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

Here’s the Beef Cook-off
Opelousas | 337.684.6751
1st Saturday in March, except when it conflicts with Mardi Gras

MARCH
Washington Community Festival
Washington | 337.351.2412
3rd weekend in 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
Herb and Garden Festival
Sunset | 337.662.5225
SunsetHerbFestival.com
1st Saturday

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

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

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

OCTOBER
Sweet Dough Pie Festival
Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058
2nd Saturday

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

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

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

When planning your visit, please refer to the EVENTS PAGE on our website CAJUNTRAVEL.COM for updates and additional events.
Bienvenue à la paroisse de Saint Landry

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

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

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

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

1 stick real butter
1 cup chopped celery
1 lb. peeled crawfish tails
2 cups chopped onion
1 cup chopped bell pepper
½ cup chopped green bell pepper
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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Look for these symbols throughout the guide for tax free shopping on local art.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

La Table Française

Arnaudville - 9:30AM, last Saturday of the month
La Table Jeunesse | 3PM, last Sunday of the month
NUNU Arts & Culture Collective
1510 Bayou Courtableau Rd. | 337.754.5990

Eunice - 1PM-2PM, every Saturday - *temporarily closed
Cajun Conversations
Prairie Acadian Cultural Center at Jean Lafitte National Park
250 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.8499

Opelousas - 8:30AM, last Wednesday of the month
Le Vieux Village | 828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263
Located in the Whiteville School House
Travelers flock to this area in search of the site of a miracle, a floating eucharistic procession on the bayou, and traiteurs or “faith healers”. We can thank the people who settled here for these diverse beliefs and rituals. They brought with them their own style of worship, creating an area with varied denominations.

In fact, Opelousas is home to one of the oldest African American churches in Louisiana, Little Zion Baptist Church, and the oldest Methodist church congregation west of the Mississippi River, Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church. The town is also home to Holy Ghost Catholic Church, which boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the US. The church has a phenomenal gospel choir which performs the first, second, and third Sundays at 11am Mass. So, whether you are embarking on a spiritual journey or an admirer of religious architecture, this itinerary is for you.

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

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

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

This is just a small sample of the trail. For the full itinerary, visit CajunTravel.com.
“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 Courdre Pointes Quilting Circle.

Arnaudville Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Center
292 Front St. | Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12:30PM
337.351.9364 | 337.945.2033

ANTIOQUES & SHOPPING

ATTRACTIONS

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective
1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93 E) 337.754.5990
NunuCollective.org | Thurs-Sun 11AM-4PM & by appt.
View artwork, meet working artists, shop local vendors for original art and products. Attend music and French performances and presentations. Take classes and workshops. Ici on parle français.

Tom’s Fiddle & Bow
204 Fuselier Rd. | 337.322.5402
TomsFiddleAndBow.com | Mon 11:30AM-5PM; Tues 12PM-3PM; Wed-Fri 11:30AM-5PM; Sat & Sun by appt.
Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session 1PM-4PM the first Sunday every month.

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

ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

LIVE MUSIC

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

See listings and call for information.

Atelier de la Nature
1050 Andrew Gautreaux Rd
337.761.6335 | By appt.
This nature reserve and education center offers dual language cooking workshops, guided nature walks, eco-workshops, art and science educational programming, and more. Ici on parle français.
**Cajun Customized Excursions**  
337.303.8060  
CajunCustomizedExcursions.com  
Explore unchartered areas of South Louisiana’s swamps and bayous. See beautiful scenery, birds, and other wildlife, including alligators. Tour given in French or English.

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

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

**Maison Stéphanie**  
1862 Bushville Hwy. | 337.454.4073  
Maison-Stephanie.com  
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.

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**EAT & DRINK**

**Cajun Saucer Pizza**  
1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5368  
| Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs 12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM  
Authentic wood-fired pizzas created to blend perfectly with Bayou Teche Brewery’s craft beer. Located in the beer garden of Bayou Teche Brewery.

**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.

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

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

**Cormier’s Country Store**  
792 Main St. | 337.680.4191  
Mon-Fri 6AM-10PM; Sat-Sun 7AM-10PM  
On the Boudin Trail.

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**ATTRACTIONS**

**Louisiana Hemp Extractors**  
2742 Oscar Rivette Rd. | 337.418.9498  
Tues & Thurs 9AM-2PM & by appt. LouisianaHempExtractors.com |  
This 10,000 sq. ft. facility houses a full suite of extraction equipment and has processed over 2000 lbs. of industrial hemp for local farmers. Offers finished goods manufacturing for farmers and businesses. Tours available.

