As you visit the communities along the Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway, you can still hear Cajun and Creole French spoken in shops and on the street, while taking delight in our famous cuisine, and dancing to rhythms that run through our very life.

We have, not one, but three distinct musical traditions, all emanating from the prairies. Cajuns took old Louisiana French music, associated it with the German accordion, and created what is known as “traditional” Cajun music. Creoles took that same early Louisiana French music, associated it with blues, and created a new music called Zydeco. In the 1950s, the sounds of blues, rock and roll, and Louisiana French came together on the prairie to create the unique “swamp pop” sound that swept the nation.

And our food! The spirit of our people comes to life with each serving of boudin, smoked sausage, and jambalaya. And our defining dish, gumbo, brings all of our cultures together in one bowl.

Our cultural centers and museums will provide a rich education into our folklore and folkways.

Along the byway you will find architecture ranging from quaint Acadian cottages to gracious antebellum mansions.

Antique shops and flea markets, many housed in unique buildings, offer shoppers treasures from the past, while specialty shops feature creations from our local artisans.

Hikers, cyclists, and birdwatchers will enjoy exploring our rolling hills, flat prairies, bayous, rivers, and woodlands.

Campers and fishermen will find delightful diversion at Chicot State Park, Louisiana’s largest and most popular state park.

Wherever you travel on the Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway, you will be captivated by the friendliest people in the world — genuine, hardworking folks who find the time to laugh a little, dance a little, and live a unique way of life to its fullest.

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