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 Annual l’Argent Chicken Run and Rodeo
Opelousas
337.319.0639 | 832.217.6935
3-day celebration beginning the Friday before Mardi Gras day

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

APRIL
Arnaudville Étouffée Festival
Arnaudville | 337.754.5912
Last weekend

MAY
A Celebration of Herbs & Gardens
Sunset | 337.662.5225
SunsetHerbFestival.com
1st Saturday

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

JUNE/JULY
Lebeau Zydeco Festival
Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362
LebeauZydecoFestival.com
1st Saturday

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

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

OCTOBER
Experience Louisiana Festival
Eunice | 337.457.1776 | 3rd Saturday
ExperienceLouisiana.org

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

NOVEMBER
Holy Ghost Creole Bazaar & Festival
Opelousas | 337.942.2732
HolyGhostCreoleFestival.com
1st weekend

Festival of Words
Grand Coteau | 337.254.9695
FestivalOfWords.org | 1st weekend

Cracklin Festival
Port Barre | 337.457.1776
PortBarreCracklinFestival.com
2ND weekend

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 Information Center. Located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49, the facility is one of the first sustainably designed centers in the country. By utilizing both old and new practices in its construction, this award-winning structure is welcoming and a great way to introduce visitors to this region of Louisiana. 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.
Chicken & Sausage Gumbo

1 (4-5lb.) chicken, cut into pieces
Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning*
4 tbsp. LouAna Vegetable Oil*
4 tbsp. flour
2 large onions, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 lb. Savoies Smoked Sausage*, sliced
3 quarts water
3 tbsp. green onions, chopped
3 tbsp. parsley, chopped

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

*ST. LANDRY PARISH PRODUCT

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Look for these symbols throughout the guide for tax free shopping on local art.

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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.

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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.

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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 the largest Catholic congregation of African Americans in the US. The church has a phenomenal gospel choir which performs the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 11am Mass. So, whether you are embarking on a spiritual journey or an admirer of religious architecture this itinerary is for you.

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

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

Continue your tour of Grand Coteau at 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
“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.

La Poste
153 Fuselier St. | 337.324.2422
LaPoste.DiscoveringStuff.com
Eclectic gift shop, quality used books and LPs, folk crafts, science wonder toys. Also, workshops, classes, jams, performances, and more.

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.

Tom’s Fiddle & Bow
204 Fuselier Rd. | 337.322.5402
TomsFiddleAndBow.com
Mon-Fri 12PM-5:30PM, Sat by appt.
Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session 1PM-4PM the first Sunday every month.

Village Des Artistes
1022 Neblett St. | 337.484.9190
GeorgeMarksStudio@gmail.com
Includes the George Marks Studio and adjoining Art Cottage. Studio visits by appointment. Call or email to obtain more information.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**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 Customize Excursions**
113 E. Railroad Ave. | 337.303.8060 | 🌐
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.

**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. ici on parle français.

**Shiny Tiny House**
1510 Hwy. Courtbaleau | 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.

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**EAT & DRINK**

**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. Ici on parle français.

**Myran’s Maison de Manger**
1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31) | 337.754.5064 | 🌐
Daily 7AM-9PM

**Russell’s Food Center**
114 Main St. | 337.754.5722
RussellsFoodCenter.com | 🌐
Mon-Sun 7AM-8PM
Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail. Ici on parle français.

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**CANKTON**

Cankton, in the Coulee Crotche 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.

**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 almost 25 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.
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 Flea Market & Auction
1051 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.7274
Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM
 Huge collection of antique furniture, glassware, cooking ware, and more. Every first, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, attend the live auction for funky finds.

City Auto Antiques
100 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.457.5273
Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-12PM
Antique wooden furniture, vintage signage, glassware, and décor.

Damian Cuccio Designs
110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092
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.

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. | 337.457.6503
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.

Eunice Depot Museum
220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6534 | 337.349.1969
Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM; Winter: Tues-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM; Sat 9AM-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.

Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center
250 Park Ave. | nps.gov | 337.457.6534 | 337.349.1969
Wed-Fri 9:30AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-6PM; Closed all federal holidays
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through extensive exhibits and artifacts. Music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations every Saturday.

