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Gateway GUIDE



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Welcome Y'all!

Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana - The Gateway to Cajun Country

Adventure and exploration await with a diverse offering of culture, music, world-famous food, festivals, the great outdoors, casino gaming, top name entertainment and historic attractions. So, unwind & have fun!

Stop by the convention & visitors bureau, 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive, while you are in town. Visit with our friendly staff, have a cup of coffee and get tips on how to make your stay as memorable as possible.

Connect with us & share your adventures!

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-  www.visitlakecharles.org/blog
- #visitlakecharles



Are you a new resident?

Get oriented! www.visitlakecharles.org/NewInTown

Check out our free apps to enhance your experience!



* Showcasing adventures to be found in the great outdoors and details on flora and fauna found along the trail.



Conveniently reference events, live music, festivals and more while in Southwest Louisiana!



* Experience the Charpentier Historic District, with a choice of a 30 minute tour, 1 hour tour or Calcasieu Ghost Tour.

* Available in multiple languages

www.visitlakecharles.org/apps

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Share Your Story!

#visitlakecharles

We love hearing from visitors. It makes our day!

Please share your story through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Vine or other social media about your adventures in Southwest Louisiana. Use #visitlakecharles when posting, and your entry may appear on our Facebook or blog! Take a peek at some top selections from our fans:



@craigcrawford



@grossesavanne



@thekingofthemoon



@luckee



@dbenoit85



@unclebug

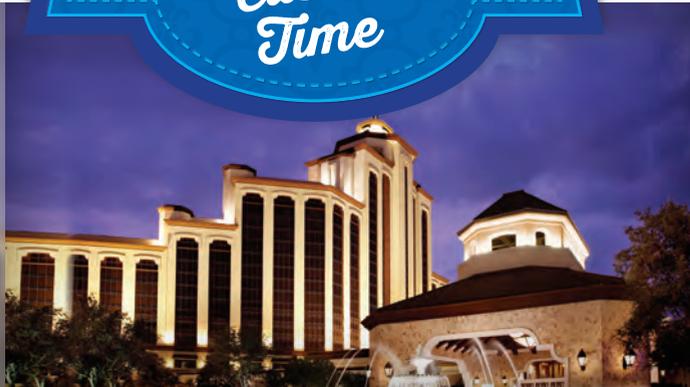
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BLOG

We look forward to hearing your story and sharing it with the world!

www.visitlakecharles.org/blog

Casino Time



Lake Charles

L'Auberge Casino Resort

777 Avenue L'Auberge; I-210 at Exit 4/Nelson Rd.

(337) 395-7777

www.mylauberge.com

26-story casino resort, 1,000 casually elegant rooms with 147 luxury suites, 70,000 sq. ft. casino with 70 table games and 1,600+ slot machines. Contraband Bayou® Golf Club, an 18-hole championship Tom Fazio course. Eight innovative restaurants, world class spa and pool with a lazy river, The Shops at L'Auberge and top name entertainment round out the exciting amenities L'Auberge has to offer.

Westlake

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

100 Westlake; I-10 at Exit 27

(800) THE ISLE

www.isleofcapricasinos.com

Enjoy the ultimate gaming experience with the newest, hottest slots and over 45 table games along with a live poker room. Have your pick of 3 savory restaurants and two luxurious hotels.



Lake Charles

Golden Nugget Lake Charles

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.; I-210 at Exit 3/Cove Lane

(844) 777-4653

www.goldennuggetlc.com

With Vegas-style gaming and luxurious hospitality, Golden Nugget Lake Charles offers 740 guest rooms, an 18-hole golf course, innovative gaming, multiple Landry's restaurants, retail shops, almost 30,000 square feet of meeting space, a marina, a private beach and more.

Vinton

Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel

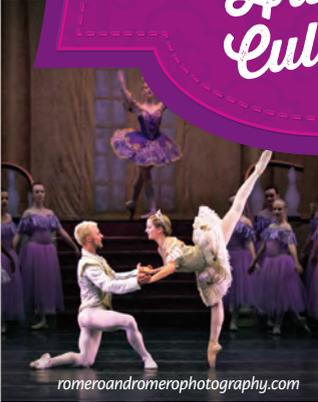
2717 Delta Downs Dr.; I-10 at Exit 4 or 7

(800) 589-7441

www.DeltaDowns.com

Over 1,600 of the hottest slots with Texas-sized aisles plus live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse action from fall through summer. Off-track betting from the country's best tracks year-round. Live entertainment in the Delta Event Center and the Gator Lounge. Fine dining, buffet and food court. Free valet parking.

Arts & Culture



The arts scene is on the move with colorful and exciting events taking place practically every weekend from music to exhibits, festivals and creative good times.

Galleries

Lake Charles

◆ 1911 Historic City Hall

1001 Ryan St.; Corner of Ryan and Kirby Streets
(337) 491-9147
Rotating exhibits of great significance, presentations and festivals.

Abercrombie Gallery and Grand Gallery

McNeese State University; (800) 622-3352 • (337) 475-5060
4205 Ryan St., Rm. 125; Shearman Fine Arts Center
Rotating exhibits by well-known artists as well as university faculty and students.

◆ Alexander Art Studio

900 Ryan Street, Ste. 102; (337) 433-2299
www.alexanderartstudio.com; candice@alexanderartstudio.com
Downtown's finest art studio with original paintings and amazing designs!

Art Associates Gallery

809 Kirby St., Ste. 208; (337) 439-ARTS
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center
www.artassociates.org
Monthly rotating exhibits by a variety of artists.

Black Heritage Gallery

809 Kirby St., Ste. 207; (337) 488-0567
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center
On Louisiana's African American Heritage Trail, rotating exhibits and educational activities representing the contributions of African Americans to Southwest Louisiana.

Gallery by the Lake

106 W. Pryce St.; (337) 436-1008
www.lakecharlesartists.com
Largest selection of art by local artists in Southwest Louisiana area.

Sulphur

Henning Cultural Center

923 Ruth Street; (337) 527-0357
www.brimstonemuseum.org
Local art and traveling exhibits.

Museums

Lake Charles

Children's Museum

327 Broad St.; (337) 433-9420
www.swlakids.org
Offers three floors of hands-on, educational exhibits in a family atmosphere. Features many exhibits including a television studio, shopping market, toddler area and several science exhibits.

Imperial Calcasieu Museum

204 W. Sallier St.; (337) 439-3797
www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org
Historical collection of artifacts and memorabilia depicting life in the Old Imperial Calcasieu region. Also home to the Gibson-Barham Fine Art Gallery, featuring contemporary and traditional visual artists and master craftsmen, and the 375 year old Sallier Oak.

Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu

809 Kirby St., 2nd floor
In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center
(337) 436-9588; www.swlamardigras.com
Largest Mardi Gras costume display in the world, history of Mardi Gras and king cakes, costume design, parade float to climb aboard and exciting animatronic displays.

USS Orleck Naval Museum

604 N. Enterprise Blvd.; (337) 214-7447; www.orleck.org
Historic Naval museum featuring the USS Orleck DD886 WWII destroyer which served during the close of WWII through the Vietnam era.

Sulphur

Brimstone Museum Complex

900 S. Huntington; (337) 527-0357
www.brimstonemuseum.org
The museum features a permanent exhibit about the history of the early sulfur mines and the City of Sulphur. It is also open for tourist information. Visit the Henning Cultural Center next door with rotating exhibits.

DeQuincy

DeQuincy Railroad Museum

400 Lake Charles Ave.; (337) 786-2823
www.dequincyrailroadmuseum.com
Original townsite in 1895 at the intersection of two major railroads. 1913 steam locomotive, passenger car, a caboose and other railroad artifacts are on display.

DeQuincy Town Hall Museum

218 East Fourth St.; (337) 786-6451
Newport Industries museum and memorabilia. Wall of Honor paying tribute to locals who have served in the U.S. military services.



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Performing Arts

Music, ballet, theatre! Southwest Louisiana has the lights, the sound and the talent to bring just about anything onto the stage to delight crowds.

♪ **Artists Civic Theatre (ACTS)**
www.actstheatre.com

The Children's Theatre Company
www.thechildrenstheatre.cc

Itinerant Theatre
www.itinerantttheatre.com

The Lake Charles Civic Ballet
www.lakecharlescivicballet.com

♪ **The Lake Charles Little Theatre**
www.thelclt.com

Lake Charles Symphony
www.lcsymphony.com

McNeese State University Bayou Players
www.mcneese.edu/performingarts

The Mines Sulphur Community Theatre
www.theminestheatre.org

The Lake Charles Community Band, the Francis G. Bulber Youth Orchestra, the Louisiana Choral Foundation Masterworks Chorale and Les Petites Voix are among other arts organizations with performances each spring and fall including holiday concerts and specials at local festivals.

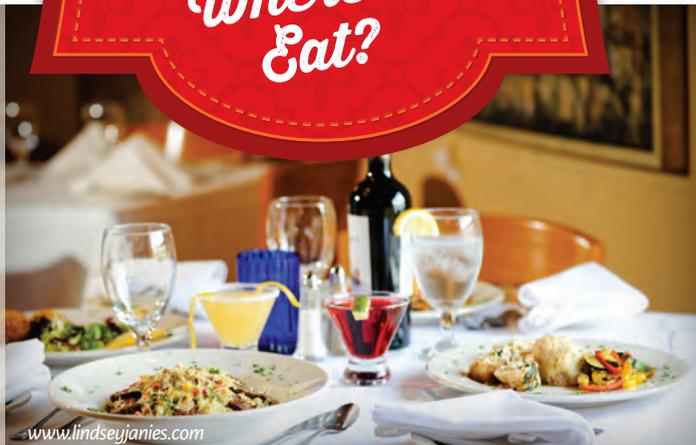
To learn more about the arts, contact the Arts & Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana at (337) 439-2787 or visit them online at www.ArtsandHumanitiesSWLA.org.

Cultural Districts

For information on the Nellie Lutcher District, the Cottage Shops or the Downtown Charleston Cultural District, call the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana at (337) 439-2787 or visit www.ArtsandHumanitiesSWLA.org.

◆ **Downtown Charlestown District** ♣ **Cottage Shops District** See page 63
♪ **Nellie Lutcher District**

Where to Eat?



What is up with our food? Yes, it's almost like you need a guide to pronounce our scrumptious cuisine. But, you can easily appreciate the rich and bold flavors that have been simmering in pots for centuries.

