

OFFICIAL 2026 VISITOR GUIDE



Gumbo for Your Soul!

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



Cajun Spirit, Creole Soul!

FESTIVALS | ANTIQUES | ART | MUSIC | CUISINE | RACINO

CAJUNTRAVEL.COM | 337.948.8004

Cajun Country Events



JANUARY

Gumbo Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.331.2837
TheGumboFoundation.org
LAST SATURDAY

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Cajun Country Courir de Mardi Gras

Eunice | 337.457.7389
EuniceMardiGras.com
5-DAY CELEBRATION BEGINNING THE
FRIDAY BEFORE MARDI GRAS DAY

MARCH

Here's the Beef Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.684.6751
1ST SATURDAY IN MARCH, EXCEPT
WHEN IT CONFLICTS WITH MARDI GRAS

Washington Community Festival

Washington | 337.351.2412
3RD SATURDAY

World Championship

Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off

Eunice | 337.457.2565
EtouffeeCookoff.org
LAST SATURDAY

APRIL

Arnaudville Étouffée Festival

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912
LAST WEEKEND

Boot Brew Fest

Eunice | 337.457.2881
SATURDAY AFTER EASTER

Cycle Zydeco

Various Locations | 337.781.9416
WEEK AFTER EASTER

Semi-Annual Antique

Fair & Yard Sale

Washington | 337.826.3580
2ND WEEKEND

MAY

Herb and Garden Festival

Sunset | 337.662.5225
SunsetHerbFestival.com
1ST SATURDAY

JULY

Lebeau Zydeco Festival

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362
1ST SATURDAY

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Original Southwest Louisiana

Zydeco Music Festival

Opelousas | 337.290.6048
Zydeco.org
SATURDAY BEFORE LABOR DAY

OCTOBER

Creole Culture Day

Grand Coteau | 713.838.6770
CreoleCulture.com

1ST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

Semi-Annual Antique

Fair & Yard Sale

Washington | 337.826.3580
2ND WEEKEND

Sweet Dough Pie Festival

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058
LAST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

Tour du Teche

Various Locations | 337.344.0461
1ST WEEKEND

NOVEMBER

Holy Ghost Creole Festival

Opelousas | 337.942.2732
HolyGhostCreoleFestival.com
1ST FULL WEEKEND

Festival of Words

Grand Coteau | 337.254.9695
FestivalOfWords.org | 1ST WEEKEND

Cracklin Festival

Port Barre | 337.457.1776
PortBarreCracklinFestival.com
2ND WEEKEND

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



Welcome to St. Landry Parish

Bienvenue à la paroisse de Saint Landry

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

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

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

We invite you to begin your visit in St. Landry Parish at the **St. Landry Parish Visitor Center**. Located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49, the facility is one of the first sustainably designed centers in the country. By utilizing both old and new practices in its construction, this award-winning structure is welcoming and a great way to introduce visitors to this region of Louisiana. The Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9AM-5PM and offers free coffee, WiFi, and of course, the most up-to-date information about things to do and see in St. Landry Parish.



Crawfish Étouffée

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

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



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Parlez-vous Français?

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

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

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

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

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

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

LA TABLE FRANÇAISE

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

La Table Kreyol | 2PM, 2nd Saturday of the month
NUNU Arts & Culture Collective
1510 Bayou Courtableau Rd. | 337.754.5990

EUNICE - 9:30AM, every Wednesday
Eunice Depot Museum | 220 C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540

MALLET - 2PM, 3rd Sunday of the month
St. Ann's Catholic Church | 8348 US-190 | 337.543.2366

OPELOUSAS - 8:30AM, last Wednesday of the month
Le Vieux Village | 828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263
Located in the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum



ST. LANDRY PARISH *Spiritual Trail*

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

In fact, Opelousas is home to one of the oldest African American churches in Louisiana, **Little Zion Baptist Church**, and the oldest Methodist church congregation west of the Mississippi River, **Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church**. The town is also home to **Holy Ghost Catholic Church**, which boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the U.S. The church has a phenomenal gospel choir which performs every Sunday at 11am Mass.

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

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

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

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

ARNAUDVILLE

“Cultural economy” is not just a buzz phrase to this town of 1,400 residents located at the junction of **Bayou Teche** and **Bayou Fuselier**. In recent years, Arnaudville is a haven for artists, musicians, and champions of the French language. Through a partnership with the French Consulate in New Orleans as well as with France, Canada, and Haiti, an exchange of ideas and business practices has enhanced the residents' way of life and the economy of Arnaudville.

Every April, Arnaudville hosts the **Étouffée Festival**.

Residents and visitors can enjoy coffee and conversation *en français* at a **French Table** (see pg. 5).

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93 E) | [Facebook](#)
337.754.5990 | [NunuCollective.org](#)
Thurs-Sun 11AM-4PM & by appt.
View artwork, meet working artists, shop 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](#) | [Facebook](#)
Mon-Fri 12:45PM-4:45PM,
Sun by appt.
Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session 1PM-4PM the first Sunday every month.

ATTRACTIONS

Atelier de la Nature

1050 Andrew Gautreaux Rd
337.761.6335 | By appt. | [Facebook](#)
This nature reserve and education center offers dual language cooking workshops, guided nature walks, eco-workshops, art and science educational programming, and more. *Ici on parle français.*

Bayou Teche Brewing

1106 Bushville Hwy | 337.754.5122
[BayouTecheBrewing.com](#) | [Facebook](#)
Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs 12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM
All beers are specially crafted to complement traditional cuisine. Enjoy live music every Saturday and Sunday and take a tour in English or *en français*!

Cajun Customized Excursions

337.303.8060
[CajunCustomizedExcursions.com](#)
Explore uncharted areas of South Louisiana's swamps and bayous. See beautiful scenery, birds, and other wildlife, including alligators. Tour given in French or English.