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**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.
Known as the “Prairie Cajun Capital”, Eunice is popular for its Mardi Gras tradition – Courir de Mardi Gras (see pg. 17). Visit the Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, an interpretive center for all ages. Here, exhibits focus on the history of the Acadians and how they shaped our culture on the prairie. Each Saturday afternoon, cooking demos and musical performances are offered.

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

Other stops on your music tour can include the downtown radio station, KBON 101.1 FM, that highlights Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Check out the wall with signatures of music legends. Make time to visit the Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum to see the past and present of Cajun music. Also include on your itinerary 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.

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. 337.457.7389 | Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-2PM
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.

Lakeview Park & Beach General Store
4413 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.9563 | SavoyMusicCenter.com
Wed-Fri 1:30PM-4PM; Sat 9AM-12PM
Louisiana music fans will find books, instruments, recordings, and supplies. Marc Savoy’s hand-crafted accordions are available. Public jam session every Saturday at 9AM.

Ici on parle français.

KAON 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 | Temporarily Closed
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.

Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center
250 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.8499 | Temporarily Closed
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through exhibits and artifacts. Music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations every Saturday. Ici on parle français.

Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Bayou Lafitte
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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Damian Cuccio Designs
110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092
By appt. only
Original art includes clay pieces, ceramics, paintings, and various furniture and home accents. Groups (adults & children) of up to 20 are welcome for classes and events. Ici on parle français.
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-7PM; Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM  
Offering locally-roasted coffee, sandwiches, and a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

Crawfish Corner  
740 W. Laurel St. | 337.546.6090 | Open seasonally - call ahead  
Boiled crawfish when in season.

D.C.'s Sports Bar & Steakhouse  
1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)  
337.457.7001 | Restaurant: open daily 11AM-10PM  
Bar open daily 11AM-12AM  
The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and lively atmosphere.

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

God’s Creole Cook Wagon  
163 S. Cane St. | 337.466.3121  
Thurs-Sat 10AM-5:30PM | Specializing in everything BBQ, such as ribs, Boston butt steaks, burgers, and brisket. Also serving Creole soul food dishes like red beans and rice, okra, sauce piquante, and more.

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

Mo’ Crawfish  
29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy. | 337.457.8434  
MoCrawfish.com  
Crawfish Season: Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM  
Boiled crawfish, crab, shrimp, gumbo, and étouffée.

Mowata Grocery Store  
30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13  
337.457.1140 | Mon-Fri 6:30AM-6PM; Sat 7AM-2PM  

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

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

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

Ruby’s Café  
221 W. Walnut Ave.  
337.550.7665 | 337.546.0903 | 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 | tBoysBoudin.com  
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM  

The Superette  
1230 W. Laurel Ave.  
337.546.6042 | Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM; Sun 8AM-2PM  
This award-winning RV park offers 8 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, WiFi, 13-acre fishing pond, beach, playgrounds, pavilions, family restrooms, and laundry. Seasonal Sat night barn dances, Feb-Nov.

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

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

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

Ici on parle français.

BED & BREAKFAST
The Cottage at Cypress Grove
119 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727
CypressGrovePlace.com | 🌐
Cottage is newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

The Keller House
420 S. Second St. | 337.580.4205 | 🌐
Built in the 1800s, the first floor features 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.

Le Village Guest House
121 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727
LeVillageHouse.com | 🌐
4 beautifully furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres. Complimentary breakfast. Can accommodate private parties and groups. Prairie Barn, located on the grounds, also sleeps 4.

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

CAMPGROUNDS
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, and mini golf. Clubhouse open to groups.

Lakeview Park & Beach
1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)  337.457.2881 | LVPark.com | 🌐
12 GUMBO FOR YOUR SOUL!
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, the site of the only documented miracle in the U.S. Along with the church and retreat centers, spiritual and educational guidance is extended to the local community and visitors from afar.