Lake Charles

121 Artisan Bistro

121 Dr. Michael DeBakey Dr.
(337) 310-7499
Best steaks and seafood in SWLA; WaitrApp.com for to-go orders or delivery.

Big Daddy's Sports Grill & Restaurant

1737 W. Sale Rd., Ste. 101
(337) 477-9033
Cajun comfort food. Hamburgers, po-boys, seafood, steaks, salads; relaxed neighborhood environment; breakfast, lunch, dinner. Many TVs with sports and more.

Billedeaux's Cajun Kitchen

2633 Fruge St.; (337) 439-9944
Boudin, sausage, smoked meats, gumbo and famous burgers.

Botsky's

104 W. Pujon St., Ste. 100
(337) 491-1155
www.botskys.com
A high quality purveyor of hotdogs and sausages in downtown Lake Charles, showcasing a diverse range of hotdogs & sausages paired with fresh and outlandish toppings.

Casa Manana

2510 Ryan St.; (337) 433-4112
www.casamanana.net
Tex-Mex with a Southwest Louisiana flair! Sulphur, LA location coming soon!

Cypress Grill at Gray Plantation

6150 Graywood Pkwy.
(337) 562-1206, ext. 2
www.grayplantationgolf.com
Visit us for daily chef specials, gourmet sandwiches and salads made to order.

Coyote Blues Fresh Mexican Grill with Louisiana Soul

3624 Ryan St.; (337) 502-5131
www.coyotebluesfreshmex.com
Best fajitas in Southwest Louisiana 3 years in a row. Kids eat free every Tuesday. @CoyoteBluesLC

Dan's BBQ Express

2635 Country Club Rd.
(337) 478-5858
www.dansbbqexpress.com
Slow cooked, tender BBQ brisket, ribs, pulled pork & chicken.

Darrell's Restaurant & Bar

119 W. College St.; (337) 474-3651
Po-boy sandwiches, beer, wine, mixed drinks. No minors allowed after 10 p.m.

Gatti's Pizza

3522 Ryan St.; (337) 474-6625
http://stores.gattispizza.com/location/lakecharles
Pizza, pasta, salads, po-boys, desserts, Gatti Land (game room).

Golden Nugget Lake Charles

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-7777, (844) 777-4653
www.goldennuggetlc.com.

» The Buffet

Fresh soups and salads, seafood, Asian, Mexican, Italian, American comfort and carving stations. Weekly dinner specials.

» Cadillac Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar

Incredible breakfast, delicious tapas and signature Mexican dishes. Extensive hand-crafted cocktail selection and impressive list of tequila selections.

» Claim Jumper

Full service casuals dining. Open breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night.

» The Country Club at the Golden Nugget

Enjoy chef crafted cuisine with a Cajun flair. Full service bar with extensive wine, beer and liquor selections, as well as premium cigar list.

» Grotto

Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine in a warm, entertaining atmosphere.

» Landry's Seafood House

Sample world-famous gumbos, fresh fish and shrimp, oysters and more.

» Lillie's Asian Cuisine

Traditional Asian noodle dishes, sushi and sashimi, traditional and modern Chinese and Japanese cuisine.

» Saltgrass Steak House

Certified Angus Beef® steaks known for superior quality and tenderness. Wide selection of fresh seafood, chicken & burgers.





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» **Starbucks**

Choose from a variety of hot and cold coffee and tea beverages. Full range of Starbucks products available.

» **Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse**

Indulge at one of America's Top Ten Steakhouses.

Guillory's Famous Foods

1475 Gerstner Memorial
(337) 497-1477
Barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage, homemade boudin, cracklins and beef jerky.

Hackett's Cajun Kitchen

5614 Gerstner Memorial Blvd.
(337) 474-3731
www.hackettscajunkitchen.com
Boudin, sausage, Cajun specialty foods, voted best plate lunches. **f**

KD's Diner

240 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 479-2009
Lake Charles' favorite all night diner serving breakfast, po-boys, gumbo, soups, salads & sandwiches. **f**

La Truffe Sauvage

815 West Bayou Pines Dr.
(337) 439-8364
www.thewildtruffle.com
European fine dining with Louisiana influences in an elegant atmosphere. **f**

L'Auberge Casino Resort

777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7777, (866) 580-7444
www.mylauberge.com **f**

» **AsiaSM**

Asian fusion cuisine; Vietnamese favorites; sushi

» **DessertsSM**

Tasty gelato, decadent homage pastries & gourmet coffee from P.J.'s.

» **Ember Grille & Wine Bar**

Savor signature, wood-fired entrees in the glow of expansive stone fireplaces. Extensive wine cellar.

» **Favorites Southern Kitchen**

There's nothing wrong with playing favorites! Favorites Southern Kitchen is the spot for delicious breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night cravings.

» **Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grill**

Delicious menu of burgers, steaks, barbecue and other roadhouse favorites.

» **J.D.s Patio**

Open seasonally. Light gourmet cuisine on a beautiful veranda overlooking the pool.

» **LattesSM**

Coffee bar featuring P.J.s drinks, pastries, sandwiches and light snacks.

» **Le Beaucoup BuffetSM**

Extensive selection of breakfast, American, Mexican, Chinese, seafood and desserts

» **Touloulou's**

Head out back to our lakeside bar, Touloulou's. Enjoy a cold beer and a burger, enjoy live music, dominate in a game of volleyball or just soak up the sun on the beach. The casual deck and beach are open weekends and holidays seasonally.

For additional dining options, call (337) 395-7777

◆ **Luna Bar & Grill**

719 Ryan St.; (337) 494-LUNA
www.lunabarandgrill.com
Great food, great atmosphere, great live music, great local culture. Get down downtown. **f**

Market Basket

4431 Nelson Rd.; (337) 477-4868
www.marketbasketfoods.com
Full service supermarket with boudin kitchen and smokehouse.

◆ **MacFarlane's Celtic Pub**

417 Ann St.; (337) 433-5992
www.macfarlanescelticpub.com
Over 140 beers with a complete Celtic menu for lunch and dinner. **f**

Mazen's Restaurant

217 W. College St.; (337) 477-8207
Fine dining with Continental, New Orleans; French, and Mediterranean influences. **f**

Mr. Bill's Seafood Express

500 E. McNeese St.; (337) 477-9746
Fresh, fried or grilled seafood, hamburgers, steaks and more. **f**

Nina P's Café

1600 W. McNeese St., Ste. A
(337) 474-6462
A little taste of New Orleans right around the corner. **f**

O.B.'s Bar & Grill

1301 Ryan St.; (337) 494-7336
Upscale bar & grill with great food, nightlife and entertainment. **f**

Papa John's Pizza

650 W. McNeese St.; (337) 474-7272
www.papajohns.com
Deliver quality pizza and products. Better ingredients and better pizza.

Pappy's Deli

2627 Ryan St.; (337) 436-2813
Sports bar and deli: 30 beers on tap.

Peto's Meat Market

104 Bruce Circle; (337) 855-0034
Boudin, sausage, meats, cracklins, jerky, hog head cheese, deer processing. **f**

Popeye's

(Multiple Locations)
2710 Hwy. 14; (337) 474-1475
125 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 474-0093
301 Enterprise Blvd.; (337) 436-6130
901 Country Club Rd.
(337) 474-2134
400 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.
(337) 855-0642
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders,
po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

◆ **Pujo Street Café**

901 Ryan St.; (337) 439-2054
www.pujostreet.com
American, Cajun and French. Now
offering brunch on Sundays! 

Que Pasa

4080 Nelson Rd. Suite 100
(337) 310-PASA
www.quepasataqueria.com
Tex-Mex with a Southwest Louisiana
flair! 

Restaurant Calla

1400 Market St.
(337) 419-1980
www.restaurantcalla.com
A neighborhood restaurant that has
creative, seasonal, and sustainable
dishes with an inviting and
comfortable feel. 

Roly Poly Sandwiches

3100 Ryan St. / 4423 Nelson Rd.
(337) 433-3130 / (337) 474-3332
www.orderrolypoly.com
Healthy and delicious rolled
sandwiches, soups and salads.
Catering available & online ordering. 

Rotolo's Pizzeria

4201 Nelson Rd.; (337) 478-1996
www.rotolos.com
lake.charles@rotolos.com
Pizzas, salads, pastas, sandwiches,
calzones, in a family-friendly
atmosphere. Beers on tap. 

Seafood Palace

2218 Enterprise Blvd.; (337) 433-9293
Cajun/Creole, boiled seafood in a
family-friendly atmosphere. 

Southern Spice Restaurant & Grill

3901 Ryan St.; (337) 474-6065
277 N. Hwy. 171; (337) 855-0010
www.mysouthernspice.com
Home-style breakfast, lunch and
dinner; locally owned and operated. 

Steamboat Bill's on the Lake

1004 N. Lakeshore Dr.
(337) 494-1070
www.steamboatbills.com
Great Cajun seafood.
Listed in *USA Today*. 

Texas Roadhouse

3431 Nelson Rd.; (337) 478-7244
www.trh.family.com
store_lakecharles@
texasroadhouse.com
Great steak house with made
from scratch sides and dressings.
Curb side to go service.

Sulphur

B&O Kitchen and Grocery

3011 E. Burton; (337) 625-4637
Boudin, sausage, specialty meats,
cracklins, jerky, hog head cheese, deer
processing. 

Fox's Pizza Den of Sulphur

2590 Maplewood Dr.; (337) 553-1181
www.foxspizzadensulphur.com
www.fpdps.com
Gourmet pizzas, stromboli,
hoagies, wedgies, hot wings,
salads, hamburgers & desserts.
Dine-in & Pick-up. 

Gatti's Pizza

1811 S. Ruth St.; (337) 527-0318
http://stores.gattispizza.com/
location/sulphur
Pizza, subs, salad, pasta, buffet or
pick up. Gattiland, party/meeting
rooms. 

Hollier's Cajun Kitchen

1709 Ruth St., Exit 20
(337) 527-0061
303 S. Cities Service Hwy.
(337) 533-2234
Steaks, seafood, gumbo, crawfish,
boudin, sausage, lunch & night
buffets.

Jake's Cakes

121 S. Huntington St.
(337) 528-6860
Sandwiches, soups, salads,
cupcakes, cakes, novelty sweets. 

Kem's Restaurant & Lounge

330 Arena Rd.
(located inside Holiday Inn)
(337) 527-0858
www.holidayinn.com/sulphurla
GM.SLFHS@aaacompany.com
Small hotel restaurant which serves
breakfast & dinner every day. 

