

Variety of Places/Activities/Events to take Visitors

(This list was compiled in 2014 but not regularly updated. As individual entries are now being updated, a note with the revised date is being added to the entry. Suggestions for additions or corrections are welcome to be submitted [here](#).)

Baton Rouge

Louisiana Art and Science Museum/Planetarium – Housed in a historic railroad depot on the banks of the Mississippi in downtown BR; includes changing fine art exhibitions, planetarium sky shows, Ancient Egypt Gallery, Museum store and more. 100 S. River Road, 344-5272, www.lasm.org. Open T-F, 10a-5p, Su 1-5. (Planetarium has different hours.) See Belle directions.

USS Kidd – America's only destroyer restored to WWII era, Old Ironsides Exhibit, largest model ship collection in the South. Open daily, 9-5. 305 S. River Rd. 342-1942. www.usskidd.com. Take I-10 to I-110N to Government Street exit, turn left at bottom of ramp and go straight to the River. Sr. \$, adults \$, children \$.

Rural Life Museum and Windrush Gardens – 19th century outdoor complex of 30 LA plantation buildings on 5 acres divided into the Barn, the Working Plantation, and the Folk Architecture section. Louisiana's oldest museum to interpret slavery. Windrush Gardens cover 25 acres representing flora used in 19th C. plantation gardens. Open daily 8:30-5. 4650 Essen Lane and I-10. 765-2437 rural.life.lsu.edu. Admission Senior Citizens (62+) \$, Adults \$.

Magnolia Mound Plantation – a French Creole Plantation c. 1791 listed on the National Register of Historic Places and accredited by the American Association of Museums including open hearth cooking demonstrations, a slave quarter house, overseer's house, and museum store. Open M-Sa 10-4, Su 1-4. 2161 Nicholson Dr. 343-4955 www.magnoliamound.org. Tours on the hour, last tour at 3. Bordered on Nicholson Dr. by Terrace Ave. and W. McKinley.

Bluebonnet Swamp – 101 acres housing a 9500 sq ft building filled with live animal exhibits and wooded carving displays. The grounds feature local flora and fauna including birds, mammals and insects. Open T-Sa 9-5, Su noon-5. 10503 North Oak Hills Pky. 757-8905 www.brec.org. Admission: 65+ \$, Adults 18-64, \$. Located one block off of Bluebonnet Blvd. between Perkins and Highland Rd. At the traffic light turn toward the Hancock Bank and follow N. Oak Hills Pkwy. to the parking lot.

Odell S. Williams Now & Then Museum: African American History 538 S. Boulevard 343-4431 featuring minority inventions and inventors. African art, rural artifacts and Juneteenth activities. By appointment.

ExxonMobil Refinery 4045 Scenic Hwy, BR 977-7711
www.exxonmobile.com (check on tour availability)

Kleinpeter Dairy Farm Tour 14444 Airline Hwy 753-2121
www.kleinpeterdairy.com
Tours Monday – Friday, between 9 and 2; minimum 10 people.

Baton Rouge Zoo (Baker) 3601 Thomas Rd 775-3877 Daily 9:30-5.
Sr. \$, adults \$, children \$. www.batonrougezoo.com

Major Malls, Casinos, and Entertainment:

Mall of Louisiana 6401 Bluebonnet Blvd. 761-0307
Largest pedestrian mall in Louisiana.

Perkins Rowe Bluebonnet & Perkins 761-6905
Newest shopping mall in Baton Rouge and has numerous restaurants.

Towne Center 7809 Jefferson Hwy 925-2344

Boutin's – a Cajun restaurant with Cajun music also has a pier overlooking a little bayou where you can observe and feed turtles. Open M-F 11-2, 5-10 and Sat 11-10, Su 11-8. Live Cajun Music M-W 7-9:30; Th-Sa 7-10. 8322 Bluebonnet Blvd. 819.9862. Located one mile south of the Mall of Louisiana on Bluebonnet Blvd.

Belle of Baton Rouge Casino – Adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel. Open 24 hours
103 France St. 800-676-4847 (378-6000). On I-10 West to I-110 North, take Government Street exit (right side of highway). Turn left at the bottom of the ramp and follow Government straight to the Mississippi River. Turn left. Free.

Hollywood Casino – across the street from the State Capitol; valet parking is free at the pavilion entrance. Open 24 hours. 1717 River Road North 709-7777
www.hollywoodbr.com. From I-10 take I-110 and exit North Street to River Road. Free

L'Auberge Baton Rouge
The newest casino in Baton Rouge
777 L'Auberge Ave. www.mylauberge.com.

Out of town attractions:

Abita Brewery/LIGO (about 5 hours including travel and lunch) 21084 Hwy 36, Abita. 985.893.3143, Ext. 201 (800.737.2311, Ext. 201) www.abita.com

Acadian Village, Lafayette. 337-981-2364 (800-962-9133)
200 Greenleaf Dr.
Lafayette, LA 70506
Acadian Village is a folklife museum.
www.acadianvillage.org

Bass Pro ,175 Bass Pro Blvd., Denham Springs. 225-271-3100 www.basspro.com
Extremely large sporting goods store specializing in boating and fishing gear.

Cabela's, 2200 W. Cabela's Pky., Gonzales. 225-743-3400 www.cabelas.com
Extremely large sporting goods store specializing in hunting and camping gear.