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

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

**Petite Rouge Antiques & Organics**
272 E. Martin Luther King Dr.
337.662.4002
PetiteRougeAntiques.com
Tues 11AM-4PM; Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-4PM
Antiques and vintage jewelry. A wide selection of herbs, hand-selected tea blends, essential oils, aroma therapy, goat milk soaps, infused local honey, and apothecaries.
Academy of the Sacred Heart
1821 Academy Rd. | 337.662.5275
SSHCoteau.org | By appt. only
• Shrine of St. John Berchmans
• Le Petit Musée
• Oak Alley & formal gardens
Ici on parle français.

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

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House
214 Church St. | 337.662.5410
OurLadyOfTheOaks.com
Built in 1938 on the site of the original St. Charles Church, this Spanish mission-style building sits under moss-draped oak trees.

B Sweet Bakery
106 St. Joseph St. | 337.662.2253
BSweetBakeryLA.com | Wed-Fri 10AM-5:30PM; Sat 9AM-2PM
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. | 337.662.4003 | BrentsRestaurant.com
Tues-Fri: Breakfast 8AM-10:30AM; Lunch 10:30AM-1:30PM; Sun 10AM-1:30PM
Serving delicious breakfast items and specialties such as Coteau Hash and the Exit 11 Sandwich. Also serving locally roasted Rêve coffee.

Brent’s Catering
234 E. Martin Luther King Dr. 337.662.4003 | 337.344.3562
BrentsRestaurant.com | Tues-Thurs 10AM-2PM; Fri 10AM-2PM/5:30PM-9PM; Sun 10AM-1:30PM
Restaurant serves Cajun cuisine favorites and home cooked plate lunches. Seafood buffet Friday nights. Catering available.

Garde Des Don Seafood and More
512 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | 337.258.4970 | 337.258.4970
Sun-Mon 11AM-2PM
Seafood market also serving classic Cajun plate lunches such as fried catfish topped with shrimp parmesan cream sauce, catfish courtbouillon, shrimp étouffée, and more. On Sundays, try their tender, fall-off-the-bone BBQ.

Go Bears Southern Eatery
1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | 337.662.2500 | Go-Bears.com
Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM
Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.

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

Mama Sue’s Tiny Guesthouse
134 Church St. | 337.739.7974
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.
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.

**SHOPPING**

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

**Billy’s Diner**  
24467 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2080  
Sun-Thurs 5AM-9pm; Fri-Sat 5AM-10PM  
Short-order menu with burgers, salads, po'boys, boudin balls, and cracklins.  
On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

**Cajun Corner Café**  
24392 Hwy. 190 E | 337.566.8003  
Sun-Wed 10AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat 10AM-9PM  
Café featuring plate lunches, boudin, and boudin balls. On the Boudin Trail. Located in the Texaco Station.

**Kartner’s Grocery**  
24562 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.0529  
Kartner’sSpecialtyMeats.com  
Mon-Sat 6:30AM-7PM; Sun 7:30AM-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  
Mon-Sat 5AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-10PM  
Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station.  
Ici on parle français.

**EAT & DRINK**

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

**CAMPGROUNDS**

**Cypress Cove RV Park**  
517 Division St. | 337.322.1973  
CypressCoveRVpark.com  
5 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 | 337.592.3839 | 337.566.2322  
Water, electricity, dump site, 60 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 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.

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

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

Biker enthusiasts and fans of the film Easy Rider can get to Melville by way of scenic Hwy. 105, where that memorable last scene took place.
Here, Mardi Gras is not your typical festival with floats, beads and doubloons. Instead, for the Courir de Mardi Gras, locals trade floats for horses, beads for bells, and crowded streets for country roads.

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

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

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

Additional festivities include:
- Opelousas Mardi Gras Celebration
- Sunset Mardi Gras Parade
- Lundi Gras Boucherie
- Cankton Chicken Run
- LeBeau Chicken Run

When is Mardi Gras?
2023: February 21
2024: February 13
2025: March 4

For more information visit: CajunTravel.com/Mardi-Gras
Travel the **Zydeco-Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway**, a music-heavy trail that traverses three parishes – St. Landry, Acadia, and Evangeline. These regions are responsible for three distinct musical sounds – Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop.