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. When visiting, check out the wall of signatures from local legends.

The Liberty Theatre
200 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.7389 | 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.

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

Allison’s Hickory Pit
501 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) 337.457.9218
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
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM; Sun 8AM-2PM

Mowata Grocery Store
30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 337.457.1140
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-3PM
Offering specialty meats, boudin, and cracklins. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. Ici on parle français.

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

Nick’s on 2ND
123 S. Second St. 337.466.3433
Mon-Sun 6AM-2PM; Tues-Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM
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 50 years, this local bakery offers fresh donuts, breads, and cakes. Ici on parle français.

Rocky’s Cajun Kitchen
1415 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E) 337.457.6999
Mon-Thurs 10:30AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 10:30AM-9:30PM; Sun 10:30AM-2PM
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
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
1500 W. Laurel Ave. 337.457.3344
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM
On the Boudin Trail - will ship. 1st place winner - 2013 Boudin Cook-off & People’s Choice Award.
The Farmhouse and Cottage at Cypress Grove
150 Seale Ln. | 337.546.4177
CypressGrovePlace.com | 📞
1920s farmhouse with 21st century conveniences. 2650 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a full kitchen. Cottage is newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

Le Village
121 Seale Ln. | 337.457.3573
LeVillageHouse.com | 📞
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.

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

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 | 📞
21 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50amps, water, sewer, cable, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Continental breakfast on weekends.
Grand Coteau, French for big ridge, rests on what was the west bank of the Mississippi River some 2,000 years ago. It was settled in 1776 and became home to Acadian, Creole, Irish, and German immigrants.

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

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

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

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

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

**Pistache**
294 Martin Luther King Dr. 337.662.3599
Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun seasonally
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.

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.

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.

Brent’s Catering
234 E. Martin Luther King Dr. 337.662.4003 | 337.344.3562
BrentsCatering.com | Tues-Thurs 10AM-2PM; Fri 10AM-2PM/5:30PM-9PM
Restaurant serves Cajun cuisine favorites and home cooked plate lunches. Seafood buffet Friday nights. Catering available.

Go Bear’s Laffitte’s Treasure Casino
1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | 337.662.2500 | GoBears.com
Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM
Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.

Chicorys Coffee & Café
219 E. Martin Luther King Dr. 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.

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.

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

Mama Sue’s Tiny 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.

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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.

**Atchafalaya Campground**
174 Campground Loop 337.945.9002 | 337.945.1941
Water, electricity, dump site, 35 sites on the Atchafalaya, pavilion, picnic tables, washateria, bathroom, and showers.

**DC’s RV Park**
24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800
Great area for fishing, boating, hunting, and more. Full service restaurant, 15 full hook-up sites, 30/50 amps, water, electricity, sewer, WiFi, and pet friendly.

**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 | 337.566.0529
Mon-Thurs 9AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 9AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-9PM
Specialty meats, boudin, and boudin balls. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. Located in the Valero Station.

**Morrow’s Diner**
24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737
Mon-Fri 4AM-10PM; Sat 5AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-10PM
Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station. Ici on parle français.

**Whitetails Bar & Grill**
24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800 | 337.566.2800
Lunch daily 11AM-2PM; Dinner Wed-Thurs 5PM-9PM; Dinner Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM
Features an array of specialty sandwiches, seafood, and daily specials, in a motif centered around the whitetail deer. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.
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.

**Champagne’s Marché**
3802 Hwy. 31 | 337.879.2586
ChampagnesMarche.com | fb
Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM,
Sun 7:30AM-2PM
Plate lunches. Award-winning king cakes, boudin, and boudin nuggets. On the Boudin Trail. Ici on parle français.

**Palms on the Teche**
4834 Hwy. 31
904.866.0899 | 904.386.5212
PalmsOnTheTeche.com
Lodging in a rural setting on scenic Bayou Teche. This 3-bedroom, 1-bath country cottage has a full kitchen, cable TV, WiFi, a large screened porch, and a canoe/kayak launch.

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.

