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# Welcome to St. Landry Parish

*Bienvenue a la paroisse de Saint Landry*



Welcome to St. Landry Parish, where accordions are cool, boudin is hot and history is not just in textbooks. Our festivals celebrate art, blues, Cajun music, catfish, cracklins, etouffee, herbs, spices, yams and zydeco. Cook-offs and trail rides aren't called festivals, but they are filled with just as much music, food and fun.

Mardi Gras can be a parade with floats and beads, or a chicken chase on horseback that ends with a community gumbo. Horses and jockeys show their athleticism at a "racino," a thoroughbred and quarter horse racetrack and casino where you can try your luck on the slot machines.

History not only lives in museums and antique markets, but the plantations, schools and churches that have stood for centuries.

St. Landry Parish's rich culture and history come from the diverse people who have called it home. Cajun, Creole, French, African, Spanish, Italian and Native American people have mixed and matched here for almost three centuries.

Those influences give St. Landry Parish music, food and culture that few can match. Opelousas, the parish's largest city, is the **Zydeco Music Capital of the World**. Clifton Chenier, the King of Zydeco, Rockin' Sidney of "Don't Mess with My Toot Toot" fame and Terrance Simien are Grammy-winning zydeco musicians and parish natives.

Cajun music thrives at local jam sessions and the Saturday night **Rendez-vous des Cajuns**, an all-French radio and TV music program at the historic **Liberty Theatre** in Eunice.

Flavorful Cajun and Creole cuisine is plentiful in settings ranging from a stick-to-your-ribs plate lunch at a grocery store deli or truck stop to candlelight dining in an age-old restaurant. Renowned Chef Paul Prudhomme and Creole seasoning icon Tony Chachere honed their crafts in their hometown of Opelousas.





Religious roots run deep in the parish at homes, schools and churches that have stood for centuries. Founded in 1821, the **Academy of the Sacred Heart** in Grand Coteau is the oldest school in the region and the second oldest school west of the Mississippi River. **Holy Ghost Catholic Church** in Opelousas hosts the largest congregation of African-American Catholics in the country.

Located in south central Louisiana, this 939-square mile parish is also known for its natural beauty and wildlife. Hiking, fishing, hunting, bird watching, camping, paddling and other outdoor activities are possible in two wildlife management areas covering thousands of acres of both forest and swamp land.

Along with colorful surroundings and history, St. Landry Parish is recognized as a **Certified Louisiana Retirement Community**. Our warm and welcoming people make new residents feel right at home and may greet you with a friendly “*Comment ca va?*” or how are you? You can respond “*toujours bon*” because life is always good in St. Landry Parish.



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# ARNAUVILLE

## ARNAUVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER

292 Front St.

337.754.5316 | [arnaudvilleareachamber.com](http://arnaudvilleareachamber.com)

Mon, Wed, Fri 9AM-2PM and by appt.

In Arnaudville, a town of 1,400 residents located at the junction of Bayous Teche and Fuselier, “cultural economy” is not just a buzz phrase. In recent years, Arnaudville has become a haven for artists, musicians, dancers, writers, culinary experts and champions of the French language.

The town’s **Deux Bayous Cultural District** is a part of the *Louisiana Cultural Districts* program.

Visitors reap part of the benefits as sales of original artworks are tax free.

Arnaudville hosts two annual events -

the **Etouffé Festival** in April and **Le Feu et L'eau (Fire and Water)**

**Rural Arts Celebration** in December.

Residents and visitors can enjoy breakfast en francais on the last Saturday morning of each month at **La Table Francaise**, partake in a weekly quilting circle or hear live music monthly at the local potluck social. Shoppers can browse for treasures during a town-to-town yard sale spanning seven miles held each spring which attracts visitors throughout the state and beyond.



## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### NUNU ARTS & CULTURE COLLECTIVE

1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93E)

337.453.3307 |

[nunucollective.org](http://nunucollective.org)

Sat-Sun 11AM-4PM and by appt.

*NUNU is located in an 80+ year old lumber yard building with timeworn floors, and is home to artists & arts organizations. View artwork, meet working artists, shop local vendors producing original art and products.*

### RUSSELL'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

114 Main St.

337.754.5722

[russellsfoodcenter.com](http://russellsfoodcenter.com)

Mon-Sun 7AM-8:30PM

*Located minutes from I-10 & I-49. Our specialty items incl. homemade boudin and plate lunches served daily. Catering available.*

### TOM'S FIDDLE & BOW

204 Fuselier Rd.

337.754.5528 | 322.5402 | 303.8665

[tomsfiddleandbow.com](http://tomsfiddleandbow.com) |

Mon-Fri 11AM-5PM and by appt.

*This studio offers restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Call or stop in to see Tom's work and enjoy a backyard view of Bayou Fuselier.*

### THE BELONGING STUDIO

204 Fuselier Rd.

337.754.5528 | 322.5402 | 303.8665

[lorihenderson.com](http://lorihenderson.com) |

Mon-Fri 11AM-5PM and by appt.

*Handmade hats and clothing, sculpture and paintings crafted by artist Lori Henderson. Grab a jar of homemade honey naturally grown by Lori.*

### VINCENT DARBY'S ART STUDIO

400 Canal St.

337.754.7753 | [vincentdarby.com](http://vincentdarby.com)

Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM and by appt.

*Vincent Darby is a self-taught artist who possesses the unique talent to see the beauty of South Louisiana and is considered one of its best natural artists. His 25 years with the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries is the inspiration for his bayou, swamp and outdoor scenes.*

### WILLIAM LEWIS STUDIO

1013 Wilkins St.

337.277.3184

[wlewisart@gmail.com](mailto:wlewisart@gmail.com)

By appt. only

*Sculptures are of combined realism and abstraction, relative to human form with classical reference. His work has caught the eye of collectors such as Roger H. Ogden (Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans.)*

## ATTRACTIONS

### BAYOU TECHE BREWING

1106 Bushville Hwy.  
337.303.8000 | [f](#)  
bayoutechebrewing.com  
*Near the banks of the Bayou Teche, Bayou Teche Brewing is crafting innovative ales true to the brewers' original intent – beers that complement the unique foods and lifestyles of South Louisiana. All beers are named in Cajun French in an effort to help preserve and promote our native language.*

## MUSIC VENUES

### NUNU ARTS & CULTURE COLLECTIVE

1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93E)  
337.453.3307 | [f](#)  
nunucollective.org  
Sat-Sun 11AM-4PM and by appt.  
*Monthly lineup of bands/musicians perform a variety of Louisiana music. Bring your dancing shoes and spirit.*

### TOM'S FIDDLE & BOW

204 Fuselier Rd.  
337.754.5528 | 322.5402 | 303.8665  
tomsfiddleandbow.com | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 11AM-5PM and by appt.  
*JAMbalaya acoustic music sessions are held the first Sunday of the month from 1PM-3PM so bring your instrument and pass a good time.*

## RESTAURANTS

### KENNY'S CAJUN KITCHEN

408 Market St.  
337.754.5999 | [f](#)  
Tues-Thurs 8AM-9PM;  
Fri 8AM-10PM; Sat-Sun 8AM-9PM  
*A down-home country atmosphere featuring breakfast, appetizers, chicken, burgers, po-boys and salads. Boiled crawfish and shrimp when in season.*