Louisiana Hemp Extractors

2742 Oscar Rivette Rd. | 337.418.9498
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM & by appt.
[LouisianaHempExtractors.com](#) | [Facebook](#)
This 10,000 sq. ft. facility houses a full suite of extraction equipment and has processed over 2000 lbs. of industrial hemp for local farmers. Offers finished goods manufacturing for farmers and businesses. Tours available.

LIVE MUSIC

- Bayou Teche Brewing
- NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

- Tom's Fiddle & Bow
See listings and call for information.

EAT & DRINK

Café NUNU

1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93 E)
Located inside NUNU Arts & Culture Collective
337.754.5990 | Wed-Sun 10AM-2PM
Serving coffees, teas, and fresh lunches.
Also featuring a bookshop with a hand-picked selection of art, architecture, music, children's, and French titles.

Cajun Saucer Pizza

1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5368
Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs 12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM | [f](#)
Authentic wood-fired pizzas created to blend perfectly with Bayou Teche Brewery's craft beer. Located in the beer garden of Bayou Teche Brewery.

Knott's Cajun Kitchen

408 Market St. | 337.754.5999 | [f](#)
Sun-Thurs 10AM-8PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-9PM
Serving Cajun cuisine. BBQ on Sundays.

The Little Big Cup

149 Fuselier Rd. | 337.754.7147
LittleBigCup.com | [f](#)
Tues 11AM-2PM, Wed-Thurs 11AM-8:30PM; Fri 11AM-9PM; Sat 9AM-9PM; Sun 9AM-2PM
Enjoy the weekend boucherie brunch buffet or fine dining on the deck, overlooking Bayou Fuselier. Try a specialty cocktail at The Little Big Bar.

Myran's Maison de Manger

1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31) | [f](#)
337.754.5064 | Daily 7:30AM-8:30PM
Est. 1979. On the Bayou Teche. A full menu plus daily plate lunches. Boiled crawfish in season. *Ici on parle français.*

Russell's Food Center

114 Main St. | 337.754.5722
RussellsFoodCenter.com | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-7PM
Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail.
Ici on parle français.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Cajun Cabin Guest Cottage

113 E. Railroad St. | 337.331.6677 | [f](#)
Downtown. Cozy cabin with a front porch, and cathedral ceilings with exposed beams. Adjacent to the cottage, a 2-bedroom house is also available.

Maison Stéphanie

1862 Bushville Hwy. | 337.454.4073
Maison-Stephanie.com | [f](#)
Built in 1796, this 8 bedroom, 20-acre estate has been newly renovated and is now a bilingual bed & breakfast and event space. *Ici 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. *Ici on parle français.*

Taylor's Retreat

311 Fuselier Rd. | 337.501.0314
Newly renovated home built in the late 1800s featuring a fully equipped kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a private reading/work area and a seasonal porch.

CANKTON

Cankton, in the Coulee Croche area of St. Landry Parish, takes its name from Dr. Louis Aristide Guidry, who was also known as "Cank." An avid hunter as a boy, Guidry would signal his family that he was home from a hunt with a duck call, "Cank, cank, cank." His folks would say, "Cank est revenu," (Cank is back) and the name stuck.

EAT & DRINK

Cankton Café

613 Main St. | 337.668.4744 | [f](#)
Tues-Thurs 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-9PM; Sun 10AM-8PM
Serving traditional Cajun dishes such as boiled seafood, étouffée and daily plate lunches.

Cormier's Country Store

792 Main St. | 337.680.4191 | [f](#)
Sun-Fri 6AM-2AM; Sat 7AM-2AM
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. Musical performances, cooking demos, workshops and more are offered. Just next door is the historic **Liberty Theatre**, where for more than 30 years, thousands have flocked to the live radio and TV show, "Rendez-vous des Cajuns," held every Saturday night and emceed in Cajun French and English. Ongoing theater renovations will have dancers waltzing and two-stepping again soon.

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

LIVE MUSIC

- Jean Lafitte Prairie Acadian Cultural Center
- Lakeview Park & Beach
- Savoy Music Center

See listings and call for information.



Beaucoup

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

Bellard's Family Pharmacy & Gifts

621 W. Maple Ave. | 337.546.6386
BellardsPharmacy.com | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 8AM-5:30PM

Locally crafted artwork, jewelry, honey, and more.

Cajun Flea Market & Auction

1051 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.7274
Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-4PM | [f](#)
Huge collection of antique furniture, glassware, cooking ware, and more. Every first, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, attend the live auction for funky finds. *Ici on parle français.*

City Auto Antiques

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

ATTRACTIONS

Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum

240 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6534
Wed-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 | [f](#) CajunPrairie.org | [f](#)
10-acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. Touted as one of the U.S.' leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species.

Eunice Depot Museum

220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540
Wed-Sat 8:30AM-4:30PM
In 1894, developer C.C. Duson auctioned lots from this site for what became the City of Eunice. It houses educational, cultural, and historical exhibits. *Ici on parle français.*

Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center

250 Park Ave. | [f](#) | 337.457.8499
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through exhibits and artifacts. Check out their musical performances, crafts, cooking demonstrations and more. *Ici on parle français.*

Damian Cuccio Designs

110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092
By appt. only
Original art: clay pieces, ceramics, paintings, and various furniture and home accents. Groups (adults & children) of up to 20 are welcome for classes and events. *Ici on parle français.*

Eunice Community Garden Food Farmacy

2101 W. Ash Ave. | 337.580.2993
Fall: Tues & Thurs 8AM-12PM; Sat 11AM-12PM
Summer: Wed & Sat 8AM-12PM
Seasonal garden fruits and vegetables (when available), jellies, jams, and more.