**Cannatella’s Grocery & Hardware**
421 Landrum St. | 337.623.4211 | fb
Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sat 7AM-7PM;
Sun 9AM-3PM
Home of “Finest Italian Sausage” and “One Good Muffaletta”!
This grocery/hardware store has been serving Melville since 1923. On the Boudin Trail.
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 Parade & Chicken Run
- Sunset Mardi Gras Parade
- Lundi Gras Boucherie

**When is Mardi Gras?**
- 2019: March 5
- 2020: February 25
- 2021: February 16

**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 .................. 337.754.7993
CANKTON ......................... 337.668.4456
EUNICE ............................. 337.457.7389
GRAND COTEAU .............. 337.662.5246
KROTZ SPRINGS .............. 337.566.2322
LEONVILLE .......................... 337.879.2601
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 at 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 lb. 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, see some of the parish’s “older” residents come back to life 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!
Art Box Studio & Gallery
129 W. Landry St. | 337.418.1789
ArtBoxOpelousas.com
Wed 6PM-9PM; Fri 5PM-11PM; Sat 10AM-11PM; Sun 10:30AM-4PM
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
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 10:30AM-5PM
8,000-sq. ft. Over 50 vendors. Antiques, black iron pots, glassware, goat milk soap, furniture, and more.

Durio’s Curios Antiques & Restoration
5853 Hwy. 182 | 337.308.4664 | Tue 10AM-5PM & by appt.
Antiques, primitives, shabby chic, collectibles, and gifts. Furniture restoration.

J. B. Sandoz, Inc.
312 N. Main St. | 337.942.3564 | Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7:30AM-1PM
This hardware store has been open since 1878 and is Opelousas’s 2nd oldest business. Hardware, housewares, and gifts. Ici on parle français.

Opelousas Farmers Market
828 E. Landry St. | 337.435.1023
Tues, Thurs, Sat 6:30AM-9:30AM
Discover bounties of homegrown fruits, vegetables, preserves and jellies, and more.

Sebastien Dupre Fine Jewelry
822 S. Main St. | 337.948.4367 | Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM
One-of-a-kind pieces made by locals, including primitive Louisiana folk art, handmade reclaimed wood projects, artwork, and fused glass pendants.

Spotted Cat Antiques, Etc.
637 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.1081 | SpottedCatAntiques.com
Thurs-Sun 10AM-6PM
More than 100 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing, furniture, and primitive items. Ici on parle français.

Targil Seasoning & Butcher Supplies
229 Wartell Ave. | 337.942.6276
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. Group tours available. Ici on parle français.

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

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 1,400 slot machines, concerts, and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

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

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
747 N. Union St. | 337.942.2732 | HGcatholic.org
This church boasts the largest Catholic congregation of African Americans in the US. The gospel choir sings on the first, second, and third, Sundays at the 11AM Mass.

Historic District Tours
828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227
CityOfOpelousas.com
View ante-bellum, 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.
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Le Vieux Village Heritage Park
828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442
CityOfOpelousas.com
Open year-round. Tours by appt. This historical park and museum is a collection of buildings dating from the 1700s, and includes one of the oldest Creole homes west of the Mississippi River. Ici on parle français.

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

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

St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery
1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552
StLandryCatholicChurch.com
Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM / 1PM-4PM Tours by appt. only
Built in 1909, the “Mother Church of Acadia” 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
Mon-Fri 10:30AM-2PM
Dine on Creole cuisine and seafood dishes in a restaurant with a funky French Quarter feel. Live music (pg. 21)

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.

Benny’s Supermarket
806 S. Union St. | 337.948.6533
Open daily 7AM-8PM Delicious plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.

Billy’s Boudin & Cracklin
904 Short Vine St. | 337.942.9150
BilysBoudin.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. | 337.948.3300
Mon-Fri 6AM-9:45AM; Sat-Sun 7AM-10:45AM; Dinner: Mon-Sat 5PM-10PM Serving American and Cajun cuisine.

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

Crawfish House & Grill
1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049
Sun-Fri 11AM-2PM; Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM Birthplace of the “Cajun Girl Poboy.” Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers, and sandwiches. Oysters, shrimp, and boiled crawfish when in season. Ici on parle français.