### MYRAN'S MAISON DE MANGER

1023 Neblett Rd. (HWY 31)  
337.754.5064  
Sun-Thurs 7AM-9PM;  
Fri-Sat 7AM-10PM  
*Myran's, overlooking Bayou Teche, has been serving great food for 30 years. Features daily plate lunches along with a full menu. The fried catfish and boiled shrimp are hard to beat. Boiled crawfish is available when in season.*

### THE LITTLE BIG CUP

149 Fuselier Rd.  
337.754.7147 | [f](#)  
thelittlebigcup@hotmail.com  
Tues-Thurs 9AM-8PM;  
Fri 9AM-9PM; Sat 8AM-9PM;  
Sun 8AM-2PM  
*Visit with locals on the banks of Bayou Fuselier at Arnaudville's premiere coffee shop. Enjoy salads, wraps, sandwiches, soups and fresh desserts. Weekend brunch specials, weeknight family supper combos and more. Ask about catering for any size group. Complimentary WiFi.*

## BED & BREAKFAST

### CHEZ NOLA ARNAUD B & B

860 Seven Arpents Rd.  
337.754.7724 | [f](#)  
cheznolaarnaud.com  
*Only 11 miles from I-10 & 7 miles from I-49 is a comfortably furnished 3-bedroom, 2-bath brick home. Enjoy farmland scenery and the warm hospitality of its English and French speaking owner.*

### MAISON DES ARTISTES GUEST COTTAGES

1022 Neblett Rd. (HWY 31)  
337.484.9190 | [f](#)  
maisondartistes.homestead.com  
*Unique cottages dedicated to Louisiana artists Lisa diStefano and Scott Finch; located in the rural heART of Acadiana. Features incl. double/twin beds, WiFi, private bathroom and full kitchen.*

## CANKTON

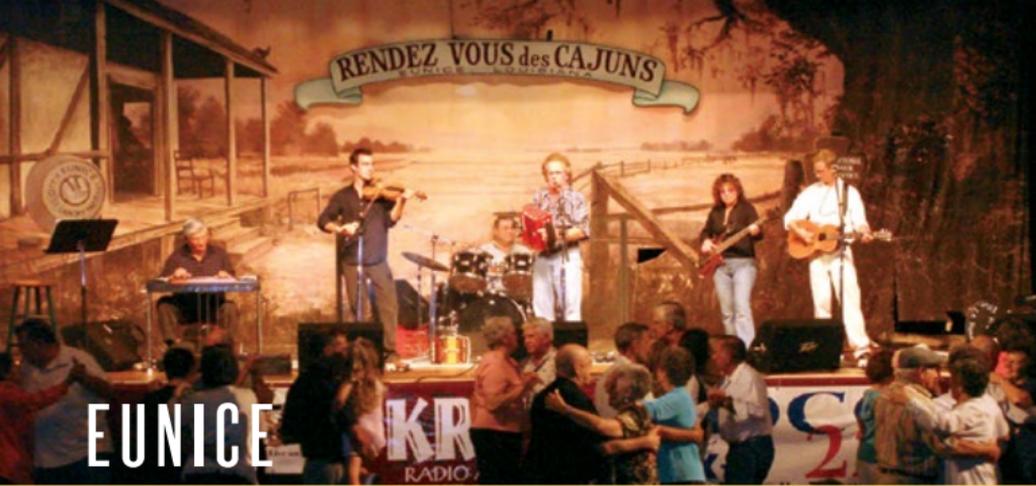
Cankton, in the Coulee Croche area of St. Landry Parish, takes its name from Dr. Louis Aristide Guidry, who was also known as "Cank." An avid hunter as a boy, Guidry would signal his family that he was home from a hunt with a duck call, "Cank, cank, cank." His folks would say, "Cank est revenu," (Cank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

## RESTAURANT

### CANKTON DRIVE INN

613 Main St. | 337.668.4473  
Open daily from 11AM-9PM  
*The Cankton Drive Inn serves up great BBQ lunches on Sundays. Hamburgers and po-boys too.*





## EUNICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER

200 S. C.C. Duson St. (HWY 13) | Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM  
337.457.2565 | eunicechamber.com

Tourists from around the globe can always be found in Eunice - international visitors are typical on Saturday nights in this town of 12,000.

For almost 25 years, the world has flocked to the “**Rendez-vous des Cajuns**,” a live radio and TV show held Saturday nights at the **Liberty Theatre**. The restored Vaudeville House, built in 1924, comes alive as Cajun country’s answer to the Grand Ole Opry, Prairie Home Companion and the Louisiana Hayride.

Cajun and zydeco bands perform live on stage, while dancers waltz and two-step where the orchestra pit used to be. This family friendly show is often presented in Cajun French.

“**Rendez-vous des Cajuns**” is one way culture and history thrives in Eunice, known as the **Prairie Cajun Capital**. Next to the Liberty Theatre, the **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, part of the **Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Reserve**, features exhibits, displays, and craft and music workshops that demonstrate the story of the Cajun people who settled the prairie.

Other must-see sites in the neighborhood are the **Eunice Depot Museum**, site of the city’s birth place, and the **Cajun Music Hall of Fame and Museum**. An unexpected find is the **Eunice Nutcracker Museum**, where hundreds of nutcrackers are on display.

Many legends have signed the wall at the downtown radio station **KBON 101.1 FM**, a variety music station that highlights Cajun, zydeco and swamp pop artists. Musicians of all ages jam Saturday mornings at the **Savoy Music Center**, where Cajun accordions are made and shipped throughout the world.

Campers can enjoy barn dances, fishing, swimming and more outdoor fun at area campgrounds. Down home meals, available at restaurants through the city, will satisfy the heartiest appetites.

Ride outside town to view the glistening rice fields, crawfish ponds, and **Cajun Prairie Habitat** to view native and colorful wildflowers.



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- Unexpected Cultural Find: Mardi Gras in Cajun Country

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### GOSSIP BOUTIQUE

151 W. Walnut St.

337.457.7887 | 

Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-2PM

While specializing in clothing for young contemporary women we offer a wide variety of accessories, purses, and gifts for all ages. Shop with us and give everyone something to GOSSIP about.

### SAVOY MUSIC CENTER

4413 Hwy. 190 East

337.457.9563

savoymusiccenter.com

Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM (Closed 12PM-1:30PM); Sat Jams 9AM-12PM

The perfect stop for Louisiana music

fans - choose from recordings, books, instruments and supplies for musicians young and old, from beginners to masters. Marc Savoy's beautiful, hand crafted accordions are available as well and have been shipped all over the world.

### SOILEAU'S COWHIDE CHAIRS & FURNITURE REPAIR & RESTORATION

248 Rodeo Dr.

337.457.4379 | 337.945.3650

By appt. only

Noonie Bell continues the skill of her husband, noted Louisiana craftsman, Joe Soileau. She sells chairs covered with cowhide and also rugs of all shapes and sizes.

## ATTRACTIONS

### CAJUN MUSIC HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

240 S. C.C. Duson St.

337.457.6534

cajunfrenchmusic.org

Summer: Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM;

Winter: 8:30AM-4:30PM

Operated by the Cajun French Music Assoc., this venue helps to preserve and showcase the history of this region's unique form of music. Learn about the "Greats of Cajun Music" and, maybe, meet one in person. Free admission.