LeBleu's Landing

202 Henning Dr.; (337) 528-6900
www.lebleuslanding.com
Cajun, seafood, steaks, buffet,
specialty meat market, gift shop. 

Pitt Grill

102 Benoit Lane; (337) 527-9448
www.pittgrill.com
Weekly seafood, buffets daily.
Senior discounts. 

Popeye's

(Multiple Locations)
1613 Ruth St.; (337) 527-8297
102 N. Cities Service Hwy.
(337) 625-7181
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders,
po-boys, Cajun side dishes,
biscuits.

Richard's Boudin & Seafood Restaurant

2250 E. Napoleon St. (Hwy. 90)
(337) 625-8474
Cajun seafood restaurant and mart;
homemade boudin and sausage;
RV/bus parking available. 

The Boiling Point

1730 S. Beglis Pkwy.; (337) 625-9282
www.theboilingpoint.net
Home cooked lunch Monday-
Friday. All you can eat seafood buffet
Friday and Saturday nights. 

The Sausage Link

2400 E. Napoleon Dr.
(337) 625-2030
Full-service specialty meats and
casual Cajun dining. Best boudin. 





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Westlake

Bar B Que Pit Stop

2400 Westlake Rd.; (337) 433-7818
Fresh smoked ribs, sliced brisket, chicken, sausage, homemade slices.

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

100 Westlake Ave.
(337) 430-2400 (877) ISLE ONE
www.isleofcapricasinos.com

» Farmer's Pick Buffet

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, Italian, Cajun, steaks, barbecue, all you can eat.

» Otis & Henry's Bar & Grill

Dinner; The comfort of a neighborhood bar and grill with the favorites of a steakhouse.

» Tradewinds

Deli, burgers and pizza.

Popeye's

1601 Sampson St.; (337) 433-5636
Chicken, shrimp, chicken strips, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

DeQuincy

Popeye's

920 East 4th St.; (337) 786-4880
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

Vinton

Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel

2717 Delta Downs Dr.
(800) 589-7441
www.DeltaDowns.com

» Food Court

Burgers, BBQ, baked potatoes, sandwiches and more! Something for everyone.

» The Lookout Restaurant

American, steaks and seafood. Formal dining in a casual atmosphere.

» The Triple Crown Buffet

Buffet serving American, Cajun/Creole, barbecue, catfish, seafood and desserts.

» Vista

Enjoy horseracing and fine cuisine by award-winning chefs.

Longhorn Hard Country Café

2374 Hwy. 109 South, I-10 Exit 4
(337) 589-5647
www.thetexaslonghorncomplex.com
Family dining, Cajun food, steaks and great specials.

Iowa

Rabideaux's Sausage Kitchen, Inc.

105 Hwy. 165; (337) 582-3184
www.rabideauxsausageskitchen.com
Boudin & sausage manufacturing plant & restaurant.

DeRidder

Popeye's

421 N. Pine St.; (337) 462-3551
Chicken, shrimp, chicken tenders, po-boys, Cajun side dishes, biscuits.

Jennings

Mike's Seafood and Steakhouse

919 N. Lake Arthur Ave., Ste. A
(337) 616-0766
Casual dining, great value, best food between Houston & New Orleans. Atmosphere can't be beat. On and off site catering available and award-winning gumbo.



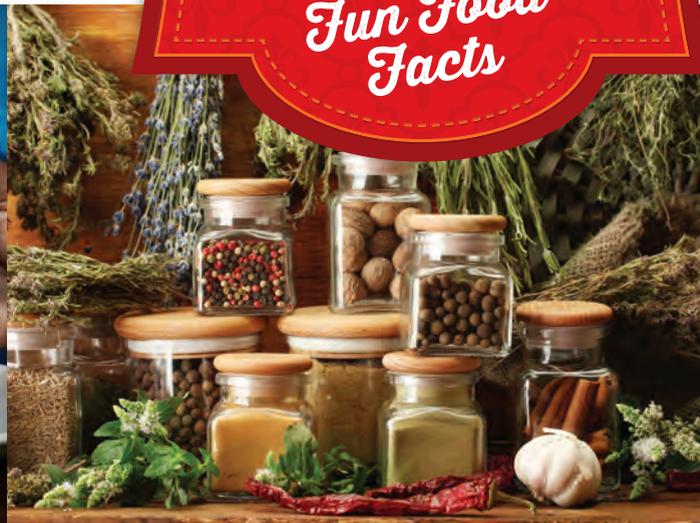
A complete list of restaurants can be found at www.visitlakecharles.org/restaurants



Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail



Fun Food Facts



Napa Valley has wine. New York has pizza. Wisconsin has cheese. Southwest Louisiana has boudin! Boudin is Louisiana's spiced-up hybrid of pork or beef sausage. It's a tender, savory mix of pork, rice, liver, parsley and onions, variously seasoned with salt, red pepper, black pepper and garlic powder. Everything's stirred together, stuffed into casings and sold hot by the pound. Call it "**BOO-dan**" — or better, "**BOO-dehh**," with a French-style fadeoff at the end. Call it a "link" if the regional sound escapes you. Either way, call it delicious.

There's a mild boudin and hot boudin. There's smoked boudin, with a crispy casing. There's shrimp, crawfish and even alligator boudin. Bite it, slice it, or squeeze it, and you'll discover Louisiana's love of food crammed inside.

No two boudin recipes are alike. Whether it's sold at a restaurant, a grocery store or a gas station, boudin has fillings and flavors reflecting the individual tastes and traditions of each boudin maker.



Go to www.visitlakecharles.org/boudintrail for a complete listing of eateries on the trail and attractions along the way.



What's Cookin'?

Eating is an Attitude.

All foodies know that an area has "Good Eats" when you can overhear residents talking about supper during lunch. In Southwest Louisiana, we are not sticklers for silly rules like keeping your elbows off the table, and we only put our noses in the air to smell what's cooking in the kitchen.

Cajun vs. Creole Cuisine

What's the Difference?

Creoles are of French and European descent, mainly aristocracy who settled in cities. Cajuns were French settlers of Nova Scotia, Canada, mostly peasants who were exiled by the British in the 1700s and settled along waterways and bayous. While Creole food is elaborate to prepare, Cajuns became trappers, anglers and hunters, living off the land, making their cooking as flavorful and steamy as Louisiana's summers.

The Secrets in the Sauce or Sausage!

Cajuns generally prepare full-bodied or blackened cuisine, and Creoles take culinary refuge in their sauces, herbs and intricate spices. Creoles use vast ingredients, reminiscent of the Grand European style, consisting of several courses. Cajun cuisine is more robust—usually made in just one pot.

What's the Same?

Both have influences from Native American, African, Spanish and German cooks.

The "Trinity"

Onions, bell peppers and celery.



For information on our Top 20 Restaurants, as voted on by the people of Southwest Louisiana, go to www.visitlakecharles.org/Top20.

@LouisianaCookin



Culinary Experiences

♣ Acadian Coffee Roasters

2908 Hodges Street
Lake Charles
(318) 677-9050
www.acadiancoffee.com
Micro Roaster offering 100% Organic, Fair Trade Organic and Rain Forest Alliance Coffees.

Bayou Rum

20909 South I-10 Frontage Road
Lacassine
(337) 588-5800
www.BayouRum.com
Handmade from Louisiana sugarcane in the largest privately-owned rum distillery in the USA—Louisiana Spirits Distillery. Offers free distillery tours followed by a rum sampling!

♣ Crave

2018 Ryan Street, Suite 100
Lake Charles
(337) 421-0040
www.crave-foods.com
Crave is a unique “eat” boutique, offering gourmet baskets, premium olive oils and balsamics, wine, cheese and other fine foods.

Crying Eagle Brewing Company

(opening Spring 2016)
Lake Charles
www.cryingeagle.com
Craft Brewery with tasting bar, live music, entertainment, beer garden and more. Free tours.

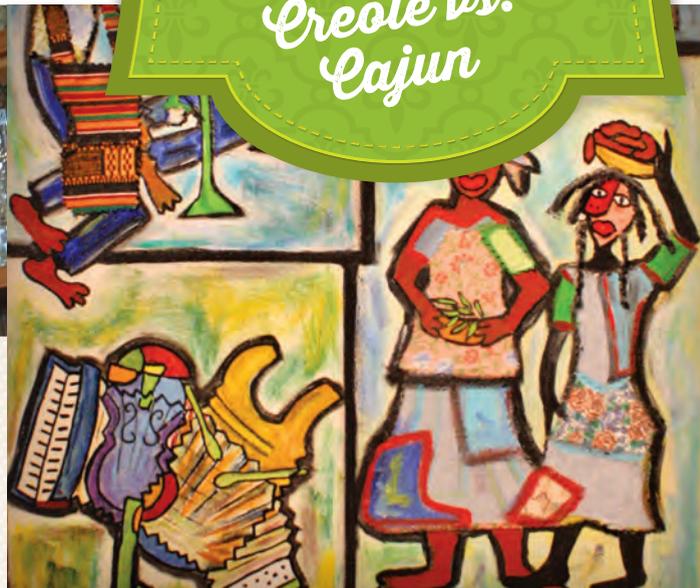
Cuisine & Recipes

Dishes like boudin, smoked sausage, kibbie, muffalatas, hoghead cheese, jambalaya, gumbo, crawfish étouffée, shrimp creole, rice and gravy, fried catfish, raw oysters, smothered cabbage, and an assortment of other dishes that are known around the state, but prepared a little differently are the hallmarks of our cuisine. View recipes at www.visitlakecharles.org/recipes.

If you are a Cajun and want to submit your secret family recipe, visit www.visitlakecharles.org/recipeform.

Learn how to make a roux, eat & prepare crawfish or a little about our Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail on our culinary videos page www.visitlakecharles.org/servedup.

Creole vs. Cajun



What is a Cajun?

Cajuns were French colonists from eastern Canada who were displaced by war in the late 18th Century and came and settled in south Louisiana. Their French-Canadian customs, language and Catholic religion came with them, as well as their love for fun, a strong work ethic and the ability to live off the land.

What is Cajun music?

Traditional Cajun music, with its waltz-like quality, has an emphasis on the fiddle and accordion. Cajun food, which is growing in popularity nationwide, has a spicy quality.

What is a Creole?

From the Portuguese word crioulu, which means homegrown, the term Creole was originally used to refer to Africans born in the New World. In Southwest Louisiana, Creole has come to mean the language and traditions that are native to the southern part of Louisiana, where African, French, and Spanish influences were most deeply rooted in our history and culture.

What is Zydeco?