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CAJUNTRAVEL.COM
Duos Cajun Corner
840 Hwy. 167
337.628.0123 | 337.224.4969
Mon-Sat 8:30AM-7PM
Locally cured, smoked meats and
sausages, canned preserves, boudin,
cracklins, and sweet dough pies.
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
• The Cajun Buffet
• The Café
• Fast and Lucy's Pub

Frank's Poboys
603 E. Landry St. | 337.678.3032
Mon-Wed 10:30AM-9:30PM;
Thurs-Sat 10:30AM-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 5:30AM-8PM
Specialty meat market and local
products. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Ici on parle français.

Java Square Café
103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.1055
ReveCoffeeRoasters.com
Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 8AM-4PM
Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust & Savings building (1927). Locally roasted Reve coffee.

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

Kelly’s Country Meat Block & Diner
1531 S. Union St. | 337.942.7466 | Store: 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.
Ici on parle français.

Lavergne’s Cajun Kitchen
10300 Prejean Hwy. (Hwy. 190)
337.678.9468 | Mon-Fri 10:30AM-3:30PM; Sat 8AM-
2PM; Sun 10:30AM-2:30PM
Located in Lawtell right on Hwy 190.
Offering plate lunches that range from seafood to stews and include dessert. House-made seasoning blend, Paw’s Seasoning.

Mama’s Fried Chicken
508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203
Sun-Thurs 10AM-10PM;
Fri-Sat 10AM-11PM
2307 Jake Dr. | 337.948.6262
Open daily 10AM-10PM
EatMamasFriedChicken.com
Serving homemade items such as chicken and biscuits. Desserts include funnel cakes and fried Oreos.

Meche’s Supermarket
1508 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2089
Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM
Specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

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.

The Palace Café
135 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2142
Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM; Sun 6AM-2PM
Open since 1927, this popular diner serves down home Cajun cooking. Try the daily special and popular fried chicken salad.

Pearl’s Country Kitchen
8247 Hwy. 182 | 337.594.8899
Mon-Fri 10:30AM-5PM; Sun 10AM-2PM
Home cooked plate lunches. BBQ served on Sunday. Cakes and catering for all occasions.

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

Savoie’s Foods
1742 Hwy. 742 | 337.942.9955 | SavoiesFoods.com
Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM
Producers of Savoie’s sausage, tasso, roux, and more. On the boudin trail – will ship.

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

Ici on parle français.
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.

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.

Comfort Inn
5454 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18 | 337.942.4900 | ComfortInn.com
57 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, pool.

Days Inn & Suites
5761 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18 | 337.407.0004 | DaysInn.com
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.

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, washteria, 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 | 337.652.8353
39 full hook-up sites, with access to running water, electricity, dump station. Showers, laundry, and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.

Evangeline Oaks RV Park
808 Hwy. 742 | 337.288.0032
17 shaded sites featuring WiFi, laundry and bath facility, 30/50 amp electric, full hookups, water, and sewer.

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

**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** – The brainchild of Johnny Carriere, 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. 23)

**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. 23) and **Janise’s Supermarket** (pg. 23) 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** – From vegetable and corn to avocado and safflower, LouAna has cooking oil covered. Find it at any local grocery store and check out their website (LouAna.com) for recipes and tips.
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-Sat 8am-5pm; Thurs 8am-12pm
Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of the early days of Palmetto when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area.

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.

The Key of “C” Accordion

The Key of “C” Accordion kiosk is a unique concept that combines art, construction, design, and modern technology. The kiosk allows the user to explore CajunTravel.com, which is designed to assist visitors with travel decisions within St. Landry Parish.

The accordion is mobile, using a pulley system, and can be adjusted to the user’s height. It is made of reclaimed wood, some pieces nearly 200 years old, and custom-made brackets. Materials include antique pine, pecky cypress, and even bousillage support columns. It was designed to resemble a single row diatonic accordion, one of the earliest accordions used in Acadiana, with a 10-button keyboard on the right-hand side. On the Key of “C” Accordion, six of these buttons are functioning and play a variety of genres found in this region of the state including Lala, Creole, Zydeco, Traditional Cajun, and Progressive Cajun.