*Don’t change that station!* 
Let **KBON 101.1** be the soundtrack for the **Bayou Teche Corridor**. Part of the **Atchafalaya National Heritage Area**, this corridor traces historic Bayou Teche, a 135-mile bayou flowing from its head in Port Barre down to its mouth in Berwick. 
This bayou is now recognized as a **National Water Trail** featuring 13 established access points for paddle trips.
Amédé Ardoin (1898-1942) was one of the earliest French-speaking Creole musicians to commercially record his songs and the first to build a library of over 30 recordings with national labels. He is widely regarded as the bedrock of today’s Cajun and Creole music. The **Amédé Ardoin Commemorative** was inspired by the Ardoin family’s efforts to bring him home from his burial place in an unmarked grave at the Central Louisiana Hospital. The memorial, a 1,500-pound steel statue, displays Ardoin standing high atop his most prized possession, his accordion. In his right hand he holds out a bronze lemon, a reference to Ardoin’s practice of carrying a lemon in his pocket for his singing voice.

*View the memorial statue at the St. Landry Parish Visitors Center located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49.*
Founded in 1720, Opelousas is Louisiana’s third oldest city. Take a walk through downtown and see original architecture, historic homes, and public art. Some of the parish’s oldest buildings have been restored at Le Vieux Village Heritage Park. There, you will also find the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum, one of only two museums in the U.S. that tells the story of the New York Foundling Hospital orphans.

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

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

Local restaurants today are still influenced by Opelousas natives, the late culinary great, Chef Paul Prudhomme, and seasoning entrepreneur, Tony Chachere. With local eateries still open since the 30’s, you can enjoy recipes that are tried and true!
Art Box Studio & Gallery
115 S. Main St. | 337.418.1789
ArtBoxOpelousas.com | Open daily 9AM-6PM
View the vibrant and bold work of Neketta Guillory. Check her website for other events including poetry readings, music events, and other hands-on learning experiences.

Becky's Barn
1145 Hwy. 357 | 337.356.3192
BeckysBarn.net 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.

French Metal
231 Pecan Tree Ln. | 337.826.5601 | 337.308.0536 | By appt. only | CGFrenchMetal.com
One-of-a-kind, 3-D metal artwork by local craftsman, Carroll Gautreaux, depicting the Cajun lifestyle and culture. Each painting is handmade with intricate detail. Commissioned pieces upon request.

Moss Floral & Garden
133 W. Landry St. | 337.407.5043
MossNewOrleans.com Tues-Thurs 9AM-6PM; Fri 10AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-3PM
Floral arrangements, homemade soaps, art, and other gifts.

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 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 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.

Tony Chachere General Store
5604 I-49 Frontage Rd. | 337.948.6001 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM Production viewing Mon-Thurs only Shop kitchen items, tableware, Parish Ink apparel, and other Louisiana-inspired novelties. Also shop the entire line of seasonings and box mixes, such as jambalaya and dirty rice.

Wild Child Essentials
129 W. Landry St. | 337.308.6754 Tues-Fri 10AM-5:30PM; Sat 10AM-4PM This gift shop hosts a variety of local Creole and African American vendors. Featuring handmade soaps, hair oils, jewelry, candles, and more.

COOK LIKE A LOCAL WITH LOCAL PRODUCTS

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

Prairie Ronde Rice – This artisan long-grain, non-GMO, and gluten-free rice is grown and milled in Prairie Ronde, LA. Pick it up at Benny’s Supermarket (pg. 24) and Janise’s Supermarket (pg. 30), or order from PrairieRondeRice.com

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 gift shop at Tony Chachere’s.

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

LouAna Cooking Oil – From vegetable and corn to avocado and safflower. Find it at any local grocery or visit LouAna.com for recipes and tips.
Creole Heritage Folklife Center
1113 W. Vine St. | 337.945.5064
Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM; Sat 1PM-4PM;
Sun by appt.
Relive traditions of Creole culture.
Call for guided tours. Featured on the

Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino
2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.
337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO
EvangelineDowns.com
Open 24 hours a day
Live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. More than 1,350 slot machines, concerts, and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

Historic 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
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
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
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
LaOrphanTrainMuseum.com
Tues-Fri 10AM-3PM and by appt.
Hear the story of the Orphan Train Riders who came to Louisiana by train from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929. One of two museums in the US. Admission. Ici on parle français.

Opelousas Little Theatre
1344 S. Union St. | 337.351.2591 | 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
Mon-Thurs 8AM-4:30PM; Fri 8AM-11AM, Group tours by appt.
Special exhibits include the Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Display, the Rodney Millburn Tribute – Gold Medal Winner, animatronics, and the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives.