Lakeview General Store

1717 Veterans Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)
337.457.2881 | [f](#)
Mon-Thurs 9AM-5PM; Fri-Sat 8AM-7PM
Shop local jams, jellies, smoked and fresh meats, local handmade items, and other Louisiana-inspired items.



KBON 101.1 FM

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

Savoy Music Center

4413 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.580.0899
SavoyMusicCenter.com | [f](#)
Sat 9AM-12PM
Workshop of famed master accordion craftsman, Marc Savoy. Join Marc and his musical family for a jam session every Saturday. This jam session has attracted attention from all over the world and has been featured in major media outlets. Bring an instrument and join in or just sit back and enjoy the music. *Ici on parle français.*

The Liberty Theatre

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



Allison's Hickory Pit

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

Café Mosaic

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

Cajun Station

101 Veterans Dr. | 337.457.4252 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-8:30PM
Serving daily plate lunches (11AM-1PM), boiled seafood (in season), boudin balls, fish platters and more.

Champagne's Super Foods

1051 W. Maple Ave. | 337.457.1893
ChampagneFood.com
Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-7PM
Serving plate lunches Monday-Thursday and on Saturdays. Seafood served on Fridays and BBQ plate lunches on Sundays.

Crawfish Corner

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

D.C.'s Sports Bar & Steakhouse

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) | [f](#)
337.457.7001 | Mon-Thurs 10:30AM-9:30PM; Fri-Sat 10:30AM-10PM
The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and lively atmosphere.

Donut Queen

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

Eunice Poultry

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

Lejeune's Sausage Kitchen

108 Tasso Cir. | 337.457.8491
Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM | [f](#)

Open since 1977, a family-owned local smoke house selling sausage, ponce, and tasso. *Ici on parle français.*

Love Bonez

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

The Lunch Box

1520 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.255.5883 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM or until sold out
Food truck serving everything from Cajun food, fried shrimp, and poboyos to burgers, tacos, and much more.

Mel's Quick Stop

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

Mo' Crawfish

29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13
337.788.2722 | [f](#)
Crawfish Season: Wed-Sat 5PM-9PM
Boiled crawfish, crab, shrimp, gumbo, and étouffée.

Mowata Grocery Store

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

The New Ronnie's Cajun Café

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

Rosa Mae's Café

393 Hwy. 13 N. | 337.466.3112 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM; Sun 6AM-2PM
Home to classic Cajun and Creole cooking and a unique dining experience inside a renovated grain silo. Offering breakfast items, plate lunches, and Sunday BBQ.

Ruby's Café

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

SugarCoated

100 N. Saint George St. | 337.466.3401
SugarCoatedByStevie.com | [f](#)
Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-1PM
Bakery serving cookies, cake balls, a wide variety of cheesecakes, specialty desserts and King Cakes during Mardi Gras.

ACCOMMODATIONS**BED & BREAKFAST****The Cottage at Cypress Grove**

119 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727
CypressGrovePlace.com | [f](#)
Newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

The Keller House

420 S. Second St. | 337.962.4849 | [f](#)
Built in the 1800s, the first floor features 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms including the master bedroom with a full en suite bath and French doors leading into a parlor room. Second floor has 3 bedrooms and a full-sized bath. Continental breakfast served.

Lulu's Cajun Cottage

119 Freddie Fruge Rd. | 218.600.6485
This historic home includes 3 private bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, laundry unit, and a large screened-in porch.

The Main House at Cypress Grove

121 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727
CypressGrovePlace.com | [f](#)
4 beautifully furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres. Private parties and groups. Prairie Barn, located on the grounds, also sleeps 4.

CAMPGROUNDS**Cajun Campground**

5552 Hwy. 190 E | 337.457.5753
CajunCampground.com | [f](#)
On 40 acres along Bayou Doza with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions, and WiFi. Hiking, swimming, fishing, game room, and mini golf. Clubhouse open to groups. *Ici on parle français.*

L'Acadie Inn & RV Park

259 Tasso Loop | 337.457.5211
LAcadieln.com | [f](#)
21 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Pet friendly.

T-Boys Boudin & Cracklins

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

The Superette

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

**Lakeview Park & Beach**

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)
337.457.2881 | LVPark.com | [f](#)
This award-winning RV park offers 10 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, WiFi, 13-acre fishing pond, beach, playgrounds, pavilions, family restrooms, dog park, and laundry. Seasonal Sat night barn dances, Feb-Nov.

HOTELS**Best Western of Eunice**

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)
337.457.2800 | [f](#)
35 rooms. Pool, W/D, HBO. Free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

Days Inn & Suites

1251 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)
337.457.3040 | DaysInn.com | [f](#)
39 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, HBO, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

Eunice Inn

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

Holiday Inn Express

1698 Hwy. 190 W. | 337.546.2466
HExpress.com/eunicela | [f](#)
66 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast and motorcoach parking. Indoor pool.

Howard's Inn

3789 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.2066
24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, free WiFi. Gazebo and BBQ pit.

**GRAND COTEAU**

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

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

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

The town hosts four major events each year: **Creole Culture Day** (October), **Sweet Dough Pie Festival** (October), **Festival of Words** (November), and **Grand Noel** (November).

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING**The Kitchen Shop**

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

Petite Rouge Antiques & Organics

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



ATTRACTIONS

Academy of the Sacred Heart

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

- Shrine of St. John Berchmans
- Le Petit Musée
- Oak Alley & formal gardens

Ici on parle français.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House

214 Church St. | 337.662.5410
GCRetreats.org

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



St. Charles Borromeo Church & Cemetery

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

Groups by appt. only

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

EAT & DRINK

B Sweet Bakery

106 St. Joseph St. | 337.662.2253 | [f](#)
Tues 12PM-5PM; Wed-Thurs 10AM-5PM; Fri 10AM-6PM

Freshly baked sweet treats including pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and puddings. King cakes during Mardi Gras season.