The sculpture is located in the St. Landry Parish Visitor Center, open Monday-Saturday from 9AM-5PM.
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.

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

Travelers Motel
17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642
31 rooms with cable TV, microwave, and fridge. Daily and weekly rates available.

Port Barre
EAT & DRINK

Bourque’s Supermarket & Deli
581 Saizan St. | 337.585.6261
BourqueSpecialties.com | 📍
Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-8PM
Famous for jalapeno, sausage, cheese bread. 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 | 337.585.2993 | 📍
Open 24 hours a day
Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes. Located inside King’s Truck Stop.
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 September at the Exit 11 Yard Sale, which includes the neighboring community of Grand Coteau.

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

**Antiques & Shopping**

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

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

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

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

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

**J&B Quilting**
988 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.1183 | JBQuilting.com | 📞
Tues-Fri 9AM-5:30PM; Sat 10AM-3PM
Fabric store with a large selection of supplies for needlepoint crafts. Also, shop for books, gift items, bags, and totes.

**Jerilyn’s Fused Glass Art Gallery & Studio**
819 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.5409 | 📞
Wed-Sat 10:30AM-5PM & by appt.
One of a kind fused glass art pieces and jewelry. Commissioned pieces upon request.

**La Caboose Gift Shop**
135 S. Budd St. | 337.662.5401
Open daily 10AM-5PM & by appt.
Features gourd art, oil paintings, and homemade jams and jellies.

**Remember When Antiques**
956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 | 📞
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-5PM
Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale. Mid-century room.

**Sunrise Saturdays in Sunset Farmers Market**
832 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.3276
2nd Sat 8AM-12PM
Find fresh local produce and artisan food producers the second Saturday of every month.
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., Suite 109, Opelousas
  337.942.5606 ext. 145 | StLandryParish.org
  Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM

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

**ANTIOQUES & SHOPPING**

**Nanny Belle's Antiques**
402 S. Main St. | 337.849.8477
Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM; Sun 11AM-6PM
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china, and more.

**Olde Wood Accents**
321 S. Main St. | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM 337.351.9009 | 337.308.3563
Source for reclaimed wood, cypress furniture, floors, stairs, furniture repairs, and woodworking.

**Old Courttableau Café**
104 S. Main St. | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM 337.826.9910 | OldCourttableauCafe.com
Tues 10AM-3PM, Wed-Thurs 10AM-8PM, Fri-Sat 10AM-10PM, Sun 11AM-4PM
Cajun-style restaurant and dance-hall serving poboys, seafood, and plate lunches.

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

**Steele Magnolia Antiques**
114 N. Main St. | Fri-Sun 9AM-6PM 337.826.3321 |
French-American antique furniture including armoires, marble, estate jewelry, tabletops, lamps, Belgium chandeliers, stained glass, crystal glassware, and linens. *Ici on parle français.*
St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Landfill
417 Solid Waste Rd. | 337.826.5211 | SLPSolidWaste.org
Tours by appointment only
Tour this nationally recognized facility and witness how nature and proper waste management can co-exist. Duck boxes, alligators, a wildlife habitat, bird sanctuary, and peaceful ponds are some of the many sites. Ici on parle français.

Washington Museum & Tourist Center
404 N. Main St. | 337.826.3627 | TownOfWashingtonLa.org
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM; Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM
Information on historic sites, maps, house and walking tours on request. Artifacts of the steamboat era are housed in the museum. Trolley rental is available for groups.

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

Old Schoolhouse Café
123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM
50s-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 | 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.

Old Schoolhouse Café
123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM
50s-style café offers home cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall. Ici on parle français.

Bayou Courtableau RV Park
187 Elizabeth St. | 337.351.2615
Located on Bayou Courtableau. Offers 12 full hook up sites, picnic tables, firewood, a pavilion, and outdoor kitchen for guest use. Water, electricity, and RV rentals.

Crawford House B&B
331 E. Carriere St. | 337.945.8274
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 50+ full hookups incl. water, electricity, and sewage.