Having its origin in the 1700s, the LaLa dance (sort of a waltz combined with a two-step) was performed to the blend of accordion, washboard, spoon, and anything else that would make noise. Then, as today, the lyrics were sung in Creole French. The music of south Louisiana's African-American Creoles, Zydeco, contains elements of the blues. It became popular in the late 1940s. Country Creole combined the Cajun LaLa with the blues and jazz of the urban African Americans. This created the rollicking syncopated sounds we know as Zydeco.

Music Scene



Nightlife



Looking for Live Music?

You don't have to be nocturnal to enjoy the great shows and events that Southwest Louisiana has going on after hours—but it helps! Enjoy traditional Cajun and Zydeco music at the local dance halls and two-step the night away, or experience top entertainment at area casinos.

If you like your music with a bit more edge to it, our many bars and pubs offer nightly live entertainment from local musicians as well as talent from around the region. Don't forget to look up headlining entertainment at the casinos throughout the year!

For streaming live music, you can listen to a variety of genres by Louisiana's independent artists at www.LouisianaIndieRadio.com.



You can also check out music shows at www.visitlakecharles.org/livemusic.



Unwind in a quaint bar, listen to live music, or get down in a dance club – whatever your preference – you can find your style of relaxation. For a weekly list of live music, visit www.visitlakecharles.org/nightlife.

Lake Charles

Cowboys

5329 Common St.
(337) 474-8010
www.cowboyslc.com
cowboyslc@yahoo.com
Lake Charles Premier night club for the past 25 years
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Crystal's Downtown

112 W. Broad St.; (337) 433-5457
crystalsdowntown@gmail.com
Alternative dance club, karaoke, cabaret style shows, full service bar. [f](#)

Darrell's Restaurant & Bar

119 W. College St.
(337) 474-3651
Po-boy sandwiches, beer, wine, mixed drinks. No minors allowed after 10 p.m.

Golden Nugget Lake Charles

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-7777
www.goldennuggetlc.com
[f](#) [t](#) @GoldenNuggetLC

» Bar 46

Bar top video poker, action packed table games while you enjoy your favorite cocktail.

» Blue Martini

Premier martini lounge. Tapas food menu. Stunning décor and high energy feel.

» Cadillac Beach Bar & Grille

Enjoy hand crafted cocktails with your toes in the sand. Fire pits and grille favorites.

» H2O Pool + Bar

Sleek outdoor pool and lounge featuring lazy river, private cabanas, firepits, hot tubs—unlike anything on the Louisiana coast.

» Ice Bar

Enjoy a variety of specialty cocktails at this ultra-chic lobby bar.



» **Rush Lounge & Party Pit**

Hot spot to enjoy a cocktail, listen to live music and gamble in our high energy party pit.

◆ **Heist**

700 Ryan St.
(337) 433-9199
Located in historic bank building. Wine, food, cocktails, martinis, and music. **f**

L'Auberge Casino Resort

777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7777
www.mylauberge.com **f**

» **GlobarSM**

777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7777
www.mylauberge.com

» **Jack Daniel's® Bar & Grill**

777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7777
www.mylauberge.com
Features live entertainment every Tues.-Sat. night.

Loggerheads Riverside Bar

3748 Hwy. 3059 (Old Town Rd)
Lake Charles, LA 70615
337-491-6794
www.lakecharlesdinnercruises.com
Upscale bar and grill located on the Calcasieu River. **f**

◆ **Luna Live**

710 Ryan St.
(337) 433-4388
www.lunabarandgrill.com
lunalivebooking@yahoo.com
Music venue, event hall, night club. **f**



◆ **MacFarlane's Celtic Pub**

417 Ann St.
(337) 433-5992
Over 140 beers with a complete Celtic menu for lunch and dinner. **f**

O.B.'s Bar & Grill

1301 Ryan St.
(337) 494-7336
Upscale bar & grill with great food, nightlife and entertainment. **f**

♣ **Pappy's Sports Pub**

2627 Ryan St.
(337) 436-2813
Sports bar and deli: 30 beers on tap.

Westlake

Isle of Capri Casino Hotel

» **Caribbean Cove**
100 Westlake Ave.
(337) 430-2400 (888) ISLE VIP
www.isleofcapricasinos.com
Live entertainment every Wed.-Sat. night.

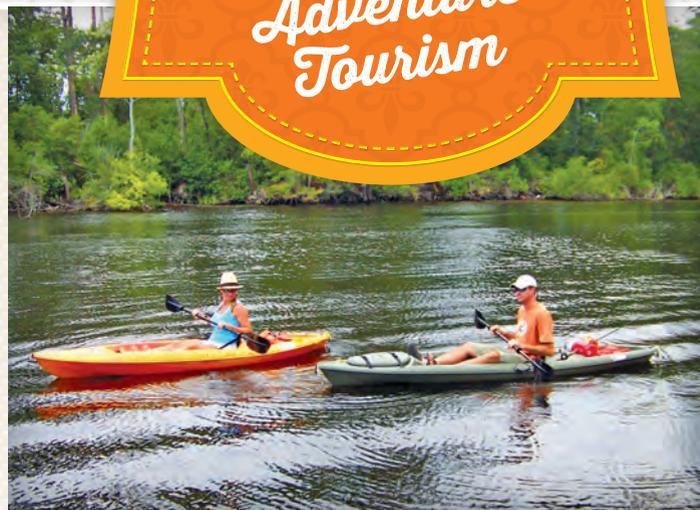
Vinton

Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel

» **Gator Lounge**
2717 Delta Downs Dr.
(800) 589-7441
www.DeltaDowns.com
Sip your favorite drinks. Live entertainment and sports.

Longhorn Entertainment Complex

2374 Hwy. 109 South
(337) 589-5647
www.texaslonghorncomplex.com
Large nightclub, casino, bingo hall, restaurant, convenience store, motel, truck stop, equine training center.
f **t** @TXLonghornClub



Get Your Adventure On!

Glide out onto water, take a carriage ride and get creative with how you view and enjoy nature's bounty in Southwest Louisiana.

Airboat Rides & Alligators

1151 Oak Grove Hwy.
Grand Chenier
(337) 274-2395
Closed most major holidays.
Airboat rides in *Louisiana's Outback* on the Creole Nature Trail. **f**

Grosse Savanne Eco-Tours

358 Chalkley Rd., Bell City
(337) 310-4260
www.grossesavanne-ecotours.com
info@gsecotours.com
Boat marsh tours, birding, photography, educational eco-tours, nature & wildlife viewing.
f **t** @GSecotours

J&R Carriage

Downtown Lake Charles
(337) 842-0778
rdroy@jandrcarriage.com
Call for reservations, or walk-up appointments are also available at the staging area on the Promenade for the mule-drawn carriage service.

Lady of the Lake

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(337) 491-6794
www.lakecharlesdinnercruises.com
info@lakecharlesdinnercruises.com
150 passenger yacht, book for dinner or special event cruises.

Paddle Up Boarding Company

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www.paddleupplc.com
paddleup@yahoo.com
Stand-up paddle boarding lessons, rentals, parties, fitness and corporate paddles.
f **t** @paddleuplakecharles

Redneck Yacht Rentals

1201 Lakeshore Dr.
(337) 263-1987
www.rednekyachtrrentals.com
rednekyachtrrentals@yahoo.com
Recreational boat rentals. **f**

Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point



Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point

Kick off your Creole Nature Trail journey at the new Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point—a free, fun attraction that immerses you in nature and Louisiana’s unique culture. Through imaginative, hands-on displays sure to inspire, you can learn the best places to spot alligators and migrating songbirds, take a peek at wildlife found in bayous and marshes, smell mouthwatering aromas of Cajun/Creole cooking, and “play along” with a Cajun and Zydeco band.

Located at 2740 Ruth St., Sulphur, LA, just south of Interstate 10 at exit 20.

(337) 502-4358

www.VisitLakeCharles.org/AdventurePoint



Creole Nature Trail



www.lindseyjanies.com



Brendalafleur.com



Creole Nature Trail All-American Road Scenic byway near Lake Charles, LA

Explore the vital Louisiana coastal wetlands in *Louisiana's Outback*, and see the birds, alligators and other wildlife that inhabit them in their natural environments. One of only 43 federally-designated All-American Roads, the more than 180-mile Creole Nature Trail is an outdoor adventure land. Whether your preference is to view and photograph nature, or fish, crab, and hunt, the Creole Nature Trail, is a natural wonder and a recreational paradise for all ages. Gulf beaches are perfect for soaking in the sun and collecting shells.

Visit www.CreoleNatureTrail.org to plan your *Louisiana Outback* adventure. Free tour app (search "creole" in your app store!) or check-out a free rental unit at the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive in Lake Charles.

Pick your adventure:

- ✓ 26 miles of natural Gulf beaches for swimming, shelling, surf fishing and picnicking.
- ✓ Over 400 different bird species spotted each year (including hundreds of thousands of migrating waterfowl in winter!)
- ✓ Four wildlife refuges with walkways, nature drives and boardwalks to explore plus numerous recreational areas to fish and crab.
- ✓ Peveto Woods Sanctuary is a critical stop for, and a great place to see, migrating neo-tropical songbirds and butterflies.
- ✓ Fish from your own boat, pier, shore or the banks or hire a local professional guide...it's up to you!



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Wildlife Refuges & Outdoor Attractions

The area is rich with natural beauty and attractions to explore, boasting a myriad of opportunities to see alligators, birds, and lush scenery via driving and walking trails.

Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge & Visitors Center

1428 Hwy. 27; (337) 598-2216
GPS Coordinates:
N 29.943344 W 93.08865
(337) 598-2216
www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex
Engage in wildlife exploration at the Visitors Center featuring state-of-the-art talking dioramas as well as multiple over-water boardwalks and viewing areas.

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge

209 Nature Rd.; (337) 774-5923
GPS Coordinates:
N 30.01594 W 92.78311
(337) 774-5923
Self-guided drive at Lacassine Pool. Located 4 miles south of Hayes on Hwy. 14, and 4.5 miles south on Illinois Plant Rd.
GPS Coordinates:
N 30.00555; W 92.91091
Excellent wildlife viewing and bird watching including a Spoonbill Roseate rookery.

Pintail Wildlife Drive

(337) 598-2216
GPS Coordinates:
N 29.946078 W 93.084828
Three mile self-driving tour located just south of Cameron Prairie Headquarters. A half mile (loop) accessible boardwalk provides an excellent view into the marsh. Nature photography, especially during waterfowl migrations, is spectacular.

Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge

5476 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier; (337) 491-2593
GPS Coordinates:
N 29.73269 W 92.83146
View alligators, shorebirds and wading bird rookery plus great fishing (with appropriate licensing) including Price Lake Nature Drive for wildlife viewing, bank fishing, shrimping and crabbing.

Sabine National Wildlife Refuge

3000 Holly Beach Hwy., Hackberry; (337) 762-3816
Wetland Walkway; GPS Coordinates:
N 29.866544 W 93.455858
1.5 mile (loop) accessible walking trail right into the marsh including a 2-story observation tower for panoramic views.
Blue Goose Trail; GPS Coordinates:
N 29.890783 W 93.400942
1 mile paved walking trail to the western edge of Lake Calcasieu; Also visit nearby Hog Island Gully, Blue Crab and West Cove recreation areas which offer excellent fishing and crabbing.

Peveto Woods Sanctuary

LA 82, 8.5 miles west of LA 27/LA 82 intersection; (800) 456-7952
GPS coordinates:
N 29.76110 W 93.60496
Grab your binoculars and enjoy the natural beauty of the brightly plumed spring warblers, tanagers and orioles as well as more sought after species such as the Scarlet Tanager. Not to be outdone, thousands of butterflies call Peveto Woods home from late spring to late fall.

Birding

The Creole Nature Trail is home to more than 400 bird species making it one of the Top 10 Birding Destinations in the country. Year-round you will be treated to a seemingly endless array of raptors, waterfowl, wading birds and shorebirds residing in this lush environment. Bring out your binoculars, camera, or just enjoy watching the many varieties of birds flying overhead. For our birding brochure, log onto www.visitlakecharles.org/birdguide



www.pbase.com/pattonpix

Explore the Outdoors



Shelling & Beaches

The beaches along the trail are particularly excellent for shelling. Located west of the Mississippi Delta, they are constantly replenished by the "muddy river's" southeast tidal flow which carries a wide variety of shells including whelks, cockles, angelwings, olives, wentletraps, arks and periwinkles.

Low tide following a storm system offers prime shelling. With a little luck, you'll find a "Sea Bean" — a pod carried all the way from Central and South American forests. Check here for our shelling brochure www.visitlakecharles.org/shells

In addition to Gulf Beaches, we also have a white sand inland beach in Lake Charles:

North Beach

On the north shore of the lake right off I-10, Exit 29 for eastbound travelers and Exit 30A for westbound travelers.



Fishing

Freshwater fishing. Brackish or saltwater fishing. Side-of-the-road fishing. Surf-fishing on the beaches. If you have a boat or if you've hired a guide, go fishing in the Gulf of Mexico or "deep-in-the-marsh." Along the Creole Nature Trail, variety is the spice of life and the options are pretty much endless. And don't forget numerous waterways along the Creole Nature Trail offer perfect locations to drop a line, tip your sun hat forward and wait for a nibble.

www.visitlakecharles.org/charter

Hunting

The Creole Nature Trail habitat — known as *Louisiana's Outback* — ranks as one of the top waterfowl hunting environments in the nation. Outstanding variety and sheer quantity of birds provide hunters with a unique experience. Throughout the fall and winter, feathered visitors include snows, blues, and speckle belly geese as well as mallards, pintails and teal.

There is also seasonal hunting for alligator. Hunting licenses are required. Get all the details at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries website.

www.visitlakecharles.org/hunt

Parks

Calcasieu Parish boasts numerous facilities for the outdoors. Visit www.cppj.net for details.

Sam Houston Jones State Park

107 Sutherland Rd. off of Hwy. 378 in Moss Bluff
(337) 855-2665, (888) 677-7264;
www.lastateparks.com
Featuring 1,087 acres of lakes, trees, vistas, rivers and streams Sam Houston Jones is an excellent spot for bird watching with nearly 200 species sited annually. Campsites and cabins available.

Niblett's Bluff Park

At the end of Niblett's Bluff Rd. off of Hwy. 109/Exit 4 in Vinton
(337) 589-7117
www.nibletttsbluffpark.com
The history of the bluff dates back to the Civil War when Niblett's Bluff became an encampment. There is also excellent fishing, camping, bird watching & hiking opportunities.

Drew Park

416 Dr. Michael DeBakey Dr., Lake Charles
Play gyms, swings, a walking trail, picnic tables and oak trees. A community center with activities, pool tables, table and video games, a TV, snack machines, seasonal painting classes and tennis.

The Grove at Heritage Square

1211 Ruth St., Sulphur
www.sulphurparks.com
Pedestrian park featuring fountains, walking paths, sitting and picnic areas, a stage, restrooms, WiFi and Sulphur Regional Library's Little Free Library.

Lock Park

1535 Ryan St., Lake Charles
Open air pavilion, fire truck, picnic tables and covered playground.

Millennium Park

901 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles at the Civic Center; 20,000 sq ft playground with a tower, pirate ship and tree house as well as a splash park.

Ponderosa Park

1000 McKinley St., Westlake
www.cityofwestlake.com
Play gyms, swings, basketball court, a walking trail, oak trees and BBQ pits.

Prien Lake Park

3700 West Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles
29-acre park on Prien Lake featuring walking paths with measurement markings, canoe and boat launches, kids playground and SprayGround water park, numerous picnic areas, boat launch, Amphitheater, two pavilions and free Wi-Fi.

Riverside Park

1700 Fitzenreiter Rd., Lake Charles
Boat launch and dock, a fishing pier, picnic pavilion and restrooms.

Intracoastal Park

7955 Intracoastal Park Rd., Sulphur
Playground, tent and RV camp sites, boat launch, pavilion, picnic tables, fishing, public restrooms with showers.



For a complete list of parish and city parks, visit www.visitlakecharles.org/parks.

Tee Time



Lush scenery, Louisiana's landscape and a mild climate makes golfing available year round along with a beautiful picturesque backdrop.

Lake Charles

Contraband Bayou® Golf Club at L'Auberge Casino Resort

777 Avenue L'Auberge, Lake Charles
(337) 395-7220 • www.mylauberge.com

Unique, public 7,077 yard, par-71 championship Tom Fazio designed course. Natural vegetation lines 8 lakes to challenge golfers of all skill levels. Pro shop; driving range; concrete paths; Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda grass; locals rates. An interactive touchscreen GPS is available in every cart.

Gray Plantation Golf Course

6150 Graywood Pkwy., Lake Charles
(337) 562-1663 • www.grayplantationgolf.com

Gray Plantation promises you a day of unparalleled golf anywhere in the country on its 18-hole 7,200 yard championship links course. Conditioning and clubhouse amenities are superior: plus, the course also offers an indoor state-of-the-art teaching academy including video swing analysis. Also provides club repair and personalized club fitting. Now is the time for you to "Play the Gray."

Mallard Cove Golf Course

I-210 Loop Exit 108 On the former Chennault Airbase, Lake Charles
(337) 491-1204 • www.cityoflakecharles.com

Mallard Cove is a championship layout design with women's, senior, medium and championship tees. The municipal course features 25 large bunkers and water hazards on 12 of the 18 holes. The course rating is 73.0, and the slope is 128. Excellent golf course that is well maintained, reasonably price and with a beautiful clubhouse!

The Country Club at the Golden Nugget

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd., Lake Charles
(844) 777-GOLD (4653) • www.goldennuggetlc.com

The Country Club at the Golden Nugget is an 18 hole, par 72 golf course designed by the award winning Todd Eckinrode and Origins Golf Design. Located right on the bayou, the course has Miniverde greens and Celebration tees, fairways and roughs. The outer grass is planted with numerous ornamentals giving it a natural, native look. The most unique feature is the 15+ acres of waste bunkers. The contrast of the bayou, bunkers and greens make this a must play for visitors of all levels.

Sulphur

Frasch Park Golf Course

400 Picard Rd., Sulphur
(337) 527-2515 • www.sulphurparks.com

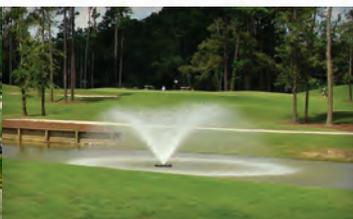
The 6,267-yard municipal course at Sulphur's Frasch Park is an 18-hole, par 71 golf course, completed in 1966. Frasch Park is a pretty course to play because there are mature trees through the entire design. The terrain is fairly flat with a meandering waterway that runs through the course.

Westlake

National Golf Club of Louisiana

1400 National Dr., Westlake
(866) 255-6693 • (337) 433-2255 • www.nationalgcla.com

The 18-hole, par-72 course, designed by David Bennett, is set in a mature growth pine forest, featuring an abundance of water hazards, preserved wetlands, roughly 90 bunkers, and is part of a high-end, residential community. There are five sets of tees with yardage ranging from 6,065 to 7,025 yards. Tee times accepted 7 days in advance.



History in the Making



Southwest Louisiana is rich in history, and our six cities each have a unique story to tell. Visit www.calcasieupreservation.com, or stop by the bureau 1205 N. Lakeshore Drive for a historic brochure or download a guide from www.visitlakecharles.org/history.

Historic Districts

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◆ Charpentier Historic District

Covering 40 blocks of downtown Lake Charles and on the National Register of Historic Places, you can step back in time with a self-guided walking or driving tour of one of the finest collections of Victorian architecture in Louisiana, dating from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Call (337) 436-9588 for more information.

DeQuincy Historic District

Journey through the area once known as the "Turpentine Capital of Louisiana" and tour beautiful and historically significant buildings. Contact the DeQuincy Railroad Museum at (337) 786-2823 for more information.

Margaret Place and Shell Beach Drive

A trip down Shell Beach Drive will give visitors a view of some of the most luxurious homes in the area. The Margaret Place Historical District celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2012.

Sulphur Historic District

In downtown Sulphur, near the Brimstone Museum and Henning Cultural Center, there are sites of interest, private historic homes and shops. For a City of Sulphur Driving Tour brochure, contact the Henning Cultural Center at (337) 527-0357.

Attractions For History Buffs

◆ Lakefront Promenade

The Lakefront Promenade boasts a newly renovated cobblestone path along the lake complete with custom lighting and seating. At the entrance of the Promenade, visitors can admire the Louisiana Landing Fountain. It is walking distance from Millennium Park, Bord du Lac Marina and the PPG Sprayground.

• 911 Memorial

Located along the Lake Charles seawall, is a memorial honoring two local men killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. There is a piece of granite from the Pentagon honoring Kevin Yokum and a steel girder from the World Trade Center honoring L. Russell Keene II. Features 3,000 pieces of colored glass representing those lost.