### CAJUN PRAIRIE HABITAT

337.457.6540 | cajunprairie.org

Visit this beautiful 10 acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. The goal of the Cajun Prairie Preservation Society (501c3) is to ensure the survival of prairie flora. Touted as one of the U.S.' leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species. Enjoy the paved walking path, covered pavilion and benches on your visit.

### EUNICE DEPOT MUSEUM

220 S. C.C. Duson St.

337.457.6540

Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM

The museum is housed in the old train depot (restored in 1984) from which C.C. Duson sold the first land sites in 1894 for the town named after his wife, Eunice. The building is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and contains exhibits and collections depicting the lifestyles of the early settlers of this Cajun prairie town. Free admission.



### EUNICE NUTCRACKER MUSEUM

227 S. 2ND St.

337.457.7389 | eunice-la.com

Open year round - by appt. only

Featuring hundreds of nutcrackers donated to the City of Eunice, next door to the Liberty Theatre. The museum is a treat for all ages, regardless of the season.

### JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE PRAIRIE ACADIAN CULTURAL CENTER

250 W. Park Ave.

337.457.8499

nps.gov/jela/prairie-acadian-cultural-center-eunice.htm

Tues-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-6PM; Closed Christmas Day

A unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve, the center tells the story of the Acadians who settled the prairie region of southwest Louisiana. Extensive exhibits and artifacts interpreting the history, language, music, and architecture of the Cajuns. Music, crafts and cooking demonstrations every Saturday. Wide assortment of publications and recorded music, as well as children's books and crafts available for purchase. Free admission.





## MUSIC VENUES

### LAKEVIEW PARK & BEACH

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy.  
(HWY 13)

337.457.2881 | [lvpark.com](http://lvpark.com) | [f](#)

Saturdays 8PM-12AM

*Old fashioned fais-do-do barn dances held Feb.-Nov. Live music featuring popular Cajun, zydeco, country and blues performers. Admission.*

### SAVOY MUSIC CENTER

4413 Hwy. 190 East

337.457.9563

[savoymusiccenter.com](http://savoymusiccenter.com)

Saturdays 9AM-12PM

*Jam session performed by local and visiting musicians from 9AM to 12PM. Listen or bring your instrument and play - all at no charge. See listing under "shopping."*

### THE LIBERTY THEATRE

200 W. Park Ave.

337.457.7389 | [eunice-la.com](http://eunice-la.com) | [f](#)

Saturdays 6PM-7:30PM

*The internationally recognized radio and TV show, Rendez-vous des Cajuns, goes on the air in a restored 1924 movie house (listed in the National Register of Historic Places and in the Great American Movie Theaters Preservation Guide). The Grand Ole Opry style show features Cajun and zydeco music for the family. Admission.*

### D.C'S SPORTS BAR & STEAKHOUSE

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.7001

Open daily 11AM-10PM

*Local sports bar and restaurant.*

### ROCKY'S CAJUN KITCHEN

1415 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190E)

337.457.6999 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 11AM-9PM;

Sat 11AM-9:30PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

*Rocky's offers fresh seafood, po-boys, steaks, gourmet burgers, stuffed potatoes, salads and more.*

### RONNIE'S CAJUN CAFÉ

541 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.2004

Open daily 6AM-9PM

*Featuring breakfast, lunch and dinner served Cajun style. All home cooked food (nothing frozen). Free in town delivery. Catering available.*

### RUBY'S CAFÉ

221 W. Walnut Ave.

337.550.7665

Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM

*Located in historic downtown Eunice, Ruby's has been in business for more than 30 years. Open for breakfast, drop in for the homemade biscuits and jelly - a local favorite. For lunch, visit Ruby's Restaurant & Courtyard.*

### RUBY'S RESTAURANT & COURTYARD

123 S. 2ND St.

337.550.7665 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri, lunch, 10AM-2PM;

Wed-Sat full dinner menu, 5PM-9PM

*Ruby's offers wonderful Cajun and Creole dishes, steaks, seafood, po-boys, burgers and a children's menu. Boiled crawfish in season. Groups welcome in private space.*

### SWEET BOUTIQUE CAKERY

207 S. 2ND St.

337.466.3707 | [f](#)

[amyruppy@gmail.com](mailto:amyruppy@gmail.com)

Tues-Sat 10AM-6PM

*Offering cupcakes and pastries, soft serve yogurt, and hot and cold beverages. Book birthday parties, luncheons or social events. Build-A-Bear is available for children.*

## RESTAURANTS

### ALLISON'S HICKORY PIT

501 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.9218 | [f](#)

Wed-Sun 11AM-2PM

*Home-cooked plate lunches served Wed-Fri. Great southwest Louisiana BBQ Fri-Sun. Call early if ribs are on your list. Take-out orders only.*

### CAFÉ MOSAIC

202 S. 2ND St.

337.546.6276 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 6AM-10PM;

Sat 7AM-10PM; Sun 7AM-7PM

*Located in an old drugstore and men's store circa 1900's, Café Mosaic offers all flavors of coffees, sandwiches, a variety of sweets and more all served daily. Free WiFi. La Table Francaise (French conversations) are held the third Saturday each month at 9AM.*



## BED & BREAKFAST

### LE VILLAGE

121 Seale Lane

337.457.3573 | [f](#)

levillagehouse.com

7 beautifully furnished guest rooms located in the restored Main House, c. 1910 and Grand-pere's, c. 1920. The Chapelle Country Store is open for bed & breakfast guests, special events, by appointment and for special markets. Located 2 miles south of Eunice off Hwy. 13.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### CAJUN CAMPGROUND

5552 Hwy. 190 East

337.457.5753

cajuncampground.com

Shaded campground along Bayou Doza, open year round on 40 acres with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions and complimentary WiFi. Swimming, fishing, game room, hiking, mini golf and paddle boats. Clubhouse is available for parties/reunions. 6 miles east of Eunice.

### LAKEVIEW PARK & BEACH

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy (HWY 13)

337.457.2881 | [lvpark.com](#) | [f](#)

4 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30, 50 amps, water, sewer, cable. free WiFi, 13 acre fishing pond, swimming pond and beach, playgrounds, movie theatre, pavilions, family restrooms, laundry and live music. Senior specials offered during the week. Daily, weekly, monthly rates, plus winter snowbird specials.

## HOTELS & MOTELS

### BEST WESTERN OF EUNICE

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.2800 | [f](#)

bestwesterneunice.com

33 rooms and 2 suites, outdoor pool, cable TV/HBO, WiFi, and washer/dryer availability. Free continental breakfast daily. Enjoy the newly added gazebo with BBQ pit.

### DAYS INN & SUITES

1251 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190E)

337.457.3040 | [daysinn.com](#) | [f](#)

37 rooms and 2 suites with inside access. Cable TV/HBO, WiFi, fridge and microwave in each room. Free continental breakfast daily. Washer/dryer services are available. Enjoy the new gazebo with BBQ pit.

### EUNICE INN

1145 E. Laurel Ave. (HWY 190W)

337.457.4274

24 newly remodeled rooms, cable TV/HBO, microwave, fridge, and free local calls.

### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

1698 Hwy. 190 W.

337.546.2466

hiexpress.com/eunicela

68 rooms with queen or king size beds. Executive suites with jacuzzis available. Complimentary hot breakfast buffet, internet, cable TV and in-room coffee maker. Free motor coach parking. Meeting room available - for up to 15.