Tanger Outlets 2410 S. Tanger Blvd., Gonzales. 225-647-9383 (800-406-2112)
www.tangeroutlet.com

Cabin Restaurant, Sorrento. Began as one of the original slave dwellings of the Monroe Plantation 10 years ago. 225-473-3007. Three miles down the road from Cajun Village.

PLANTATIONS:

Myrtles Plantation, 7747 US Hwy 61, St. Francisville. 225-635-6277 (800-809-0565)
www.myrtlesplantation.com

Rosedown Plantation, St. Francisville
<http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/irosedown.aspx>

Houmas House Plantation 40136 Hwy 942, Darrow. 225-473-9380
www.HoumasHouse.com Lunch: Café Burnside; Dinner Lati's Landing. 3/3/2014

Oak Alley Plantation, Vacherie
3645 Highway 18, 225-265-2151/(800)442-5539
<http://www.oakalleyplantation.com/>
Well known for its line of Oak trees framing the entrance to the house. Very nice tour of the Plantation House. 3/3/2014

St. Joseph Plantation, Vacherie
<http://www.stjosephplantation.com/>

Laura Plantation, Vacherie

<http://www.lauraplantation.com/>

Excellent plantation located along the river just south of Oak Alley Plantation. Tour of the Plantation gives an excellent presentation on the women who ran this plantation as well as the running of a business during the plantation era.

B&C Seafood Restaurant is located within 2 miles and offers good food at reasonable prices. Bathrooms are decorated with swamp scenes and a standing alligator is present in the restaurant.

Evergreen Plantation

4677 Highway 18, Edgard (985-497-3837). Most intact plantation complex in the South, with 37 buildings on the National Register of Historical Places. Gives a short description of the definition of and what it meant to be a Creole.

<http://evergreenplantation.org/> 10/3/2014

***Oak Alley, St. Joseph, Laura, and Evergreen Plantations** are all located on Hwy. 18 within 15-minute drive from one another.

Frogmore Cotton Plantation and Gins

11054 U.S. 84, Frogmore, (318-757-2453). www.frogmoreplantation.com
1,800 acre working cotton plantation. Scheduled dates with music. New Tour: The Plantation Civil War- PowerPoint plus guided tour relating social, racial, and political causes of the war and changes on plantations to owners and slaves. A little far to drive but an excellent tour.

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Randol's Restaurant and Cajun Dancehall, Lafayette. 337-981-7080 (800-YO-CAJUN)

www.randols.com

Cajun Country Swamp Tours, Lafayette area. 337-319-0010

www.cajuncountryswamptours.com

Cajun Village, Sorrento. A collection of restored Acadian buildings, specialty shops featuring LA crafts, with live alligators, beignets and café au lait. 225-675-5572.

www.thecajunvillage.com. From I-10 East, exit #182, then one block south on Hwy. 22. Approximately 30 min. from Baton Rouge.

(National) Hansen's Disease Museum 5445 Point Clair Rd., Carville. 225-642-1950

Located about 45 min. south of Baton Rouge on the River Road. The tour of the only Public Health Center in the lower 48 states that treated Leprosy is about 1.5 hours).

www.hrsa.gov/hansens/museum

FESTIVALS:

There are as many festivals in Louisiana as there are days in a year. Please use google for a full list of festivals in Louisiana throughout the year.

Fest For All

Located in Baton Rouge, this is an annual street festival with booths, dancing in the streets and invited artists from a three-state area. Lots of food and music and is generally held in May but may be held in April.

Festival International de Louisiana

444 Jefferson St. Lafayette (337-232-8086). This is an annual five-day festival held during the last full week of April.

www.festivalinternational.com 3/3/2014

Festivals Acadiens et Creole

444 Jefferson St. Lafayette (337-232-8086) (Girard Park). This is an annual festival held during the month of October. This festival is much smaller than the Festival International de Louisiana held in April at essentially the same location.

www.festivalinternational.com

Crawfish Festival

Breaux Bridge, LA. Generally held around May and is one of the largest gatherings of Cajun and Zydeco musicians. Food, music, and entertainment abound.

Jazz and Heritage Festival, New Orleans.

This is an internationally known music festival. www.nojazz.com

French Quarter Festival, New Orleans

Excellent music festival, although somewhat unknown. It is held throughout the French Quarter generally during April.

www.fqfi.org

TOURS:

LIGO- LASER INTERFEROMETER GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE OBSERVATORY

<http://www.ligo-la.caltech.edu/>

Generally if you do this you might also be able to do a tour of Abita Brewery.

Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Highway 66, Angola. 225-655-2592

www.angolamuseum.org

Louisiana State University. Include a stop for ice cream at the LSU Dairy Store.

Mr. Charlie – a working/training oil drilling platform located on the Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA The tour is 1.5 hours and allow approximately 6 hours including travel, tour, and lunch.
www.rigmuseum.com

Vermilionville 337-233-4077 (866-992-6968)

Vermilionville is a living history museum and folklife park located at 300 Fisher Rd., Lafayette, Louisiana, 70508.

Very nice to bring visitors both domestic and international.

www.vermilionville.org

West Baton Rouge Museum (A great Sugar Cane Exhibit from the planting of sugar cane to its conversion to sugar) located in Port Allen. An excellent tour of several moved buildings representing plantation life from before the Civil War through the 1930s.

St. Francisville/Port Hudson- approximately 5 hours including travel and lunch.

National WWII Museum in New Orleans (about 7 hours travel time, viewing, and lunch)