Big Hill Café at Brent's

234 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | [f](#)
337.662.4003 | BrentsRestaurant.com
Tues-Fri: Breakfast 8AM-10:30AM;
Lunch 10:30AM-1:30PM; Sun 10AM-1:30PM

Serving delicious traditional breakfast items, beignets, and locally roasted Rêve coffee. Restaurant also serves Cajun cuisine favorites and home cooked plate lunches. Seafood buffet Friday nights during Lent.

Go Bears Southern Eatery

1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | [f](#)
337.662.2500 | Go-Bears.com
Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM

Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.



The Hive Market

219 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | [f](#)
337.962.1588 | TheHive-Market.com

Tues-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4PM
Café serving local and farm-fresh ingredients. Snoballs with natural and organic syrups, pastries, unique sandwiches and soups.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Casita Azul

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

La Maison Chatrian

252 Chatrian St.
337.662.0108 | 337.654.5272

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

Mama Sue's Tiny Guesthouse

134 Church St. | 337.739.7974 | [f](#)
Converted little, red barn with high ceilings and a front porch overlooking the beautiful and peaceful grounds of the Jesuit Spirituality Center at



St. Charles College. All furnishings are antiques or recycled pieces. WiFi.

Train Wreck Inn

211 Chatrian St. | 337.466.8002
TrainWreckInn.com | [f](#)

This retro train motel offers four separate lodging spaces, including a train car and caboose. Each space has a private bathroom and a custom, stocked kitchen. *Ici on parle français.*



KROTZ SPRINGS

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

FOOD & DRINK



Kartchner's Grocery

24562 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.0529 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-6PM

Specialty meat market. Available frozen – gumbo, étouffée, rice dressing, and much more. On the Boudin Trail – will ship.

Morrow's Diner

24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737 | [f](#)
Open Daily 4AM-10PM

Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station.

Whitetails Bar & Grill

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800 | [f](#)
Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM; Wed-Sun 11AM-9PM

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

Billy's Boudin & Cracklins

24467 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2318 | [f](#)
Sun-Wed 5AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat 5AM-9PM

Short-order menu with burgers, salads, poboys, boudin balls, and cracklins.

On the Boudin Trail – will ship.

Cajun Corner Café

24392 Hwy. 190 E | 337.566.8003 | [f](#)
Mon-Wed 10AM-8PM; Thurs-Fri 10AM-9PM; Sat-Sun 10AM-8PM

Café featuring plate lunches, boudin, and boudin balls. On the Boudin Trail. Located in the Texaco Station.

CAMPGROUNDS

Cypress Cove RV Park

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

30/50 amps.

DC's RV Park

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800
Great area for fishing, boating, hunting, and more. Full-service restaurant, 15

full hook-up sites, 30/50 amps, water, electricity, sewer, WiFi, and pet friendly.

Riverview RV Resort

174 Campground Loop | [f](#)
337.351.4260

Water, electricity, dump site, 67 sites on the Atchafalaya, pavilion, picnic tables, washateria, bathroom, and showers.



The first Catholic pastor, Fr. Leon Mailluchet, named this village after St. Leon. Nestled between Opelousas and Arnaudville, along Bayou Teche, Leonville's public boat launch makes a great starting point for a paddle down this historic waterway. It's also a perfect stopping point for cyclists pedaling on the **Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway** (Hwy 31). The **Bayou Teche** is maintained by T.E.C.H.E. Project (TecheProject.com), and is a National Water Trail.

EAT & DRINK

Champagne's Marché

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

Silver Slipper

2818 Hwy. 31 | 337.595.5080 | f
 Wed-Thurs 10AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-10:30PM; Sun 10AM-3PM
 Visit this historic landmark located on the Bayou Teche. Enjoy Cajun-Asian fusion cuisine - Cajun-style sushi and hibachi, plus Louisiana classics like crab cakes, poboys, and gumbo. See Facebook for live music schedule.

Uncover Your Roots

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

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

Research online:

ImperialStLandryGenealogy.org
 facebook.com/ImperialStLandry

Other public resources include:

Charles Jagneaux Election & Archives Center

306 W. Landry St., Opelousas | 337.942.5606 | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM

Opelousas Public Library

212 E. Grolee St., Opelousas | 337.948.3693

Opelousas.lib.la.us | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

Eunice Public Library

222 S. Second St., Eunice | 337.466.7077

Mon-Tues, Fri 8AM-5PM; Wed-Thurs 8AM-6PM; Sat 8AM-12PM

Cajun, Creole Mardi Gras



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

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

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

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

Additional festivities include:

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



When is Mardi Gras?

2027: February 9
 2028: February 29
 2029: February 13

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.

