30PM; Fri-Sat
11AM-10:30PM ;Sun 5PM-9:30PM
Open since 1988, serving poboys,
muffalatas, and pizzas using sauces
made fresh daily and dough made
from scratch. Try Ferdie’s Special,
which uses local Savoie’s Sausage.

Ray’s Grocery Plus
6028 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.9077 | Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM
Featuring boudin made with the
original Ray’s recipe, crawfish boudin,
pepper jack cheese stuffed boudin
balls, and the sweet potato biscuit.
On the Boudin Trail.

Savoie’s Foods
1742 Hwy. 742 | SavoiesFoods.com
337.942.9955 | 337.942.7241 | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:45PM
Producers of Savoie’s sausage, tasso,
roux, and more. On the boudin trail –
will ship.

Sebastien’s West End
Seafood Market
1538 W. Landry St. | 337.407.0780 | Mon-Fri 8:30AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-2PM
Large variety of fresh, wild-caught
seafood all from local fishermen.

Soileau’s Dinner Club
1618 N. Main St.
337.942.2985 | Soileaus.com | Sun-Mon 11AM-8PM; Tues-Thurs
11AM-8:30PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-9:30PM
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-1PM | Featuring soul food, burgers,
and plate lunches.

Sweet Lucy’s Soul Food
1332 Goodloe St. | 337.678.3311
Mon-Fri 11AM-4PM
Traditional plate lunches, burgers,
and seafood baskets. Trail ride fare like
oxtails, pig feet, and tripe.
Drive-thru only.

Yam Country Pies
430 E. Grolee St. | 337.948.4553
YamCountryPies.com | Tues-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-2PM
Traditional folded pies made with
sweet dough and filled with yam,
apple, lemon, custard, coconut,
or seasonal flavors.
BED & BREAKFAST
Shirley’s B&B
1741 Ernestine Dr. | 337.693.0420
This modern, one-bedroom cottage features a small gym/office, full kitchen, TV, WiFi, and a backyard with a privacy fence. Breakfast is served on the back patio.

CAMPGROUNDS
Alice’s RV Park
631 Desiree Rd. | 337.288.9633
8 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water, and sewer. RV rental, WiFi, picnic tables, washateria, laundry, church services available. Pet friendly.

Caribbean Campground & Wellness Center
12178 Hwy. 190 W. | 337.678.1500
CaribbeanCampground.com
23 RV sites, can accommodate RVs up to 70ft, 30/50 amp, full hookups, water, sewer, electricity, outdoor pool, laundry, restrooms, showers, accessible.

Dale White RV Park
7829 Hwy. 31 | 337.652.8535
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
17 shaded sites, featuring WiFi, laundry and bath facility, 30/50 amp electric, full hookups, water, and sewer.

South City Park Campground
1524 S. Market St. | 337.948.2562
CityOfOpelousas.com/South-City-Park
Office: Mon-Fri 8AM-12PM/1PM-4PM
61 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp dump station. Tent camping. Year-round tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls for special events.

HOTELS & MOTELS
Budget Inn
1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762
18 rooms. Daily & weekly rates, 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
58 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave/fridge, pool. Groups welcome.

Evangeline Downs Hotel
2235 Creswell Ln., Exit 18, Lot B
337.407.2121
EvangelineDownsHotel.com
A Choice Hotels property connected to Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. 117 Rooms. Rooms include a mini-fridge, microwave, WiFi, and continental breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. Event/meeting space.

Hampton Inn
1700 Commerce Blvd.
337.284.3428
80 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave, fridge, pool, and fitness center. Meeting room available.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18
337.948.3300 | HolidayInn.com/OpelousasLA

Motel 6
4165 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 15
337.948.9500
62 rooms, outdoor pool, cable TV, WiFi, and meeting space.

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.

Super 8 by Wyndham
5791 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18
337.942.6250
46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV. Complimentary hot breakfast.

Townhouse Motel
337 W. Landry St. | 337.948.4488
30 rooms. Cable TV and WiFi. Daily & weekly rates.
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.

Budden’s Store
165 W. Railroad Ave., Palmetto
337.623.4711
Mon-Wed, Fri 8am-5pm; Thurs 8am-12pm; Sat 8am-4pm
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

Stelly’s of Lebeau, Inc.
8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau
337.623.4458
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 - will ship.

St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Landfill
417 Solid Waste Rd., Washington | 337.826.5211 | SLPSolidWaste.org | Mon-Fri 6am-5pm; Sat 6am-4pm | Tours by appointment only

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

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

All ages, from kindergarten classes to garden clubs, along with international scientists, have enjoyed facility tours. Ici on parle français.
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.

Bourque’s Supermarket & Deli
581 Saizan St. | 337.585.6261
BourqueSpecialties.com | Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-7:45PM
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 | Open daily 8AM–10PM
Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

Jambalaya Café
16470 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7697 | Open 24 hours a day
Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes, as well as homemade burgers. Located inside King’s Truck Stop.

Bayou Teche RV Park
100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646
45 shaded camp sites located on the banks of Bayou Teche, with access to electricity and running water. Dump site and large pavilion available.

JC’s RV Park
2963 Hwy. 741 | 337.351.9913
Open daily 7AM-8PM
20 full hook-up sites with 30/50 amp service, a large pavilion, and private laundry and shower facilities.

Travelers Motel
17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642
31 rooms with cable TV, microwave, and fridge. Daily and weekly rates available.
Legend has it that Sunset received its name from railroad workers in the late 1800s. The workers named new train stops as they reached them and apparently arrived here at sunset.

Today, 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 and first Saturday of November 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, or join locals every other month for Uncorked Art Walk. Visit with artists, view local art, and partake in wine and hor-d’oeuvres, courtesy of Café Josephine.
Sunset Motor Inn
2153 I-49 S. Service Rd. | 337.662.3726
33 rooms.