### HOWARD'S INN

3789 Hwy. 190 E.

337.457.2066

22 rooms and 2 suites. Cable TV, fridge and microwave (every room). Washer/dryer availability, and complimentary WiFi. Gazebo with BBQ pit for guests to enjoy. 5 minutes from downtown.

### L'ACADIE INN & RV PARK

259 Tasso Loop

337.457.5211 | [hotboudin.com](#) | [f](#)

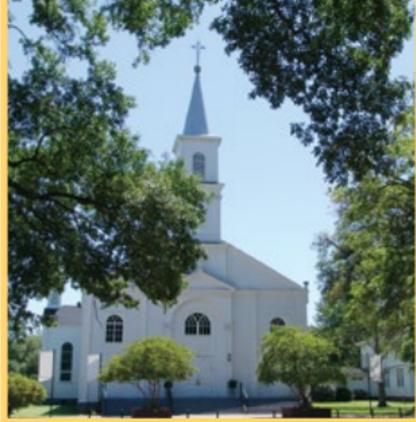
20 renovated rooms, 17 full hook-up RV sites on 14 acres of Cajun prairie, 2½ miles east of Eunice. Rooms offer a Cajun continental breakfast on weekend mornings, microwave/fridge, and DVD rentals for media room viewing. RV hook-ups have 30, 50 amps, water, sewer and cable. WiFi, outdoor pool, playground and stocked fishing pond are also available.

## Did you know?

- ▲ St. Landry Parish was established on April 10, 1805 by a legislative act, becoming the largest parish in the Louisiana state. 12 municipalities make up the parish with Opelousas serving as the parish seat.
- ▲ According to the 2010 census, the population is slightly under 84,000.
- ▲ Water covers 10 square miles and is home to many wildlife habitats and offers adventures and activities for outdoor enthusiasts.
- ▲ The National Academy of Recording Artists & Sciences added the Zydeco-Cajun Grammy award category to the Folk Field.
- ▲ The word **zydeco** evolved from the French phrase *les haricots sont pas salés*. Literally translated it means "the snapbeans are not salty," a metaphor for times being so tough that people could not afford salt meat to season their food. Zydeco now refers to a specific genre of music.
- ▲ Three towns - Arnaudville, Eunice, Opelousas - host **La Table Francaise** (open to the public) on a weekly and monthly basis to practice conversational Cajun French to keep the language alive.

# GRAND COTEAU

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



The town is one of the few rural districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places having more than 70 structures, which are designated as architecturally significant.

Grand Coteau and Catholicism share a history of nearly 200 years. Established in 1821, the **Academy of the Sacred Heart** stands as the second oldest institution of learning west of the Mississippi. The main building of the convent houses the **Shrine to St. John Berchmans**, where a miracle occurred in 1866. **St. Charles College**, a Jesuit boarding school founded in 1837, functions today as a seminary and spirituality center. It has undergone major renovations and will have a fresh look in 2013.

Many historic buildings are surrounded by age-old oak trees that form alleys, groves and gardens. Antiques, specialty shops and art studios abound throughout the town.

Each fall the town hosts the **Sweet Dough Pie Festival**. Then, locals and visitors follow their literary spirit at the **Festival of Words** through creative writing, poetry, readings and contests. Grand Coteau was named a **Cultural District** by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in which original works of art are tax free.

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### BELLA BELLA SALON & BOUTIQUE

202 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.2370 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 9AM-5:30PM;

Sat 10AM-4PM

*Browse contemporary clothing and accessories. Find the perfect gift for any occasion. The salon offers Aveda products and services.*

### CASA AZUL

232 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.1032 | [f](#)

[casaazul.homestead.com](http://casaazul.homestead.com)

Wed-Sat 10:30AM-5PM; Sun 12-5PM

*Casa Azul specializes in gifts from around the world including home accessories, women's handbags, jewelry, religious gifts and more. Attend the monthly Open Mic Night featuring poets and musicians.*

### DAY'S GONE BY

219 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.2102 | [f](#)

Tues-Fri 10AM-5:30PM;

Sat 10AM-4PM

*Baby gifts and clothes, children and tween gifts, home decor, fleur de lis items, candles and bath products. Gift wrapping.*

### EARTH-N-HERBS

284 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4022

[Earth-N-Herbs.com](http://Earth-N-Herbs.com) | [f](#)

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM

*Choose from essential oils, bulk herbs, loose teas, handmade soaps, natural skin care and cosmetics, natural cleaning products, plants (in spring and fall), books and more. Classes and workshops are offered in holistic and preventative living.*

### PETITE ROUGE

272 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4002

[700honey@gmail.com](mailto:700honey@gmail.com)

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-4PM

*Antiques, iron and vintage jewelry. This landmark is a classic Acadian cottage complete with stairs on the front gallery leading to the garçonnière on the second floor.*

### PISTACHE

294 Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3599

[pistacheatthekitchenhop@yahoo.com](mailto:pistacheatthekitchenhop@yahoo.com)

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM

*Clothes, jewelry and accessories. Large selection of April Cornell women's and children's clothing.*

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING *continued*

### THE KITCHEN SHOP & TEA ROOM

296 Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.3500 | [f](#)  
pistacheatthekitchenSHOP@yahoo.com  
Tue-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM  
Gourmet food, books, greeting cards, linens, items for garden and bath. Café-au-lait and Gateau NaNa served daily by Pastry Chef Nancy Brewer.

### WATER OAK FARMS, INC.

337.662.FARM | 1.877.226.7627  
wateroakfarmsinc.com | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM  
Artisan crafters of luxurious, all natural bath and body products, specializing in CAOS-Conditioning All Natural Olive oil Soap. Products are available online only. Produced locally - shipped fresh from the farm.

## ATTRACTIONS

### ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART

1821 Academy Rd.  
337.662.5275 | [sshcoteau.org](#) | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 9AM-2PM, by appt. only  
A gracious garden setting. Founded under the direction of Saint Philippine Duchesne, the Academy has been in constant operation through fire, epidemic and war. The Shrine of St. John Berchmans is housed in the main building where Mary Wilson was miraculously cured by then Blessed John Berchmans.

### CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

174 Church St.  
337.662.5279  
[st-charles-borromeo.org](#)  
By appt. only  
Designed by New Orleans architect James Freret, this wooden structure, architecturally the finest gem in Grand Coteau, has stained glass windows, paintings, statues and ornate altars. After the approval of the plans by

Pope Pius IX, the first cornerstone was blessed and placed on March 19, 1879. The rear belfry, added in 1886, has a 3,104 pound bell that still rings today.

### JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER AT ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

313 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.5251  
[home.centurytel.net/spiritualitycenter/](#)  
Founded in 1837, St. Charles College is the site of the first Jesuit college in the South. Today it is a Jesuit seminary and spirituality center. Retreats offered by reservations. 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. Retreaters are welcome. Private.

## RESTAURANTS

### BEAU CHENE RESTAURANT

1828 I-49 N. Service Rd.  
337.662.3509  
Mon-Thurs 6AM-9PM;  
Fri-Sat 6AM-11PM; Sun 6AM-6PM  
Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Buffet on Friday and Saturday nights.