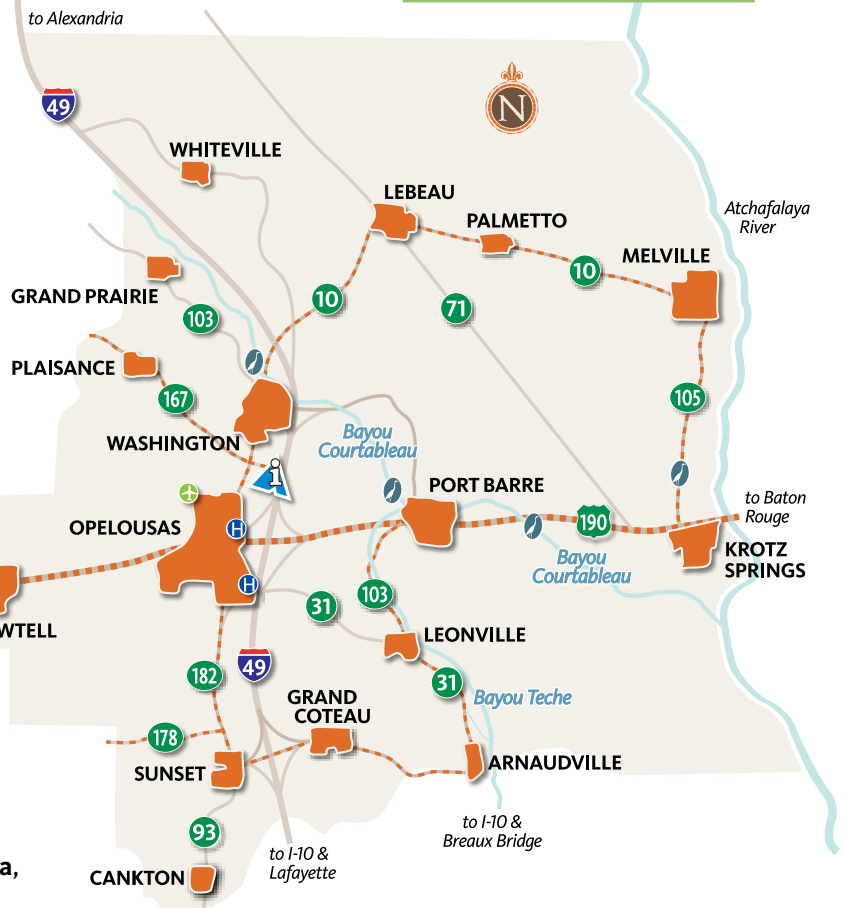


Don't change that station!

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.

KEY
 Towns
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 ZCPSB Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway

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 Atchafalaya Water Heritage Trail



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ST. LANDRY PARISH TOWN HALLS

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

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

AMÉDÉ ARDOIN COMMEMORATIVE



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

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



OPELOUSAS

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

As the **Zydeco Music Capital of the World**, Opelousas is home to Grammy winners, **Clifton Chenier** and **Terrance Simien**. Learn more about these and other zydeco musicians at the **Zydeco Music Exhibit**, on display at the village.



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

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

OPELOUSAS TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER & JIM BOWIE DISPLAY

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

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

LIVE MUSIC VENUES

- **Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino**
- **SLP Visitor Center**

- **Toby's Downtown Restaurant & Lounge**

See listings and call for information.





Art Box Studio & Gallery

115 S. Main St. | 337.418.1789 | [f](#)
 ArtBoxOp.com | Mon-Fri 1:30PM-6PM
 View the vibrant and bold work of Neketta Guillory. Check her website for events: poetry readings, music events, and other hands-on learning experiences.

Becky's Barn

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

Opelousas Farmers Market

828 E. Landry St. | 337.435.1023
 Tues, Thurs, Sat 6:30AM-11AM
 Discover bounties of homegrown fruits, vegetables, preserves and jellies, and more.

Sebastien Dupre Fine Jewelry

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

Spotted Cat Antiques, Etc.

637 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.1081 | [f](#)
 SpottedCatAntiquesEtc.com
 Thurs-Sun 10AM-5PM
 More than 100 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing, furniture, and primitive items. *Ici on parle français.*

Targil Seasoning & Butcher Supplies

229 Wartell Ave. | 337.942.6276 | [f](#)
 Targil.com | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM, by appt.
 Create your own spice blend and custom label. 2.5 billion pounds of spices are produced annually. Purchase blends in the retail shop. *Ici on parle français.*

Tony Chachere General Store

5604 I-49 Frontage Rd. | 800.551.9066
 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM | Production view-
 ing Mon-Thurs only
 Shop kitchen items, tableware, Parish Ink apparel, and other Louisiana-inspired novelties. Also shop the entire line of seasonings and box mixes, such as jambalaya and dirty rice.



COOK LIKE A LOCAL WITH LOCAL PRODUCTS

Craft Beer – Each ale is crafted to complement Louisiana dishes. Every weekend, sample **Bayou Teche Brewing's** latest culinary concoctions in the tap room, hear live music, or take a tour in French or English. (pg. 8)
Sunset Brewhouse opening soon with a tasting room, dining menu, and outdoor seating.

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

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

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

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

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



Creole Heritage Folklife Center

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

Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.
 337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO
 EvangelineDowns.com | [f](#)
 Open 24 hours a day
 Live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. More than 1,350 slot machines, concerts, and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

Historic District Tours

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

Historic Michel Prudhomme Home

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

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

747 N. Union St.
 337.942.2732 | [HGCatholic.org](#) | [f](#)
 This church boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the US. The gospel choir sings every Sunday at 11am Mass.

Le Vieux Village Heritage Park

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



Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church

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



Louisiana Orphan Train Museum

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

Opelousas Little Theatre

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

Opelousas Museum & Interpretive Center

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

St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery

1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552
 StLandryCatholicChurch.com | [f](#)
 Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM
 Tours by appt. only
 Built in 1909, the "Mother Church of Acadiana" is one of the finest examples of Romanesque Revival in the state. It is also the site of the Fr. Lafleur Monument, a tribute to the WWII POW Chaplain.



Back in Time

123 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2413 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 11AM-2:30PM

Café serving award-winning recipes. Unique gifts and collectibles. *Ici on parle français.*

Bellard's Poultry & Crawfish

405 S. Bullard St. | 337.942.3033 | [f](#)
Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-12PM
Open since 1964. Custom cutting the freshest quality meat, seafood, and poultry. Zydeco Chop Chop (pg. 23) is also available here.

Benny's Supermarket

806 S. Union St. | 337.948.6533 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-7PM
Delicious breakfast and plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.