Rural African American History Museum
1414 N. Main St. | 337.945.1050 | Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-1PM
Museum features displays that document the history of rural African Americans in St. Landry Parish, including the Creole cowboy culture.

St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery
1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552
StLandryCatholicChurch.com
Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM
Tours by appt. only
Built in 1909, the “Mother Church of Acadiana” is one of the finest examples of Romanesque Revival in the state. It is also the site of the Fr. Lafleur Monument, a tribute to the WWII POW Chaplain.
**Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center**  
204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188  
Mon-Fri 7AM-2PM  
Dine on Creole cuisine and seafood dishes in a restaurant with a funky French Quarter feel. Live Music on the third Sunday.

**Back in Time**  
123 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2413  
Mon-Sat 7AM-2:30PM  
Cafe serving award-winning recipes. Collectibles and unique gifts. *Ici on parle français.*

**Bellard’s Poultry & Crawfish**  
405 S. Bullard St. | 337.942.3033  
Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-12PM  
Open since 1964. Custom cutting the freshest quality meat, seafood, and poultry. Zydeco Chop Chop (pg. 23) is also available here.

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

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

**Bosco’s Specialty Meats**  
15595 Hwy. 190 | 337.948.0000  
Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 6AM-2PM  
Specialty meat shop serving daily plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, sausage, and more.

**Brew & Scoop**  
415 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.3660  
Mon-Fri 630AM-8PM; Sat-Sun 7:30AM-8PM  
Cafe serving locally-roasted Prayer House Coffee.

**The Cajun Boudin Stop**  
1691 US-167 | 337.826.8226  
Open daily 6AM-6PM  
Serving plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, fried chicken, meat pies, and more.

**Chicken King**  
240 E. Prudhomme Ln. | 337.942.9224  
ChickenKingLA.com  
Open daily 8AM-8PM  
Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

**Chicorys at the Palace**  
135 W. Landry St. | 337.678.0984  
Tues-Fri 630AM-2PM; Sat-Sun 7AM-2PM  
Specialty coffees, smoothies, soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and breakfast items. Southern inspired lunch specials. *Ici on parle français.*

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

**DezMeaux’s Boudin**  
711 E. Vine St. | 337.678.1740  
Wed-Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-2PM  
Serving authentic Creole boudin using their decades-old recipe. A must-try are the chicken wings stuffed with boudin – a local favorite.

**Dominick Smoke Wagon**  
1611 N. Main St. | 337.692.9991 | 337.290.0457  
Thurs-Sun 10AM-5PM or until sold out  
For over 30 years, this local eatery has served some of the best BBQ around using local products with their own unique spin, such as the “Come Back Sauce.”

**Duos Cajun Corner**  
840 Hwy. 167 | 337.628.0123 | 337.224.4969  
Crawfish season: Mon-Thurs 830AM-830PM; Fri-Sat 830AM-930PM; Closed during the summer Locally-cured, smoked meats and sausages, boudin, and cracklins. Boiled crawfish seasonally.  
On the Boudin Trail.

**Eddie’s Seafood Market**  
905 S. Walnut St. | 337.678.0999  
Mon-Thurs 12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM; Sun 12PM-6PM  
Serving fresh, fried, and boiled crab and shrimp. Boiled crawfish when in season.

**Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino Dining**  
2235 Creswell Ln. Ext. | 337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO  
EvangelineDowns.com  
**EVD Express**  
**The Spotted Horse Tavern & Dining Parlor**  
**Fast & Lucy’s Pub**  
**The Cafe**

**Fat Belly’s Diner**  
317 E. Jefferson St. | 337.942.5445  
Mon-Sat 11AM-6PM  
Serving home cooked plate lunches and soul food. Boiled crab, shrimp, and crawfish, when in season.