Willie’s Campground
1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.826.4822
Tues-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.
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/Barn
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 | BrentsCatering.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
480 SEATED

OPÉLOUSAS
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

Delta Grand Theatre
120 N. Market St. | 337.407.0950
DeltaGrandTheatre.com
300 SEATED
640 STANDING

Equine Sales of Louisiana
372 Harry Guilbeau Rd.
337.678.3024
EquineSalesCompany.com
400 SEATED
600 STANDING

Additional Venues on the following page.
Evangeline Downs Hotel
2235 Creswell Ln. | 337.407.2121
EvangelineDownsHotel.com
50 SEATED, 62 STANDING - PARISH ROOM
32 SEATED - BREAKFAST ROOM
117 HOTEL ROOMS

Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino
2235 Creswell Ln. | 337.594.3088
EvangelineDowns.com/Meet
150 SEATED, 300 STANDING - CLUBHOUSE
600 SEATED, 1200 STANDING - EVENT CENTER
65 SEATED, 120 STANDING - JOHN HENRY ROOM
180 SEATED, 319 STANDING - MOJO’S
100 SEATED, 200 STANDING - PREFUNCTION ROOM

Farmers Market Pavilion
828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263
CityOfOpelousas.com
250 SEATED
400 STANDING

Hampton Inn
1700 Commerce Blvd. | 337.284.3428
HamptonInn3Hilton.com
30 SEATED

Historic Michel Prudhomme Home
1152 Prudhomme Cir. | 337.942.8011
40 CAPACITY

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
5696 I-49 N. Service Rd. | 337.948.3300
HolidayInn.com/Opelousasla
80 SEATED
120 STANDING
12 SEATED - CONFERENCE ROOM
75 HOTEL ROOMS

Indian Hills Country Club
1141 E. Prudhomme St. | 337.948.6536
300 - BALLROOM
100 SEATED - DINING ROOM

Java Square Café
103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.1055
JavaSquareCafe.com
15 SEATED (PRIVATE)

Opelousas Civic Center
1638 Creswell Ln. | 337.948.2520
CityOfOpelousas.com
700 SEATED

Soileau's Dinner Club
1618 N. Main St. | 337.942.2985
Soileaus.com
50 SEATED (PRIVATE)

Stone Oak Ballroom
1551 McCarthy Ln. | 337.232.5300
GrandCoteauHouse.com
500 CAPACITY

When planning your event, please refer to the VENUES PAGE on CAJUNTRAVEL.COM for updates and additional information.
Sweet Dough Pie Recipe

From Madame Sauce Piquante's Cookbook II
by Karleen Guilbeau Barry

SWEET DOUGH PIE CRUST (makes 4 pie shells)

1 stick margarine 3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
2 tbsp Crisco 1 ½ tsp salt
2 eggs 2 tsp baking powder
1 ¼ cup sugar 1 tsp vanilla extract
½ cup milk

In large bowl of electric mixer, cream margarine, Crisco, eggs, sugar and milk. In separate bowl, sift flour, salt and baking powder. Mix dry ingredients well. By hand, mix dry ingredients into creamy mixture. Do not overwork dough. Divide dough into four portions. Wrap each portion in wax paper. Refrigerate about 2 hours — overnight is even better. Roll dough on floured wax paper about 1 inch wider than pie tin. Move rolled dough to buttered pie pan or place rounded dough portion in center of pie tin and pat to fit tin. Fill with cool custard. (Recipe follows.) Fold crust edges over custard. Bake in 350° oven for 35 minutes.

CUSTARD (yields 2 cups, sufficient for 1 pie)

4 tbsp sugar 1 cup evaporated milk
2 level tbsp corn starch 1 cup homogenized milk
1/8 tsp salt 1 tbsp margarine
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten 1 tsp vanilla

In top of double boiler, combine sugar, corn starch and salt. Blend well. Add canned and homogenized milk and mix well. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until mixture is slightly thickened (about 3 minutes). Add 4 tablespoons of the hot mixture to slightly beaten egg yolks. Strain the eggs yolks into mixture. Turn off heat and continue stirring about 1 minute. Add margarine and vanilla. Cool. Stir occasionally while cooling. NOTE: Double, triple or quadruple custard recipe according to number of pies desired.