Billy's Boudin & Cracklin

6487 I-49 S. Service Rd.
337.942.9150 | [BillysBoudin.com](#) | [f](#)
Sun-Wed 6AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat 6AM-9PM
Enjoy traditional, smoked, and crawfish boudin, cracklins and specialty meats.

Bosco's Specialty Meats

15595 Hwy. 190 | 337.948.0000 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-2PM
Specialty meat shop serving daily plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, sausage, and more.

Brew Express

9508 Hwy 182 | 337.826.5469 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM
Located in the Phillips 66 gas station. Café offers specialty coffee, smoothies, and more.

The Cajun Boudin Stop

1691 US-167 | 337.305.5292 | [f](#)
Mon-Sat 5AM-7PM
Serving plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, fried chicken, meat pies, and more.

Chicken King

219 E. Prudhomme Ln. | 337.942.9224
[ChickenKingLA.com](#) | [f](#)
Open daily 8AM-8PM
Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

Crawfish Corner

529 S. Union St. | 337.407.2529 | [f](#)
Tues-Sat 11AM-8PM; Sun 11AM-7PM
Serving live and boiled seafood. Crawfish when in season.

Crawfish House & Grill

1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049 | [f](#)
Sun 11AM-2PM; Tues-Fri 11AM-2PM/
5PM-9PM; Sat 5PM-9PM
Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers,

“Cajun Girl Pobo” and sandwiches. Oysters, shrimp, and boiled crawfish when in season. *Ici on parle français.*

DezMeaux's Boudin

720 E. Vine St. | 337.678.1740
[Dezmeauxs.top](#) | [f](#)
Tues-Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-2PM
Serving authentic Creole boudin using their decades-old recipe. A must-try are the chicken wings stuffed with boudin – a local favorite.



BOUDIN—CAJUN STYLE FAST-FOOD

Dominick's Smoke Wagon

1611 N. Main St. | 337.290.0457 | [f](#)
Sat-Sun 10AM-5PM or until sold out
For over 30 years, this local eatery has served some of the best BBQ around using local products with their own unique spin, such as the “Come Back Sauce.”

Evangeline Downs

Racetrack & Casino Dining

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.
337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO
[EvangelineDowns.com](#)

- The Spotted Horse Tavern & Dining Parlor
- EVD Express
- Infusion Casual Cuisine

Hebert's Boudin & Cracklin

4932 I-49 N. Service Rd. | [f](#)
337.942.8828 | [HebertsBoudin.com](#)
Mon-Sat 6AM-9PM; Sun 7AM-8PM
Specialty meat market and local products. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. *Ici on parle français.*

Java Square Café

103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.0551
[JavaSquare.Cafe](#) | [f](#) | [f](#) | Mon-Fri 6:30AM-6PM; Sat-Sun 8AM-4PM
Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust & Savings building (1927). Locally-roasted Reve coffee.

Jim's Seafood

1005 N. Main St. | 337.948.1366
[JimSeafood.top](#) | Mon-Sat 10AM-8PM
Serving seafood dishes from local farmers and suppliers.

Joe's Sandwich Shop

1633 W. Vine St. | 337.942.5163
Mon-Fri 8AM-8PM
Est. 1941. Burgers, poboyos, fried seafood, and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri.



Kelly's Country Meat Block & Diner

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

Lavergne's Cajun Kitchen

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

Mama's Fried Chicken

508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203
Open daily 10AM-10PM
2307 Jake Dr. | 337.948.6262
Mon-Thurs, Sat 10AM-9PM;
Fri 10AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-4PM
[EatMamasFriedChicken.com](#) | [f](#)
Serving homemade items, such as chicken and biscuits. Desserts include funnel cakes and fried Oreos.

Meche's Meat & Supermarket

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

Mikey's Donut King

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

Pearl's Country Kitchen

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

Pizza Shack

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

Queb's Country Store

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

Ray's Grocery Plus

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

Savoie's Foods

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

Sebastien's West End

Seafood Market

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

Soileau's Dinner Club

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

Sonya's Donuts & Deli

1416 Jean Kayla Blvd. | 337.942.7143
Tues-Sun 4AM-11:30AM | [f](#)
Soul food, burgers, and plate lunches.

Toby's Downtown Restaurant & Lounge

132 Toby Ln. | 337.948.3800 | [f](#)
Lunch: Tues-Fri 11AM-2PM;
Dinner: Tues-Wed 5PM-7:30PM;
Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM;
Brunch: Sun 10AM-2PM
Historic restaurant serving Cajun and Creole food classics like fried alligator, crawfish étouffée, and gumbo. Also serving brunch.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMPGROUNDS

Alice's RV Park

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

Dale White RV Park

7829 Hwy. 31 | 337.652.8353
39 full hook-up sites. Showers, laundry and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.

HOTELS & MOTELS


Budget Inn

1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762
8 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. Pet friendly.

Evangeline Downs Hotel


2235 Creswell Ln., Exit 18, Lot B
337.407.2121 | 

A Choice Hotels property connected to Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. 117 rooms - mini-fridge, microwave, WiFi, and continental breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. Event/meeting space. Pet friendly.

Hampton Inn

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


Evangeline Oaks RV Park

808 Hwy. 742 | 337.288.0032
EvangelineOaksRVPark.com | 
17 shaded sites, with WiFi, laundry and bath facility, 30/50 amp electric, full hookups, water, and sewer.

South City Park Campground

1524 S. Market St. | 337.948.2562
CityOfOpelousas.com | Office: Mon-Thurs 8AM-4PM; Fri 8AM-11AM
10 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp, dump station. Tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

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

Motel 6

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

Ranch Motel

315 S. Cane St. | 337.942.9775
15 rooms.

Spark by Hilton

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

Studio 6

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

Townhouse Motel


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



Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, the small town of Palmetto earned its name from the native plant that grows in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of the palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt at the community's general store, **Budden's**, which has been open since the 1930s. On the first Saturday in July, thousands head to nearby Lebeau for the annual **Zydeco Festival**. A popular time for family reunions and fun.