**Frank’s Poboy**  
603 E. Landry St. | 337.678.3032  
Mon-Wed 1030AM-930PM; Thurs-Sat 1030AM-1030PM  
Traditional and specialty poboy’s, such as the Cajun Meatball and Frank’s Special.
Hebert's Boudin & Cracklin  
4932 I-49 N. Service Rd. | 337.942.8828 | [HebertsBoudin.com](http://HebertsBoudin.com)  
Open daily 6AM-8PM  
Speciality 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  
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 7AM-8PM; Fri 7AM-8PM; Sat 8:30AM-9PM  
Est. 1941. Burgers, po'boys, 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 10:30AM-2PM  
Hearty homemade Cajun fare, daily plate lunches, and BBQ on Thurs and Sun. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

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**EAT & DRINK, cont.**

**T & L Seafood**
420 N. Main St. | 337.678.0877 | Tuesday-Saturday 9am-7pm; Sunday 10am-5pm
Fresh, locally sourced crab, shrimp, crawfish, catfish, and more. Also find deep-sea fish like flounder and sheepshead bought from Leeville.

**Toby’s Little Lodge Restaurant**
132 Toby Ln. | 337.948.3800 | Thursday 5pm-9:30pm; Friday-Saturday 5pm-10:30pm; Sunday 10am-2pm
Historic restaurant serving Cajun and Creole food classics like fried alligator, crawfish étouffée, and gumbo. Also serving brunch.

**Yam Country Pies**
430 E. Grolee St. | 337.948.4553 | YamCountryPies.com | Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-2pm
Traditional folded pies made with sweet dough and filled with yam, apple, lemon, custard, coconut, or seasonal flavors.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**BED & BREAKFAST**

**Shirley’s B&B**
1741 Ernestine Dr. | 337.693.0420 | One-bedroom cottage with 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. WiFi, RV rental, picnic tables, washteria, laundry, church services available. Pet friendly.

**Dale White RV Park**
7829 Hwy. 31 | 337.652.8353 | 39 full hook-up sites, with access to running water, electricity, and dump station. Showers, laundry, and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.

**Evangeline Oaks RV Park**
808 Hwy. 230 | 337.288.0032 | 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: Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-11am
61 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp dump station. Tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls.

**HOTELS & MOTELS**

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

**Cardinal Inn Motel**
12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624 | 35 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

**Days Inn & Suites**

**Evangeline Downs Hotel**

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

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites**

**Motel 6**
4165 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 15 | 337.948.9500 | 62 rooms, outdoor pool, cable TV, WiFi, and meeting space. Pet friendly, no pet fee.

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

**Ranch Motel**
315 S. Cane St. | 337.942.9775 | 15 rooms.

**Super 8 by Wyndham**

**Townhouse Motel**
337 W. Landry St. | 337.948.4488 | 30 rooms. Cable TV and WiFi. Daily & weekly rates.
Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, the small town of Palmetto earned its name from the native plant that grows in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of the palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt at the community’s general store, Budden’s, which has been open since the 1930s. On the first Saturday in July, thousands head to nearby Lebeau for the annual Zydeco Festival. A popular time for family reunions and fun.

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

**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.

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

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

All ages, from kindergarten classes to garden clubs, along with international scientists, have enjoyed facility tours. Ici on parle français.
Port Barre is the birthplace of Bayou Teche. Settled as a French trading post in the early 1800s, Port Barre sits at the point where Bayou Courtableau flows into the Teche.

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

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

**EAT & DRINK**

**The Fox’s Den**
140 Bayou Dr. | 337.777.5004 | 📍
Tues-Sat 9AM-4PM
Shop refurbished old furniture, home décor, and gift items. From woodworking to painting, every piece in this gift shop is handmade.

**Bourbon Street Deli**
17681 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.6903
Open daily 5AM-12AM
More than your average gas station dive. Serving Louisiana cuisine classics: beignets, boudin, poboys. Try the Zydeco Omelette and the Cajun Sunrise for breakfast.

**Bourque’s Supermarket & Deli**
581 Saizan St. | 337.585.6261
BourqueSpecialties.com | 📍
Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-7:45PM
Famous for jalapeno, sausage, cheese bread. Also serves boudin, cracklins, and homemade plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

**Chicken King**
17560 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7150
ChickenKingLA.com | 📍
Open daily 10AM-8PM
Cajun fare. Plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

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

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**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 pavement available.

**JC’s RV Park**
2963 Hwy. 741 | 337.351.9913 | 📍
Open daily 7AM-8PM
20 full hook-up sites with 30/50 amp service, 3 covered RV sites, a large pavilion, WiFi, and private laundry and shower facilities. Pet friendly. Propane available.