• Millennium Statue

Located near the boardwalk along Lake Charles, this 15 ft. bronze statue of Jesus Christ stands 23 ft. tall over the resting places of Lake Charles' earliest and most famous settlers.

• Veteran's Memorial Park

Located along the boardwalk by the Lake Charles Civic Center, this park displays the five branches of the Armed Forces with engraved bricks representing the men and women who have served since WWI. Famous WWII Patton Tank, UH-1 Huey Helicopter, and First Lieutenant Douglas B. Fournet Memorial on display.

Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library

411 Pujo St., Lake Charles • (337) 721-7110

Housed in the historic Carnegie Memorial Library building, this collection boasts a friendly staff to assist with serious researchers or novices in tracing family history.

Niblett's Bluff Park

At the end of Niblett's Bluff Rd., Highway 109/Exit 4 in Vinton (337) 589-7177 • www.niblettbluffpark.com

One of the more significant events was during the Civil War when Niblett's Bluff became an Encampment. Among all this history is excellent fishing, camping, bird-watching and hiking opportunities.





www.monsoursphotography.net

Historic Markers

Information on the Atakapas-Ishak Indian marker as well as the Gerstner Field World War I marker and others can be found online at www.visitlakecharles.org/historicmarkers.

Glimpse Into Our Past

The romantic history of **Lake Charles**, involving tales of pirates and buried treasure, began with the arrival of the first French settlers in the 1760s. The lumber boom was responsible for the rapid growth of the city in those early years. Without architects in the area until the early 1900s, the structures reflect the individual characteristics of the carpenters and builders, and the “Charpentier Historic District” is named after the carpenters that built the Victorian mansions. The district is on the National Register of Historic Places.

In the late 1800s, **Sulphur** was a sulfur mining haven. In 1907, the average population of the Sulphur Mines area was 5,000, making it a town unto itself. This fifty-acre tract of land was then known as the “richest fifty acres in the world.” By the 1940s, the main focus was the petrochemical industry, which is still the backbone of the city.



Westlake was originally named “Rio Hondo,” and the area from Westlake up the Sabine River was also known as “No Man’s Land” to rustlers, pirates and renegades since it belonged to no one. In the 1800s, settlers came to the area, purchased land and renamed it Westlake.

In 1897, the Kansas City, Pittsburgh and Gulf Railway, now the Kansas City Southern, reached the point where its main line bent southwest toward Beaumont and the old Calcasieu River. Vernon & Shreveport tram line, now the Lake Charles branch of the K.C.S., joined the main line causing the rise of the town of **DeQuincy**. Today, you can visit the DeQuincy Railroad Museum.

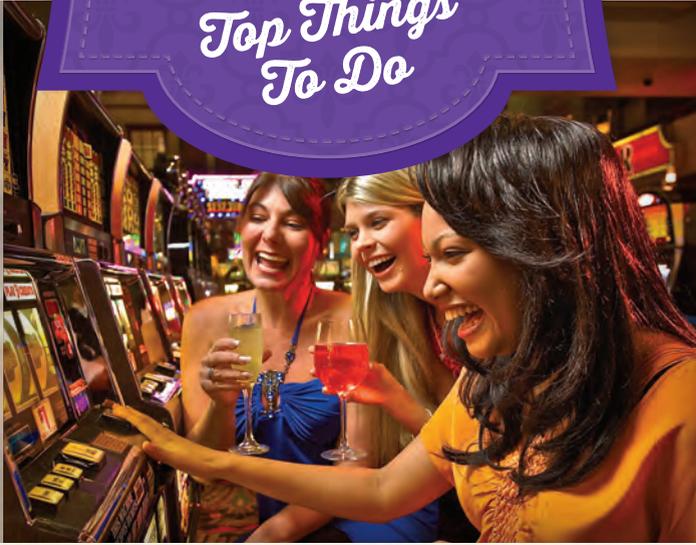
The quaint town of Vinton was once traveled by Civil War soldiers. The soldiers cut a road extending from an area in **Vinton** known as “Niblett’s Bluff” on the Sabine River. Area residents often hold re-enactments of Civil War battles at Niblett’s Bluff Park.

The history of **Iowa** is filled with stories of the early Midwestern Settlers from Kansas, Illinois and Iowa to the French Canadians (Cajuns) to Jean Lafitte’s pirates along the Old Spanish Trail. The railroad that cut through this country brought settlers who were lured to the prairie land for rice farming, raising cattle and, later, oil fields.



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Top Things To Do



Glitz & Gaming

Casino Gaming at Golden Nugget Lake Charles, L'Auberge Casino Resort, the Isle of Capri Casino & Hotel and Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel. (See page 6)

Creole Nature Trail

Exploring the Creole Nature Trail where you can view birds, alligators and wildlife up close - not to mention - Gulf beaches with excellent shelling and relaxation. (See page 31)

Boudin Trail & Culinary Delights

Culinary delights are at every turn, so be sure to taste our seafood. You can also experience stops along the Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail. (See page 20)

Museums & History

From railroads to sulfur mining, pirate legends to Cajun / Creole roots, the area has 7 museums: Mardi Gras Museum, DeQuincy Railroad Museum, Brimstone Museum, Children's Museum, DeQuincy Town Hall Museum, the Imperial Calcasieu Museum and the USS Orleck Naval Museum. (For a list of museums, see page 9. For historic sites, see page 38.)

Art Scene - Out & About

The area has a thriving arts scene with live music, galleries, art shows and events. The 1911 Historic City Hall brings in traveling exhibits from around the world. Also, the Henning Cultural Center has local art, and there are other galleries with displays year round. (See page 8)

Hunting & Fishing

Nature's bounty is in full force in Southwest Louisiana. We have guides that can take you to the sweet spots and the honey holes so that you can hit your limit! (See page 34)

Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point

Kick off your Creole Nature Trail journey at the new free, fun attraction that immerses you in nature and Louisiana's unique culture through imaginative, hands-on displays that are sure to inspire. (See page 28)

Festivals & Fun

Mardi Gras, Black Heritage Festival, Iowa Rabbit Festival, Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival, Contraband Days Pirate Festival, Cajun Music & Food Festival, Cal-Cam Fair, and the Southwest Louisiana Christmas Lighting Festival are truly the tip of the festival iceberg! You can check out our festivals at www.visitlakecharles.org/events. (See page 46)

Shopping for Unique Gifts

The Charlestown Cultural District and the Cottage Shops District are just two examples of places where you can find unique gift items in Southwest Louisiana. Many of our grocery stores also carry authentic Louisiana spices and products that you can rarely find outside the state. For more information, check www.visitlakecharles.org/LAproducts. (See page 48)



www.lindseyjanies.com

Kid Friendly Fun



Not only can kids enjoy getting close to nature at area parks and along the Creole Nature Trail, but they can learn about our culture and experience fun at local attractions.

Lake Charles

Adventure Cove

3200 Power Centre Pkwy.
(337) 990-0112
First barrier-free playground in the area, providing access to children of all abilities, built by community volunteers. Has a sprayground and one of only 10 Freedom Swings in the United States.

Children's Museum

327 Broad St.; (337) 433-9420
www.swlakids.org
See page 9.

Cinemark Movie Theater

548 W. Prien Lake Rd., located in the Prien Lake Mall
(337) 562-0053

Imperial Calcasieu Museum

204 W. Sallier St.; (337) 439-3797
www.imperialcalcasieumuseum.org
See page 9.

Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu

809 Kirby St., 2nd floor, Lake Charles; In Historic Central School Arts & Humanities Center
(337) 430-0043
www.swlamardigras.com
See page 9.

◆ Millennium Park

901 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles Civic Center
(337) 436-9588
20,000 square ft. playground with a tower, train, tree house and a new forty-foot-long pirate ship.

Petro Bowl

630 Petro Point Dr.; (337) 477-7554
48 lanes of bowling.

Prien Lake Park

3700 W. Prien Lake Rd.
(337) 721-3500
Picnic grounds, boat launch, playground and sprayground for kids.

Putt-Putt Fun Center

620 Petro Point Dr.; (337) 480-1954
Two 18-hole courses.

Skate City

4720 Nelson Rd.; (337) 474-2855
Inline skating & inside inflatable play area.

Tabby Town – Club Tabby

1427 W. Prien Lake Road
(337) 478-3600
www.myclubtabby.com
natalie@myclubtabby.com
Boutique, retail, makeovers, haircuts, stuff-a-pet, ice cream, events for girls and boys, baby items.

Ward 3 Recreation

3210 Power Centre Pkwy.
(337) 990-0112
Indoor walking track, basketball courts, soccer, skate park, baseball & softball, exercise & activity rooms. Youth football & volleyball, disc golf, line dancing & salsa classes, yoga, taekwondo & martial arts.

Wheeler's Family Entertainment

1130 Hwy. 171 N., Moss Bluff
(337) 855-3234
Skating, laser tag and games.

Sulphur

Brimstone Museum Complex

900 S. Huntington
(337) 527-0357
www.brimstonemuseum.org
See page 9.

Creole Nature Trail Adventure Point

2740 Ruth St.
(337) 502-4358
www.visitlakecharles.org/
AdventurePoint
Enjoy interactive displays and colorful dioramas, including exhibits on marshes, swamps, prairies, Gulf wildlife, Creole and Cajun cooking, and "play along" with a Zydeco and Cajun band.

SPAR Aquatic & Recreation Center

933 W. Parish Rd.
(337) 721-3040
www.sulphurparks.com
Water park, Olympic-size swimming pool, basketball courts and more.

DeQuincy

DeQuincy Railroad Museum

400 Lake Charles Ave.
(337) 786-2823
www.dequincyrailroadmuseum.com
See page 9.

DeQuincy Railroad Park

400 Lake Charles Ave.
(337) 786-2823
Playground, picnic tables.

DeQuincy Skate Park

110 W. 4th St.
(337) 786-8241
Skate Park.

DeQuincy Town Hall Museum

218 East Fourth St.
(337) 786-6451
See page 9.



www.lindseyjanies.com

Festivals & Events



Mardi Gras

Glitter, feathers, floats, parades, and yeah – gumbo! We like to eat just as much as we like to dance and celebrate. Mardi Gras in Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana is family-friendly and super-sized with the second largest Mardi Gras festival outside New Orleans. For a full listing of Mardi Gras events, go to www.swlamardigras.com.