### CREOLA CAFÉ

284 Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.3914  
Wed-Sat 11AM-4PM  
A unique and homey café. Food is prepared fresh daily, incl. soups, salads and sandwiches, homemade desserts and daily specials.

### P&D'S CAKE COTTAGE

106 St. Joseph St.  
337.662.CAKE (2253) | [f](#)  
[pdcakecottage.com](#)  
Tues-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-10AM  
The local owners have 20 years of baking experience. Specializing in cakes for weddings and other occasions. Pastries and cakes sold by the slice daily for take-out only.

## BED & BREAKFAST

### CASITA AZUL

151 Church St.  
337.662.1032 | 337.280.5517  
[casaazul.homestead.com](#)  
Relax in a private guest cottage with quaint accommodations incl. queen and twin sized beds, WiFi, a large bathroom and continental breakfast with use of a coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator.

### FROZARD PLANTATION COTTAGE

307 Frozard Rd.  
337.945.0204 | [f](#)  
[frozardplantationguestcottage.com](#)  
Private, historic 2-room guest cottage on the beautiful wooded grounds of the Frozard plantation. Full service kitchenette, queen bed, third occupancy available. GPS city location is Arnaudville.

# KROTZ SPRINGS

Early in the 20th century, Ohio native and sawmill owner C. W. Krotz put down the first oil well in St. Landry Parish. Krotz struck water instead of oil, so the town known as Lantania became Krotz Springs.

Located 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. **Indian Bayou** and the 40,000-acre **Sherburne Wildlife Management Area** offer ATV trails, camping, hunting, hiking, and nature photography.



## SHOPPING

### CRICKET'S BAIT SHOP

24386 Hwy. 190

337.592.0432

Open daily 5:30AM-6PM

*Cricket's has the goods that will not only lure fish, but shoppers too. Open since 2004, Cricket has a talent for acquiring eclectic and even folk-artsy items of all sorts. It's definitely worth the time to wander among the many treasures she has on hand.*

## RESTAURANTS

### BILLY'S DINER

24467 Hwy. 190

337.566.2080

Sun-Wed 10:30AM-8PM;

Thurs-Sat 10:30AM-10PM

*Short-order menu with burgers, salads and po-boys is available. Step in next door, where locals frequent, to order boudin balls and cracklins.*

### MORROW'S DINER

24442 Hwy. 190

337.566.3737

Mon-Fri 4AM-10PM;

Sat 5AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-10PM

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

## ATTRACTIONS

### INDIAN BAYOU AREA

337.585.0853

mvn.usace.army.mil

*Access this area via US Hwy. 190, exit at Krotz Springs. Take LA Hwy. 105 south 11.5 miles to the Ranger Station, 5th parking area on the right. Managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this 28,000-acre, public access area is located in the heart of the Atchafalaya Basin. Activities incl. hiking, ATV trails and bottomland hardwood hunting.*

### SHERBURNE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)

337.948.0255 | 337.566.2251

*Access to this WMA is via Hwy. 975, which connects with Hwy. 190 near Krotz Springs on the North, and I-10 at Whiskey Bay on the South. Encompasses 40,000 acres within the Atchafalaya Basin and crosses 4 parishes (Pointe Coupee, Iberville, St Martin, St. Landry.) Outdoor recreational opportunities incl. camping, hunting, fishing, ATV trails, trapping, hiking, bird watching, nature photography and shooting range complex consisting of rifle, handgun, archery and skeet shooting. Boat launches available on both Big and Little Alabama Bayous.*

## ST. LANDRY PARISH *Radio* STATIONS

**KBON 101.1FM** **KOCZ 107.7FM**

Louisiana artists | [kbon.com](http://kbon.com) Zydeco, Jazz & Gospel | [kocz.org](http://kocz.org)

**KEUN 105.5FM/1490AM** **KOGM 107.1FM**

Cajun & Country | [f](https://www.facebook.com/keun1055) Old Gold

# LEONVILLE

Nestled on scenic Bayou Teche between Opelousas and Arnaudville on Hwy. 31, the community of Leonville was founded as a settlement of *gens de couleur libres*, or free men of color. The town took its name from the settlement's first pastor, Father Leon Mailluchet, who built the first church in 1898.

The IFBS Lodge, just west of town on Hwy. 31, is the frequent headquarters for zydeco trail rides, weekend celebrations of music, food, camping and horsemanship.

New in 2012, visitors and locals can enjoy the public boat launch providing easy access to Bayou Teche for boating or paddling.

## SHOPPING

### CHAMPAGNE'S MARCHÉ

3802 Hwy. 31

337.879.2586 | 

champagnesmarche.com

Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM

Sun 8AM-2PM

*Champagne's is known for their homemade plate lunches and fresh boudin (call for deli hours). King cakes are available during Mardi Gras season.*

## ATTRACTION

### THE GROTTO AT ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

126 Church Rd.

337.879.2365

*In honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, the grotto includes a walkway with the twenty mysteries of the rosary.*

## BED & BREAKFAST

### CAMELOT WILDERNESS RANCH B&B

4457 Hwy. 31

337.781.4312 | 

camelotwildernessranch.com

*Est. in 2002, the family friendly, country cottage accommodates up to four guests with a fully equipped kitchen, queen bed and satellite TV. Hiking trails, fishing and crawfish ponds and bicycles available.*

### PALMS ON THE TECHE

4834 Hwy. 31

904.866.0899 | 386.5212

palmsontheteche.com

*Lodging in a rural setting on scenic Bayou Teche, minutes from historic sites, shopping and attractions. This 3-bedroom, 1-bath country cottage has a full kitchen, satellite TV, WiFi, a large screened porch, and boat launch. Fully equipped for small gatherings.*

# LEWISBURG

The Bourque family was among the early settlers of the Lewisburg area. They arrived in the Opelousas territory around 1760. Leandre Bourque was one of two Bourque brothers who settled there.

The Bourques were large landowners, but were forced to give up much of their land during the Civil War. Charles Bourque, the grandson of Leandre, was able to get back much of the land. He established a store at Lewisburg in 1892. The railroad arrived in the community in 1906.

## SHOPPING

### BECKY'S BARN

1145 Hwy. 357 (OLD LEWISBURG HWY)

1/4 mile north of Vidrine's cafe

337.356.3192 | beekysbarn.net | 

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM;

Sun 10:30AM-5PM

*More than 50 vendors in 8,000-sq. ft. of shopping. Antique pieces, wreaths and gift bags, seasoned black iron pots, crafts, glassware, goat milk soap, Camp Dog Cajun Seasoning to furniture, jewelry and more.*

## RESTAURANT

### VIDRINE'S CAFÉ

1011 Hwy. 357

337.948.9273 | 

Mon 7AM-2PM; Tues-Thurs

7AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 7AM-10PM;

Sun 7AM-3PM

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner served. Plate lunches served daily. Steak and seafood very popular menu items. Boiled crawfish, shrimp and crab when in season.*

# MELVILLE



There's good reason that the town of Melville celebrates the **Catfish Festival** every October. Much of the town's history and commerce are tied to the Atchafalaya River. Historically, the town made its fortune in river commerce and then 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. Remnants and photos of those early days can be found at the town's grocery and hardware store, which has been in business since the early 20th century.