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

Today, Sunset is known as the Rubboard Capital of the World with a thriving arts community. Historic buildings have been revived into shops for antiques, collectibles, and local handcrafted items. Shop for even more unique finds the third Saturday of March and first Saturday of November at the Exit 11 Yard Sale, which includes the neighboring community of Grand Coteau.

For those with a green thumb, visit in May for the Herb & Garden Festival, or join locals every other month for Uncorked Art Walk. Visit with artists, view local art, and partake in wine and hor-d’oeuvres, courtesy of Café Josephine.

**Antique Woods of LA**
184 Pershing Hwy. | 337.662.2121
AntiqueWoodsLA.com | 
Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-4PM;
Fri 7:30AM-12PM
If you are looking for flooring, ceiling, beams, 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, Acadiana-style homes, and other structures and scenes that exemplify this area. Featuring local artists, Jackie Louviere and Catherine Myers.

**Bayou Some Stuff Thrift Shop**
798 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.

**Antiques & Shopping**

**J&B Quilting**
988 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.1183 | JBQuilting.com | 
Thurs-Fri 10AM-5PM; 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
By appt. only
Features gourd art.

**Remember When Antiques**
956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 | 
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM
Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale.
Mid-century room.
Sunset Motor Inn
2153 I-49 S. Service Rd. | 337.662.3726
31 rooms.

Honey Bee Home
845 Napoleon Ave. | 337.230.1687 | 985.705.1235
Built in 1927 and recently remodeled.
5 bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, living room, and covered patio. Sleeps 14 people. Large, fenced yard for pets.

Sunset Antique Market
151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091 | http://SunsetAntiqueMarket.com
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM
Over 10,000 sq. ft. of antiques, art, and collectibles in a converted sweet potato shed - warehouses approx. 50-75 years old. Ici on parle français.

Sunset Rail Stop
Flea Market
312 Anna St. | 337.945.9188 | 337.662.1118
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.

Sunset Rail Stop
Flea Market
Ici on parle français.

Dee’s Café
207 Landry St. | 337.347.2161
Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM | Plate lunches, soups, salads, and sandwiches, all inspired by Cajun recipes. Private group dining.

Janise’s Supermarket & Deli
147 Oak Tree Park Dr. | 337.662.5512
Open daily 7AM-8PM

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

Tee Don’s Rubboards
385 Sandpiper Place | 337.654.0858 KeyOfZRubboards.com
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-Sat 10AM-5PM & by appt.
Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.

Ici on parle français.

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

Many films, television shows, and made-for-TV movies have been filmed in St. Landry Parish. We’re a favorite with film crews for our natural beauty, music, Mardi Gras, horse racing, and Cajun and Creole culture and cuisine. Below is a sample of what you will see when you visit our film blog at CajunTravel.com/Blog.

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

Lou’s Bakery
303 N. Main St. | 337.945.7244 | 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.

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

Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant
525 N. Main St. | 337.826.7227 | SteamboatWarehouse.com
Tues-Sat 5PM-unti1; Sun 11AM-2PM
This brick warehouse was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then dine on delicious steaks, seafood, and specialties.

Washington Fast Foods
311 N. Main St. | 337.826.5704
Open daily 5AM-9PM
Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

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.

The Ponderosa
143 Front St. | 337.290.8028
theponderosa-washington.com
Enjoy five acres in a family and pet friendly environment with over 30 full hookups including water, electricity, and sewage.

Willie’s Campground
1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.308.8444 | 337.945.6518 | 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.

EAT & DRINK

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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.

John LeFleur’s Creole B&B
225 W. Carriere St. | 337.678.9436
Built in the 1840s, features historic furnishings and period-accurate renovations. 3 bedrooms with private baths. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner options available. Reservation required.

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Group & Meeting Venues

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

Maison Stéphanie
1862 Bushville Hwy. | 337.454.4073
Maison-Stephanie.com
120 SEATED

EUNICE

The Barn at Lakeview
1717 Veterans Memorial Hwy.
337.457.2881 | LVPark.com
72 SEATED
200 STANDING

The Chapelle Store at Cypress Grove
120 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727
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
*Temporarily Closed

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 | 337.457.6573
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 | BrentsRestaurant.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.org
350 SEATED

OPELOUSAS

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

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When planning your event, please refer to the VENUES PAGE on CAJUNTRAVEL.COM for updates and additional information.
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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Opelousas, LA 70571

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