SHOPPING

Budden's Store

165 W. Railroad Ave., Palmetto
337.623.4711 | 
Mon-Wed, Fri 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM; Sat 8AM-4:30PM
Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of the early days of Palmetto, when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area. *Ici on parle français.*

EAT & DRINK

Stelly's of Lebeau, Inc.

8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau
337.623.4458 | 
Store: Daily 7AM-8PM
Restaurant: Daily 6AM-8PM
Open since 1920, this grocery store/restaurant combo offers local specialties, breakfast, and plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail.



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

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



PORT BARRE



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

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

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

EAT & DRINK

Bourque's Supermarket & Deli

581 Saizan Ave. | 337.585.6261
BourqueSpecialties.com | [f](#)
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 | [f](#)
Open daily 10AM-8PM
Cajun fare. Plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

King's Cajun Cuisine

16470 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7697 | [f](#)
Sun-Thurs 7PM-10PM; Fri-Sat open 24 hours
Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes and homemade burgers. Located inside King's Truck Stop.

Rascal's Cajun Express

17681 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.6903
Open daily 6AM-9:50PM
More than your average gas station dive. Serving Louisiana classics: beignets, boudin, poboys. Try the Zydeco Omelette and the Cajun Sunrise for breakfast.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bayou Teche RV Park

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

JC's RV Park

2963 Hwy. 741 | 337.351.9913 | [f](#)
Open daily 7AM-8PM
22 full hook-up sites with 30/50 amp service, 3 covered RV sites, a large pavilion, WiFi, and private laundry and shower facilities. Pet friendly. Gated entry.

Travelers Motel

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



SUNSET

Legend has it that in the late 1800s, railroad workers gave Sunset its name. The workers named new train stops as they reached them and apparently arrived here at sunset. Today, Sunset is known as the **Rub-board Capital of the World** with a thriving arts community. Historic buildings have been revived into shops for antiques, collectibles, and local handcrafted items. For those with a green thumb, visit in May for the **Herb & Garden Festival**.



ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

Antique Woods of LA

184 Pershing Hwy. | 337.662.2121
AntiqueWoodsLA.com | [f](#)
Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-4PM; Fri 7:30AM-11AM

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

Bayou Some Stuff Thrift Shop

798 Napoleon Ave. | 337.331.5577 | [f](#)
Thurs-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-4:30PM
Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys, music, jewelry, collectibles, and art.

Jerilyn's Fused Glass Art Gallery & Studio

819 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.5409 | [f](#)
Wed-Sat 10:30AM-4PM & by appt.
One-of-a-kind, fused glass art pieces and jewelry. Commissioned pieces upon request.

Le Petit Cadeaux

829-B Napoleon Ave. | 337.329.3254
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM | [f](#)
Gift shop featuring handmade items by local artists and craftspeople, including Louisiana-inspired items. Artwork, woodwork, photography, jewelry, clothing, candles, and home décor.

Remember When Antiques

956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 | [f](#)
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM
Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale. Mid-century room.

Sunset Antique Market

151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM | [f](#)

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

Sunset Rail Stop Flea Market

312 Anna St. | 337.945.9188 | [f](#)
Fri-Sat 10AM-4PM; Sun 12PM-4PM
Located in a converted feed store and warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, and more. 6,000 sq. ft. and climate controlled.

Tee Don's Rubboards

385 Sandpiper Place | 337.654.0858
KeyOfZRubboards.com | [f](#)
By appt. only

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

The Funky Flea

829-A Napoleon Ave. | 337.258.5404
Wed-Thurs 12PM-4PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-4PM & by appt. | [f](#)
Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.

ATTRACTIONS

Knollwood Farm

169 Knollwood Ln. | 337.658.6000
By appointment | [f](#)
Small horse farm providing horseback riding lessons and riding trails. Annual horse show and other equine events held here. *Ici on parle français.*



EAT & DRINK

Café Josephine

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

DDee's Café

207 Landry St. | 337.347.2161
Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM | f
Plate lunches, soups, salads, and sandwiches, all inspired by Cajun recipes. Private parties and catering available.

Sunset Brewhouse

114 Railroad Ave. | 337.764.6593
Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM | f
Craft brewery, serving a select menu of meticulously crafted, traditional ales and lagers brewed with the best ingredients and traditional techniques.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Honey Bee Home

845 Napoleon Ave.
337.267.6477 | 985.705.1235
Built in 1927 and recently remodeled. 5 bedroom, a fully equipped kitchen, living room, and covered patio. Sleeps 12 people. Large, fenced yard for pet.

Shuga' Shack

1457 Napoleon Ave. | 337.351.4931 | f
This retro Mid-Century modern cottage built in the late 1920s has a full kitchen, two bedrooms, 1 acre of land and an outdoor fire pit.

Sunset Motor Inn

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

The Rustic Retreat Guesthouse

1208 Hwy. 357 (Church Point)
337.344.1554 | f
Located on the ground of Bien-Aime Farm, featuring a cozy studio for two with a kitchen, queen bed, and bathroom. Farm tours available.



These colorful frozen cocktails are a fun Louisiana classic. Grab one drink—or a gallon—and bring the party with you.