## SHOPPING

### CANNATELLA'S GROCERY & HARDWARE

421 Landrum St.

337.623.4211

Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-7PM

*This 4th generation grocery/hardware store has been serving the people of Melville since 1923. While visiting, be sure to browse the "old store" to see photos and items from the past and the original pressed tin ceiling. "Home of the Finest Italian Sausage & One Good Muffuletta!"*

## ATTRACTION

### LONG RIVER LODGE

497 Cannatella Rd.

337.623.4595 | 877.623.4595

[longriverlodge.com](http://longriverlodge.com) | 

Closed on Monday

*Wing shooting Louisiana style... Upland hunting and sporting clay packages incl. lodging and meals. Professional shooting instruction offered for men, women and junior shooters.*

## Cajun & Creole Heritage

Thumb through any St. Landry Parish phone book and you'll see surnames that indicate a gumbo of ethnicities – French, Spanish, German, African, Irish, Native American and more. Yet most residents celebrate their Cajun and Creole heritage.

Cajuns are descendants of the Acadians, French exiles who left Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s. Acadians were evicted from the region after their refusal to swear allegiance to the British crown for religious and other reasons.

Many of these Acadian exiles landed in south Louisiana, where they blended with other groups to have a lasting impact on the state's language, music and food.

Creole has numerous definitions that vary in different regions of the state, country and world. But in St. Landry Parish, Creole mainly refers to descendants of slaves and free people of color. Many trace their lineage to the Caribbean and Africa.

Creoles have heavily influenced the region's culture, especially with zydeco, the accordion-driven, dance music that now has fans across the globe. Accordionist Amédé Ardoin, a native Creole of St. Landry Parish, is widely regarded as a founding father of Cajun and zydeco music.



# OPELOUSAS

In 2000, when the state legislature proclaimed Opelousas as the **Zydeco Music Capitol of the World**, the government was only making official what locals already knew. Generations of local families have witnessed this Creole house party music, once called “la la,” grow into Grammy-winning music that is celebrated around the world.

Opelousas is the birth place of **Clifton Chenier**, a master accordionist hailed as the **King of Zydeco** and first musician to lift zydeco to an international stage. Many musicians following in Chenier’s footsteps call Opelousas and surrounding area home. Each weekend, fans dance to the zydeco bands at **Slim’s Y-Ki-Ki**, a legendary dancehall (est. in 1947) and retains much of its original look.

On the Saturday before Labor Day, thousands gather at the **Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival** in nearby Plaisance, a festival that’s celebrated the sound for three decades.

In the spring and fall on Friday afternoons zydeco, Cajun and a variety of bands perform at the **Opelousas Music & Market Series** held at the Farmers Market Pavilion.

Music and visual art are forged for a unique downtown attraction. **Fiddle Mania I** featured 21 oversized, three-dimensional fiddles, designed and painted by local artists, around the St. Landry Parish Courthouse Square. **Fiddle Mania II** is in place for 2013 with designs that encompass Louisiana’s rich heritage depicting wildlife and waterways, diverse people, food, music and places.

Founded in 1720, Opelousas is Louisiana’s third oldest city. Walk through downtown and see some of the city’s original architecture, Historic District homes and public art. Some of the parish’s oldest buildings survive at **Le Vieux Village** and the Michele Prudhomme home, built in the late 1700s. The **Louisiana Orphan Train Museum** and **Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center** preserve more of the city’s rich history.

Dedicated in 1921, **Holy Ghost Catholic Church** is home of the largest African American Catholic congregation in the United States. Just up the street from Holy Ghost is **St. Landry Catholic Church**, a towering, Gothic-style structure built in 1908. St. Landry is also home of the **Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur Monument** and a cemetery with graves of Civil War soldiers and Gov. Jacques Dupre’. Flavorful Cajun and Creole cuisine shares that history. Renowned **Chef Paul Prudhomme** and **seasoning entrepreneur Tony Chachere** are Opelousas natives. Our local restaurants satisfy appetites with signature dishes, such as fried chicken salad and Catfish Opelousas.

Some of America’s finest thoroughbreds and quarter horses have raced at the **Evangeline Downs Racetrack**, which also hosts a casino offering slot machines and a 117-bed, luxury hotel. Touring music acts perform at the track’s event center stage regularly.

A city overflowing with culture and diversity, Opelousas easily lives up to its motto: *Perfectly Seasoned*.



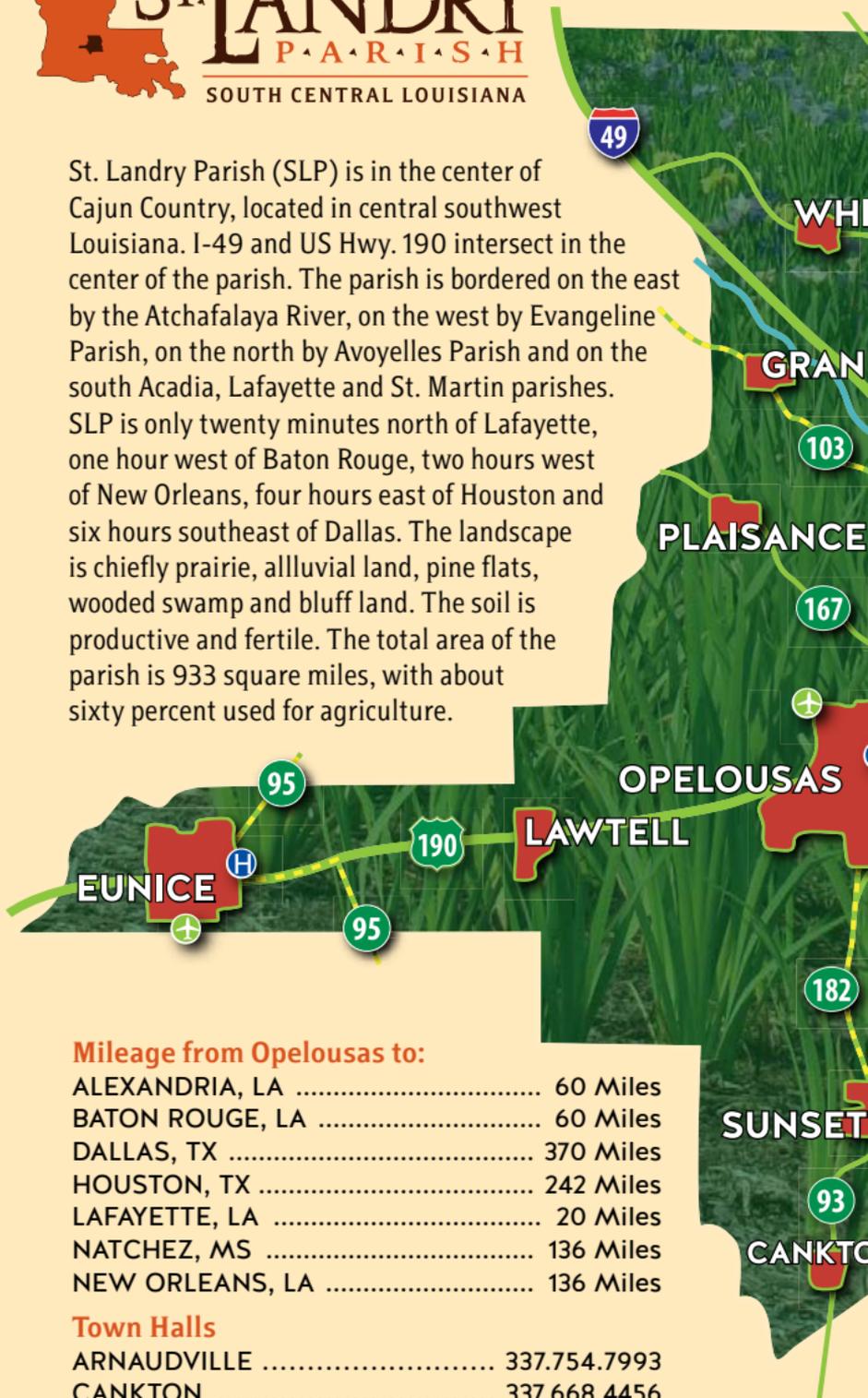
*It's Gumbo for Your Soul!*

# ST. LANDRY

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SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA

St. Landry Parish (SLP) is in the center of Cajun Country, located in central southwest Louisiana. I-49 and US Hwy. 190 intersect in the center of the parish. The parish is bordered on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the west by Evangeline Parish, on the north by Avoyelles Parish and on the south Acadia, Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. SLP is only twenty minutes north of Lafayette, one hour west of Baton Rouge, two hours west of New Orleans, four hours east of Houston and six hours southeast of Dallas. The landscape is chiefly prairie, alluvial land, pine flats, wooded swamp and bluff land. The soil is productive and fertile. The total area of the parish is 933 square miles, with about sixty percent used for agriculture.

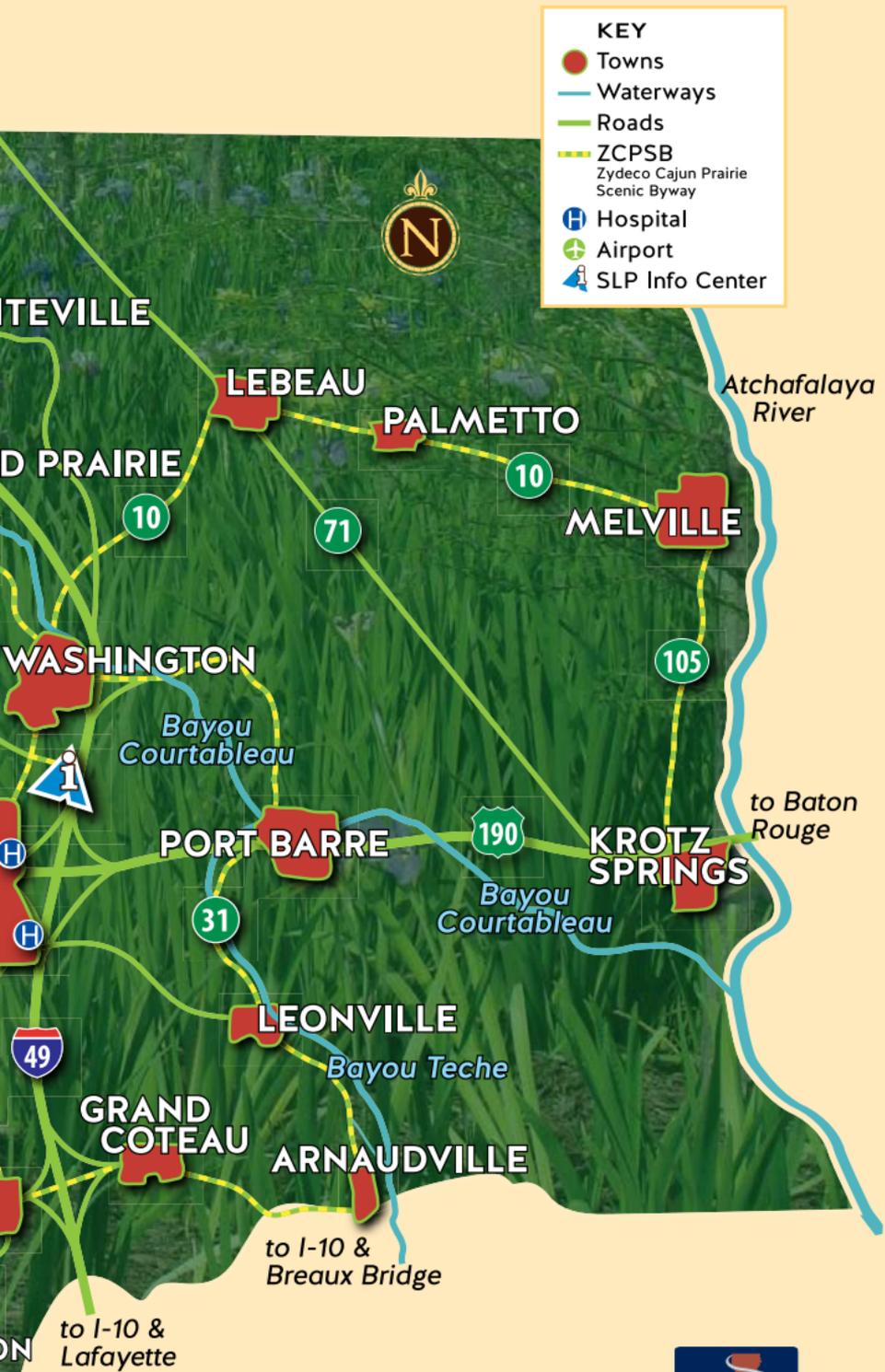


### Mileage from Opelousas to:

ALEXANDRIA, LA .....	60 Miles
BATON ROUGE, LA .....	60 Miles
DALLAS, TX .....	370 Miles
HOUSTON, TX .....	242 Miles
LAFAYETTE, LA .....	20 Miles
NATCHEZ, MS .....	136 Miles
NEW ORLEANS, LA .....	136 Miles

### Town Halls

ARNAUDVILLE .....	337.754.7993
CANKTON .....	337.668.4456
EUNICE .....	337.457.7389
GRAND COTEAU .....	337.662.5246
KROTZ SPRINGS .....	337.566.2322
LEONVILLE .....	337.879.2601
MELVILLE .....	337.623.4226
OPELOUSAS .....	337.948.2527
PALMETTO .....	337.623.4426
PORT BARRE .....	337.585.7646
SUNSET .....	337.662.5297
WASHINGTON .....	337.826.3626



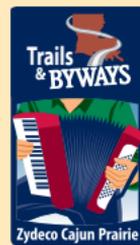
**ZYDECO-CAJUN PRAIRIE  
SCENIC BYWAY (ZCPSB)**

877.948.8004

zydecocajunbyway.com

Travel down the Scenic Byway that includes Acadia, Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes.

Along the way you'll visit the birthplace of zydeco and Cajun music. You'll see the sights that inspired this unique music and sample food found nowhere else. While driving the byway, tune into one of our local radio stations (page 12) to hear local Cajun and zydeco music.



**CAJUNTRAVEL.COM | 877.948.8004**

## OPELOUSAS TOURIST INFORMATION & JIM BOWIE DISPLAY

828 E. Landry St. (HWY 190)

337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442 | cityofopelousas.com

Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM & Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM

An essential stop for information on Opelousas and surrounding areas. The tourist center also houses a display with photos and information on Jim Bowie, one-time resident of Opelousas.