FUTURE DATES:

2016 February 9

2017 February 28

2018 February 13

Contraband Days Louisiana Pirate Festival

First two weeks of May

Arrrgh! Pirates sail in from Lake Charles and roam the seawall for 2 weeks. Shiver Me Timbers! Don't miss the "storming of the seawall," walking parades of buccaneers, live music, carnival rides and specialty events and exhibits. www.contrabanddays.com

Southwest Louisiana Cultural Festivals

In March, the Sulphur Mines Festival celebrates the history and vitality of one of our six cities. April brings the Original Downtown Crawfish Festival, the Louisiana Railroad Days Festival in DeQuincy and the Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival. Music is hot with the Live at the Lakefront Series, Downtown at Sundown Series and Cajun music at the Cajun Music & Food Festival and the Marshland Festival throughout the spring and summer. Also, October rounds out with the Cal-Cam Fair and Vinton Heritage Festival.

www.visitlakecharles.org/events

Known as the *Festival Capital of Louisiana*, we host more than 75 fairs, festivals and special events each year! Here are a few favorites.

January

- Mardi Gras Twelfth Night Revelry
- Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival
- Martin Luther King Jr. Festival

February

- Southwest Louisiana District Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana

March

- Black Heritage Festival
- Banners Series, McNeese State University
- Iowa Rabbit Festival
- Live at the Lakefront
- Palm Sunday Tour of Homes
- Sulphur Mines Festival

April

- Banners Series, McNeese State University
- Louisiana Railroad Days Festival
- Westlake Family Fun and Food Festival
- Downtown Lake Charles Crawfish Festival

May

- Contraband Days Louisiana Pirate Festival
- Starks Mayhaw Festival
- Downtown at Sundown
- Memorial Day Avenue of Flags

June

- Juneteenth Festival
- Catch a Concert

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July

- Red, White, Blue & You
- Lake Charles Symphony Summer Pops
- Cajun French Music and Food Festival
- Marshland Festival

August

- Arts & Crabs Fest

September

- Calca Chew Food Festival
- Boo Zoo's Labor Day Festival
- Stars & Stripes Classic Car Show
- Boudin Wars
- Gallery Promenade

October

- Cal-Cam Fair
- Rouge et Blanc
- Vinton Heritage Festival
- ArtsFest
- Culture Fest

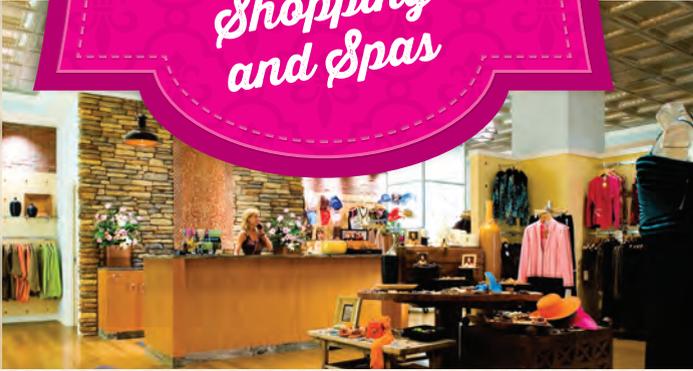
November

- Mistletoe & Moss Holiday Market
- Veterans Day Parades
- Veterans Day Avenue of Flags

December

- Christmas Lighting Festival
- Light Up the Lake Christmas Festival
- Christmas Under the Oaks

Shopping and Spas



Bring back some hidden gems to your friends and family, or pamper yourself in a spa. The area has much to offer in the way of unique gift ideas. Check out some of these shopping and spa venues and see for yourself!

Shopping Lake Charles

◆ Associated Louisiana Artists/ Gallery By The Lake/Creative Arts Center

106 W. Pryce St.; (337) 436-1008
www.lakecharlesartists.com
Largest selection of art by local artists
in Southwest Louisiana area.

Bella Cosa

3101 Ernest St.; (337) 439-4384
www.bellacosagifts.com
belcoze@aol.com
Unique jewelry, ladies accessories,
fragrances and so much more.

◆ Candice Alexander Art Studio

900 Ryan St., Ste. 101
(337) 433-2299
www.candicealexander.com
Downtown's finest art studio with
original paintings and amazing
designs!

◆ Cedar Chest Antiques, LC

210 W. Division St.; (337) 564-5646
Antiques, art, jewelry, furniture,
collectibles, gifts, crafts and more.

DM Homes

3606 Ryan St.
(337) 564-5364
A wide assortment of unique furniture,
home décor and accessories.

Eighty-One

3507 Ryan St.; (337) 478-8115
81creativity@gmail.com
Antiques, dumpster salvage, custom
furniture and decor - extraordinary
finishes.

French Quarter Antique Mall

3529 Ryan St.; (337) 777-8606
www.frenchquarterantiquemall.com
frenchquarterantiquemall@yahoo.com
Furniture, home décor, art, antiques,
collectibles, gifts and much more!

Mimosa Boutique

3101 Ernest St., Ste. 1
(337) 564-5818
www.mimosa-boutique.com
Affordable women's contemporary
clothing; BCBG Generation, MM
Couture, Free People, Level 99.

Tabby Town – Club Tabby

1427 W. Prien Lake Road
(337) 478-3600
www.myclubtabby.com
natalie@myclubtabby.com
Boutique, retail, makeovers, haircuts,
stuff-a-pet, ice cream, events for
girls and boys, baby items.

◆ The Art Shop

706 Ryan St.
(337) 564-6403
Art sales, bike rentals, kayak rentals.

The Party Time Store

Mardi Gras, Halloween and Parties
4452 Lake St.; (337) 477-2789
mardipartytime@suddenlinkmail.
com; Closed on Sunday, except
during Mardi Gras and Halloween.
All your Mardi Gras needs.

♣ The Perfect Gift

2712 Hodges St.; (337) 439-7693
Unique store with fleur de lis,
purses, jewelry, clothing,
unusual gifts, etc.

The Shops at Golden Nugget Lake Charles

Essentials Gift Shop, Chocolate Box,
Style & Trend, Nineteen 46, Aqua,
Luxe, Riveted, Memento, Country
Club Pro Shop
2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-7777
Visit www.goldennuggetlc.com for
hours of operation. Enjoy exciting
boutique shopping at one of our
featured shops here at the Golden
Nugget Lake Charles.

The Shops at L'Auberge Casino Resort

Jewels, Stiletto, Major Denim,
Modele, Contraband Bayou Golf Club
Pro Shop, Karma Boutique, Studs of
L'Auberge, Sundries, The Floral Shop
777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7777
Visit www.mylauberge.com for hours
of operation. Unique men's and
women's fashion, fine jewelry, flowers
and more.

♣ Yayi Beads, Gems and Gallery

610 Alamo St.; (337) 494-9294
www.yayibeadsgemsandgallery.com
yayibeads@hotmail.com
Bead store; crystals, gemstones,
pearls, findings, charms and
handcrafted jewelry. Offers classes
for beginners and experts.

DeQuincy

Nichols Dry Goods

915 E. Fourth St.; (337) 786-8538
www.nichols-stores.com
A unique shopping experience—
sporting goods, gifts, home
décor and so much more!

Spas

Lake Charles

1740 Barbier

777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7116
www.mylauberge.com
Full-service barbershop including
shaves, haircuts and whiskey.

Golden Nugget Spa & Salon

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-7777
www.goldennuggetlc.com
Luxurious spa with 10 treatment
rooms, full service salon & boutique.
Relax and soak out the stress in the
sauna, whirlpool or steam room.
Appointments recommended.

Salon Elegance & Day Spa

10002 Gulf Hwy.; (337) 598-3400
www.salonelegance.com
jt.salonelegance@yahoo.com
Aveda concept. Hair salon, day
spa & fitness center.

Scarborough's Salon & Day Spa

3600 Plaza 1 Nelson Rd.
(337) 474-3030
www.scarboroughssalon.com
scarboroughssalon@yahoo.com
Lake Charles premiere salon & day
spa. Over 100 services. 5 star service
and atmosphere at affordable pricing.
Convenient location.

Spa du Lac

777 Avenue L'Auberge
(337) 395-7768
www.mylauberge.com
Full-service spa including massages,
hair, manicures, pedicures, gym,
Jacuzzi and dry sauna. Appointments
recommended; walk-ins welcome.

The Barbershop at the Golden Nugget

2550 Golden Nugget Blvd.
(337) 508-7777
www.goldennuggetlc.com
Full-service barbershop offering boy's
and men's haircuts and shaves.



A complete list of shopping & spas can be found
at www.visitlakecharles.org/shops

Where to Stay?

Whether you like adventures in the great outdoors in a campground or RV park, the comforts of home in our traditional Southwest Louisiana accommodations, or being pampered in a bed & breakfast, you are sure to find what you need.

Hotels & Motels Lake Charles



Pricing Key: \$ = Economy | \$\$ = Moderate | \$\$\$ = Luxury

Rooms	Price Range	Internet: I-In room; H-High speed; W-Wireless; B-Business center	Breakfast Included	Business Center	Fitness Room	Swimming Pool	Jacuzzi Suites	Pets Allowed (restrictions apply)	Coffee Maker	Microwave: FD-Front Desk	Refrigerator: FD-Front Desk	Restaurant in House	Airport Shuttles	Laundry	Meeting Space
America's Best Inn & Suites Lake Charles , 401 Lakeshore Dr., (337) 439-2444, (800) BEST-INN	111	\$\$-\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
America's Best Value Inn , 921 MLK Hwy. 171 N., (337) 491-1000, (888) 315-2378, www.abvi.com	50	\$	W	•		•		•		•	•				
America's Best Value Inn , 3411 Broad St., (337) 990-5607, www.americasbestvalueinn.com	30	\$	HWB	•	•		•		•	•	•			•	
America's Best Value Inn & Suites , 3231 Lake St., (337) 477-4230, (888) 315-2378, www.americasbestvalueinn.com	52	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	
Best Western Bayou Inn & Suites , 1320 MLK Hwy. N., (337) 990-5325, (800) 780-7234, bwlc171@gmail.com, www.bestwestern.com	55	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Comfort Inn , 607 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 478-4650, (877) 424-6423, www.comfortinn.com/hotel/LA187, /hotelsoflc, f	71	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	
Comfort Suites , 1016 N. MLK Hwy 171 N., (337) 436-6400, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/la165, /comfordsuitelc, f	70	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Days Inn , 1212 N. Lakeshore Dr., (337) 433-9461, www.daysinn.com	83	\$\$	IHW	•		•			•	•	•				
Deluxe Inn , 3900 Hwy. 90 E., (337) 433-1024	43	\$	IHW						•	•	•			•	
Econo Lodge , 351 N. MLK Hwy., (337) 721-8001, www.econolodge.com, f	59	\$	IHW	•		•	•	•		•	•			•	
Golden Nugget Lake Charles 2550 Golden Nugget Blvd., (337) 477-4653, www.goldennuggetlc.com, f	740	\$\$\$	IWB		•	•	•	•	•			•		•	•
Hampton Inn , 3175 Holly Hill Road, (337) 480-6443, www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com, f	82	\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites , 402 N. MLK Hwy., (337) 491-6600, (800) HOLIDAY, www.hiexpress.com	81	\$\$-\$\$\$	HB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Holiday Inn & Suites Lake Charles , 2940 Lake St., (337) 310-7700, (800) HOLIDAY, www.holidayinn.com, /HolidayInnLC, f	120	\$\$\$	IHWB		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•
Howard Johnson Inn , 825 Broad St., (337) 436-4311, (800) 446-4656, www.hojo.com	40	\$\$	IHW	•		•			•	•	•			•	
Knights Inn , 2700 Broad St., (337) 433-8291	81	\$	IHW	•		•		•		•	•			•	
La Quinta Inn & Suites , 1201 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 478-9889, (800) 753-3757, www.lq.com	75	\$\$-\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
L'Auberge Casino Resort , 777 Ave. L'Auberge, (337) 395-7777, (866) 580-7444, www.mylauberge.com, /LAubergeLC, f	1,000	\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•			•			•		•	•
Motel 6 , 335 Hwy. 171, (337) 433-1773, (800) 466-8356, www.motel6.com	129	\$	IW			•		•		•	•			•	
Motel 6 on the Bayou , 1101 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 474-5151, (800) 642-2968, www.motel6.com	104	\$	W			•		•	•	•	•	•			•