Café Josephine
818 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.0008
CafeJosephineSunset.com
Tues-Thurs 11am-2pm / 5pm-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm
Specializing in Cajun cuisine. Full-service bar and oyster bar. Private group dining.

Janise’s Supermarket & Deli
147 Oak Tree Park Dr. | 337.662.5512
JanisesSupermarket.com
Open daily 7am-8pm

The Funky Flea
829-A Napoleon Ave. | 337.358.5404
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM & by appt.
Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.

DEe’s Café
207 Landry St. | 337.347.2161
Wed-Sat 11am-2pm
Plate lunches, soups, salads, and sandwiches, all inspired by Cajun recipes.

Sunset Antique Market
151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of antiques, art, and collectibles in a converted sweet potato shed. The buildings are vintage warehouses approximately 50-75 years old. Ici on parle français.

Sunset Rail Stop
312 Anna St. | 337.945.9188 | 337.662.1118
SunsetRailStop.com
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. One block south of traffic light.

Sunset Motor Inn
2153 I-49 S. Service Rd. | 337.662.3726
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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

GUMBO FOR YOUR SOUL!
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.
**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.

**Old Courtableau Cafe**
104 S. Main St. | 337.826.9910
OldCourtableauCafe.com
Tues-Wed 10AM-3PM; Thurs 10AM-8PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-10PM; Sun 11AM-3PM
Cajun-style restaurant and dancehall serving po'boys, seafood, and plate lunches.

**Old Schoolhouse Cafe**
123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM
1950's-style cafe offers home-cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall. *Ici on parle français.*

**Willie's Campground**
1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.826.4822
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.*

**Ardoin’s Grocery**
321 N. St. John St. | 337.826.7136
Mon-Fri 6:30AM-6:30PM; Sat 6:30AM-2PM
Family owned since 1955, locally-sourced produce, meat cut fresh daily, and delicious homemade sausage. On the Boudin Trail - will ship

**Savannah Sports Grill**
705 S. Main St. | 337.628.0303
Thurs 6pm-12am; Fri-Sat 6pm-2am; Sun 11am-2pm
Features plate lunches, barbecue, and live music.

**Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant**
525 N. Main St. | 337.826.7227
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
Open daily 5am-9pm
Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

**Crawford House B&B**
331 E. Carriere St. | 337.945.8274
Acquired by steamboat Captain William Crawford in 1864. Enjoy 19th-century living with three porches overlooking the grounds, including 150-year-old live oaks.

**Steamboat Cottages**
513 N. Main St. | 337.826.1009 | 337.230.7229
Nestled on scenic Bayou Courtableau, the cottages feature spacious living areas, patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, TV, mini-fridge, and microwave.

**Town of Washington RV Park**
143 Front St. | 337.826.3626
Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Weekends & after hours 337.826.3305
Enjoy five acres in a family and pet friendly environment with over 50 full hookups including water, electricity, and sewage.

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Group & Meeting Venues

ARNAUDVILLE
Bayou Teche Brewery
1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5122
BayouTecheBrewing.com
50 - PATIO
50 - BEER GARDEN
60 - THE TURNIP

EUNICE
The Barn at Lakeview
1717 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
337.457.2881 | LVPark.com
72 SEATED
200 STANDING
The Chapelle Store at Cypress Grove
121 Seale Ln. | 337.546.4177
CypressGrovePlace.com
150 CAPACITY
Gabrielle’s
235 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.305.1691
100 CAPACITY
La Belle Venue
201 Eugene Ln. | 337.305.1691
150 SEATED
400 BUFFET-STYLE SERVICE
Liberty Theatre
200 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.7389
Eunice-La.com
114 - BALCONY
411 - FLOOR LEVEL
Louisiana State University Eunice
2048 Johnson Hwy. | 337.550.1390
LSUE.edu
50 SEATED - ROOM 117
250 EACH - 3 AUDITORIUMS
Nick’s on 2ND
123 S. Second St. | 337.466.3433
75 SEATED (PRIVATE)
Northwest Community Center & Pavilion
501 Samuel Dr. | 337.457.7389
250 SEATED
400 STANDING
1000 STANDING - OUTDOOR PAVILION
The Prairie Barn: Goods & Darts
121 Seale Ln. | 337.457.3573
40 SEATED

GRAND COTEAU
Brent’s Catering
234 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.344.3562 | BrenstsCatering.com
300 CAPACITY
Grand Coteau House Ballroom
162 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.232.5300
GrandCoteauHouse.com
225 SEATED
300 STANDING

KROTZ SPRINGS
Gary Soileau
Community Center
216 Park St. | 337.566.2322
KrotzSprings.net
350 SEATED

OPÉLÉOUSAS
Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center
204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188
80 SEATED
150 STANDING
The Chapel at Le Vieux Village
828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227
CityOfOpelousas.com
100 SEATED

Days Inn & Suites
5761 I-49 S. Service Rd.
337.407.0004 | DaysInn.com
50 SEATED
65 STANDING
58 HOTEL ROOMS

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When planning your event, please refer to the VENUES PAGE on CAJUNTRAVEL.COM for updates and additional information.
Rodney Milburn: Gold medal hurdler at the 1972 Summer Olympics

Jim Bowie: Hero of the Alamo & inventor of the Bowie Knife

Terrance Simien: Two-time, Grammy-winning Zydeco musician

Clifton Chenier: Lifetime Grammy winner, 'King of Zydeco'

Tony Chachere: Chef & founder of Tony Chachere’s Creole Seasoning

Devery Henderson: LSU/New Orleans Saints

Paul Prudhomme: Celebrity chef and restauranteur

Rockin’ Sidney Simien: Million-selling hit, “My Toot Toot”