—JUST REMEMBER DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE—

Chip's Daiquiris Eunice

1501 W Laurel Ave, Eunice
337.466.3408 | f
Sun-Wed 11AM-12AM, Thurs-Sat 11AM-1AM

Daiquiri Shack

1140 E Laurel Ave, Eunice | f
337.546.0539 | Mon-Sun 12PM-2AM

Chip's Daiquiris Express

606 E Vine, Opelousas | 337.678.3031
Mon-Thurs 1PM-9PM, Fri 12PM-11PM, Sat 11AM-11PM, Sun 12PM-9PM

Cupid's Daiquiris

409-B Creswell Ln, Opelousas | f
337.948.0069 | CupidsDaiquiris.com
Open Daily

Don's Drive Thru Daiquiris

1341 W Landry St, Opelousas
337.942.0785
Sun-Wed 12PM-10PM, Thurs 12PM-11PM, Fri 11:30AM-12AM, Sat 11AM-12AM



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

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

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

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

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

Nanny Belle's Antiques

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

Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall

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

Olde Wood Accents

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

Robinson Weaving Shop

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

ATTRACTIONS

Washington Museum & Tourist Center

404 N. Main St. | 337.324.8658
Fri-Sun 10AM-3PM

Information on historic sites, maps, house and walking tours upon request. View artifacts of the steamboat era, Acadiana brown cotton blankets and antique loom, antique agriculture equipment, Native American tools, and more.

FOOD & DRINK

Duet's Café

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | [f](#)
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM

1950's-style café offers home-cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall. *Ici on parle français.*

Lou's Bakery

303 N. Main St. | 337.945.7244 | [f](#)
Tues 12PM-4PM; Wed-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-3PM

Find vintage candy bars, decadent cakes, cake pops, cobblers, and King Cake in Mardi Gras season. Gift shop offers handmade towels and quilts.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BED & BREAKFASTS

Carriere Street Cottage

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

Steamboat Cottages

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

CAMPGROUNDS

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.

The Ponderosa

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

MUSIC VENUE

• Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

See listings and call for information.



Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

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

Tues-Sat 5PM-untill; Sun 11AM-2PM
This brick warehouse was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then dine on delicious steaks, seafood, and specialties.

Washington Fast Foods

311 N. Main St. | 337.826.5704 | [f](#)

Open daily 5AM-9PM
Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

Renee's Galaxy RV Campground

171 Hebert Ortego Rd.
281.451.4850 | [f](#)
This peaceful RV park is pet friendly with picnic tables and laundry available. It has 8 sites with full hookups and 50-amp plugs. Short-term and long-term welcome.

Willie's Campground

1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.307.0963 | [f](#)
Bar: Mon-Thurs 2PM-12AM; Fri 12PM-2AM; Office closed on Sun & Mon
This campground of 20 sites is situated along Bayou Courtableau. Water, electricity, and sewage provided. *Ici on parle français.*

HOTELS & MOTELS

Hotel Klaus

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



Birding

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

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

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



Clifton Chenier

THE KING OF ZYDECO

June 25, 2025 was a special day in St. Landry Parish and beyond. The date marks 100 years since the birth of Clifton Chenier, the King of Zydeco.

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

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

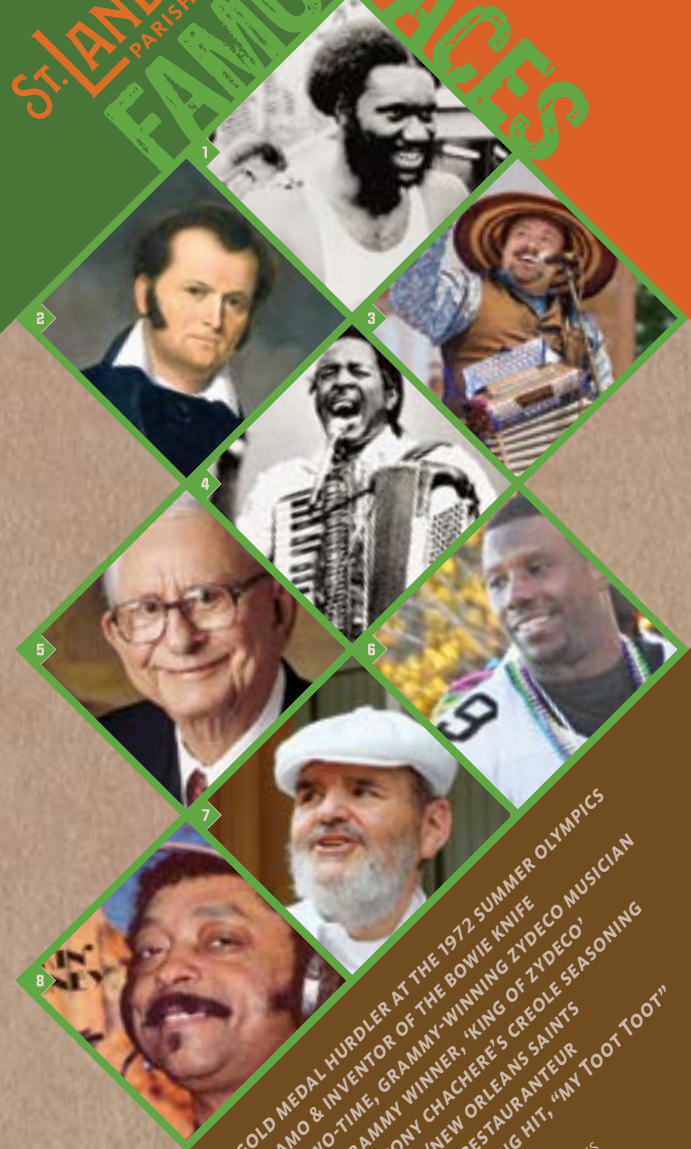
The Recording Academy awarded Chenier its prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014. Chenier's legacy was celebrated with a tribute album, statue and music events for his centennial in 2025.

KING OF ZYDECO TRIBUTES

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



ST. LANDRY PARISH FAMOUS FACES



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

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