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	Rooms	Price Range	Internet: I-In room; H-High speed; W-Wireless; B-Business center	Breakfast Included	Business Center	Fitness Room	Swimming Pool	Jacuzzi Suites	Pets Allowed (restrictions apply)	Coffee Maker	Microwave: FD-Front Desk	Refrigerator: FD-Front Desk	Restaurant in House	Airport Shuttles	Laundry	Meeting Space
Oasis Inn , 1000 N. Lakeshore Dr., (337) 494-7270	60	\$	IHW						•	•	•				•	
Quality Inn , 3211 Venture Park Dr., (337) 480-0898, (800) 424-6423, www.choicehotels.com	67	\$\$	IHWB	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Red Roof Inn & Suites , 269 Hwy. 397, (337) 990-0165, (800) 733-7663, www.redroof.com	54	\$\$	IH	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
Richmond Suites Hotel , 2600 Moeling St., (337) 433-5213, Twitter /RichSuitesSWLA, Facebook	140	\$\$	IHW	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Springhill Suites by Marriott , 1551 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 474-1112, (888) 287-9400, www.marriott.com/lchsh, Facebook	108	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Sunrise Inn , 5390 U.S. Hwy. 90 E., (337) 437-8339	105	\$	IHW						•	•					•	
Super 8 Inn & Suites , 1004 MLK Hwy. 171 N., (337) 310-7666, (877) 229-6668, lakecharlesinnsuites@gmail.com	50	\$	IHW	•		•		•	•	•	•	•			•	
Super 8 Motel , 1350 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 477-1606, (800) 800-8000 www.super8.com/lakecharles, Twitter /hotelsoflc, Facebook	59	\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
Value Place-Lake Charles , 3202 N. Power Centre Pkwy. (337) 564-6966, fax (337) 567-6974, www.valueplace.com	124	\$\$\$	IW								•	•			•	
Wingate by Wyndham , 1731 W. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 502-5112, www.wingatehotels.com	76	\$\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Sulphur																
A+ Motel & RV Park , 4631 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com, Facebook	35	\$\$	HWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•
America's Best Value Inn , 307 Garrett St., (337) 287-4828	35	\$\$	IHW	•						•	•	•			•	
Baymont Inn & Suites , 325 Arena Rd., (337) 313-6018	51	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Best Western PLUS Executive Hotel & Suites , 1200 Pintail Dr., (337) 625-9000, (800) WESTERN, www.bwsulphur.com, Facebook @BWPSulphur	67	\$\$	IHWB	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•
Candlewood Suites , 320 Arena Rd., (337) 528-5777, (877) 226-3539, www.candlewoodsuites.com, Facebook	77	\$\$	IHWB		•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
Comfort Suites , 2505 Hwy. 108 S., (337) 625-6448, (877) 424-6423, www.comfortsuites.com	80	\$\$	IHB	•	•	•	•			•	•	•			•	•
Crossland Economy Studios , 104 Mallard Rd., (337) 625-5923, (800) 398-7829, www.crosslandstudios.com	117	\$\$	W						•	•	•	•			•	
Days Inn Sulphur , 108 Dennis Ave., (337) 312-0108, (800) 329-7466, www.daysinn.com	40	\$	IHW	•			•	•	•	•	•	•			•	



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Campgrounds & RV Parks

Lake Charles

	Spaces	Price Range	Bathroom	Cabins	Primitive Sites	Boat Launches	Picnic Sites	Barbecue Pits	Swimming Pool	Recreational Facilities	Laundry	Pavilion/Clubhouse	Playground	Sewer/Water	Dumping Station	Electricity	Cable	Wireless Internet	Credit Cards Accepted
Bayou Oaks RV Park , 3403 Broad St., (337) 602-6043	50	\$\$	•				•	•			•			•	•	•	•	•	•
Big Lake RV Park , 8630 Big Lake Rd., (337) 794-8396, biglakervpark.com	50	\$\$\$	•				•				•	•		•		•			•
Cooling Springs RV Resort , 5501 Hwy 90 E., (337) 433-4187 www.coolingproperties.com	39	\$\$	•		•		•			•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Country Oaks RV Park , 6336 E. Opelousas St., (337) 497-0025	33	\$	•								•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Jean LaFitte RV Park , 2101 Pujol Rd., (337) 439-2080	72	\$									•			•		•			•
Kershaw's Cajun Village , 3401 E. Prien Lake Rd., (337) 477-4915	50	\$			•									•	•	•	•	•	•
Little Lake Charles RV Resort , 4200 Luke Powers Rd., (337) 433-1114, (877) 433-2400, www.littlelakecharles.com, f	113	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Paradise RV Park , 1986 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy, (337) 905-8616, f	42	\$\$	•								•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Parkside Marina , 2735 Sam Houston Jones, (337) 855-7591	16	\$				•	•	•				•		•	•	•			•
Sam Houston Jones State Park , 107 Sutherland Rd., (337) 855-2665, (888) 677-7264, www.lastateparks.com	62	\$\$-\$\$\$	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•
Twelve Oaks RV Park , 2736 Conoco St., (337) 439-2916, FAX (337) 564-6252, www.twelveoaksv.com	70	\$	•							•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•
White Oak Park , 5584 River Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net	8	\$	•		•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•			•



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Sulphur

A+ Motel & RV Park, 4631 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-2631, www.a-plusmotel.com,

Choupique RV Park, 7657 Hwy. 27 S., (337) 583-8439

Hidden Ponds RV Park, 1201 Ravia Rd., (337) 583-4709, www.hiddenpondsrvpark.com

Holbrook Park, 1868 Holbrook Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

Intracoastal Park, 7955 Intracoastal Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

Wingate RV Park, 1202 Henning Dr., (337) 625-9541, (337) 563-1820

Westlake

Bayou Marino, 2200 Carlin Dr., (337) 540-1736,

Lloyd's Country Store, 318 Phillips Rd., (337) 540-3925, www.sealproperties.net

Whispering Meadow RV Park, 3210 Westwood Rd., (337) 433-8188, www.whisperingmeadowrvpark.com

Vinton

Niblett's Bluff Park, 3409 Niblett's Bluff Rd., (337) 589-7117, www.nibletttbluffpark.com

Texas Pelican RV Park, 2219 Old Hwy. 90, (337) 589-5239

V RV Campground, 1514 Azema St., (337) 589-2300, (866) 589-2300

Iowa

Cypress Bend RV Park, 717 N. Thompson Blvd., (337) 582-1722, (877) 409-2784

Hayes

Lorrain Park, 7803 Lorrain Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

Starks

Alligator Park, 5316 Alligator Park Rd., (337) 721-3540, www.cppj.net

	Spaces	Price Range	Bathroom	Cabins	Primitive Sites	Boat Launches	Picnic Sites	Barbecue Pits	Swimming Pool	Recreational Facilities	Laundry	Pavilion/Clubhouse	Playground	Sewer/Water	Dumping Station	Electricity	Cable	Wireless Internet	Credit Cards Accepted	
A+ Motel & RV Park	134	\$\$	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Choupique RV Park	34	\$	•			•					•			•	•	•		•	•	•
Hidden Ponds RV Park	230	\$\$\$	•	•							•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•
Holbrook Park	13	\$	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•				
Intracoastal Park	28	\$	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•				
Wingate RV Park	28	\$\$\$												•	•	•				•
Bayou Marino	28	\$\$	•	•			•	•			•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•
Lloyd's Country Store	6													•	•	•				
Whispering Meadow RV Park	56	\$	•				•				•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Niblett's Bluff Park	63	\$	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				
Texas Pelican RV Park	34	\$	•								•			•	•	•				
V RV Campground	141	\$	•	•					•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cypress Bend RV Park	80	\$\$\$	•	•			•	•			•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lorrain Park	9	\$	•		•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•				
Alligator Park	8	\$	•		•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•				

Bed & Breakfast

Aunt Ruby's Bed & Breakfast

504 Pujon St.; (337) 430-0603; www.auntrubys.com

5 luxurious staterooms, each with its own large private bathroom, decorated with charming period furnishings. Full gourmet breakfast, TV with cable, Wi-Fi, smoking porches and all the in the heart of downtown Lake Charles.



Transportation

City Bus Transportation

View Lake Charles bus route at www.visitlakecharles.org/bus

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Lake Charles Regional Airport (LCH)

500 Airport Blvd., Lake Charles
(337) 477-6051

LCH serves the commercial air travel needs for Southwest Louisiana; Air service is provided by United Airlines & American Airlines; car rentals on site; free parking



Easily located off I-10, Lake Charles is the hub city of Calcasieu Parish. Commercial air passenger service is available through United and American Eagle Airlines.



Driving distance to Lake Charles

- Baton Rouge122 miles
- Houston140 miles
- Shreveport187 miles
- New Orleans218 miles
- Austin272 miles
- Mobile320 miles
- San Antonio341 miles
- Destin432 miles





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