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### DOUCET'S ACADIANA ANTIQUES

1665 N. Main (HWY 182)

337.942.3425

Thurs-Fri 10AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM;

Sat 10AM-12PM, 1PM-3:30PM

One of Opelousas's oldest dealers and most knowledgeable in antiques. Wonderful estate acquisitions.

### DURIO'S CURIOS ANTIQUES & RESTORATION

5853 Hwy. 182 S.

337.308.4664 | 

Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM

Antiques, primitives, shabby chic, collectibles, doors, architectural, gifts, plants and flowers. Furniture restoration.

### J. B. SANDOZ, INC.

312 N. Main St.

337.942.3564

Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-2PM

A true find for any shopping and history enthusiast, this hardware store has been open since 1878 and

is Opelousas's 2nd oldest business. Hardware, housewares and gifts.

### KAPPY'S KORNER FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLES

3512 Hwy. 182

337.678.0542 | 

kappyskorner.biz

Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-4PM

Kappy's Korner is located at the corner of Hwy 182 and Hwy 178. Since 2007, the shop offers antiques, eclectic collectibles and vintage furniture from more than 30 vendors.

### SPOTTED CAT ANTIQUE MALL

637 Creswell Lane

337.678.1081 | 337.945.2593 | 

spottedcatantiques.com

Thurs-Sun 9AM-5PM

More than 65 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing and primitive items in stock. Enjoy a rest area and snack bar with homemade candies and drinks, while listening to 60s, 70s and 80s music.

## ATTRACTIONS

### CREOLE HERITAGE FOLKLIFE CENTER

1113 W. Vine St.

337.945.5064

astorylikenoother.com

Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM;

Sat 1PM-4PM; Sun - by appt.

Programs and events offer the public the opportunity to relive traditions of Creole culture. Guided tours offered weekly and by appt. for a fee. Featured on the Louisiana African-American Heritage Trail.

### EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

2235 Creswell Lane Ext.

337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO

evangelinedowns.com | 

Open 24 hours a day

This "racino" is the first facility of its kind to be built from the ground up. Thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. Over 1,600 slot machines, concerts, nightlife, sports bar and a variety of restaurants offered. Event center, hotel and meeting space are available for groups.

### HISTORIC MICHELE PRUDHOMME HOME

1128 Prudhomme Circle

337.942.8011 | 337.948.8004

Tours by appt.

The home is believed to be the oldest structure in St. Landry Parish. This French Colonial house built in the late 1700s is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Now owned by the Preservationists of St. Landry and is available for tours, meetings and receptions.

### HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

747 N. Union St.

337.942.2732 | hgccatholic.org

This church boasts the largest Catholic congregation of African Americans in the United States. The gospel choir sings on the first, third and fifth Sundays during the 11AM Mass. The youth choir performs on the second and fourth Sundays.

### LE VIEUX VILLAGE

828 E. Landry St.

337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442

cityofopelousas.com

Take yourself back to a small town in the 1700s and visit an array of original buildings. Guided tours are available by appointment. Also, available for meetings and small gatherings.



## ATTRACTIONS *continued*

### LOUISIANA ORPHAN TRAIN MUSEUM

223 S. Academy St.  
Located within Le Vieux Village  
337.948.9922 | 337.945.4691  
laorphantrain.com  
Tues-Fri 10AM-3PM; Sat 10AM-2PM  
The Louisiana Orphan Train Society, Inc. of Opelousas, is dedicated to collecting and preserving items that tell the history of the Orphan Train Riders who came to Louisiana by train from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929. This museum is the only one of its kind in Louisiana and second in the nation to the Orphan Train Museum in Concordia, KS. Admission.

### OPELOUSAS HISTORIC DISTRICT TOURS

828 E. Landry St.  
337.948.5227  
Louisiana's third oldest city's historic district. It includes many historic

structures incl. antebellum, Victorian and turn-of-the-century homes and other structures, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Come and see where the governor lived when Opelousas was the Hidden Capital during the Civil War. A brochure is available for self-guided tours.

### OPELOUSAS MUSEUM & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

315 N. Main St.  
337.948.2589 |   
cityofopelousas.com  
Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM  
Group tours by appt.  
Discover the history and culture of the Opelousas area from prehistoric times to the present. Peruse through the main exhibit room, The Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Room, Louisiana Video Collection Library, and the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives.

## RESTAURANTS

### BACK IN TIME

123 W. Landry St.  
337.942.2413  
Mon-Sat 11AM-4PM  
Lunch 11AM-2:30PM  
Café serving award-winning recipes. Collectibles, unique gifts, jewelry, gourmet foods and gift baskets.

### BILLY'S BOUDIN

904 Short Vine  
337.942.9150  
Mon-Fri 7:30AM-6PM;  
Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 8AM-2PM  
A Legend in Hot Boudin, Billy's serves two great recipes, his and Ray's. Enjoy smoked sausage, smoked boudin, cracklins and crawfish boudin. They even have a convenient drive-thru window.

### BLACKBERRY'S RESTAURANT & BAR

2235 Creswell Lane Ext.  
Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino  
337.594.3023  
evangelinedowns.com  
Wed-Thur 5PM-10PM;  
Fri-Sat 5PM-11PM  
Upscale dining and comfort food bring legendary Southern hospitality

to the table. The menu ranges from pork ribs to blackberry cobbler and the service is straight from the heart of the South.

### CAFÉ 5696

5696 I-49 S. Service Rd.  
337.948.3300  
Open daily. Breakfast 6AM-11AM; Dinner 5PM-10PM; Sundays only Breakfast 7AM-11AM  
Specializing in authentic Cajun and American cuisine. Great breakfast and dinner specials, plus award winning white chocolate bread pudding.

### CAFÉ ACADIANA

732 S. Union St.  
337.942.7645  
Mon 11AM-2PM; Tues-Thurs 10:30AM-8:30PM; Fri 10:30AM-9PM; Sat 4PM-9PM  
The home of "Authentic Cuisine" every night and the Super Seafood Combo on Friday and Saturday nights. Home-cooked plate lunches every day.





## RESTAURANTS *continued*

### **DUOS CAJUN CORNER**

840 Hwy 167

337.628.0123

Mon-Sat 8AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-2PM

Locally cured, smoked meats and sausages, canned preserves, boudin, cracklins, sweet dough pies, plate lunches and burgers. BBQ Dinners are available on Sundays. Featured in Bon Appetit Magazine.

### **HEBERT'S BOUDIN & CRACKLINS**

4392 I-49 N. Service Rd.

337.942.8828

Mon-Sat 5:30AM-7PM;

Sun 6AM-7PM

Boudin, smoked boudin, boudin balls, cracklins, smoked sausage, smoked tasso, seasoning and many more Cajun products. Hebert's ships anywhere and everywhere.



### **JAVA SQUARE CAFÉ**

103 W. Landry St.

337.678.1055

javasquarecafe.com | 

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-1PM

Relax in downtown with a variety of coffee specialties. Mingle with locals in the old Parish & Trust Bank building (built in 1927) across from the historic St. Landry Courthouse Square.

### **JOE'S SANDWICH SHOP**

1633 W. Vine St.

337.942.5163

Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-8PM;

Fri 7:30AM-9PM; Sat 8:30AM-9PM

Est. in 1941, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Burgers, po-boys, fried

seafood and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri. Party trays available as well - ask for the menu.

### **KELLY'S COUNTRY MEAT BLOCK & DINER**

1531 Union St.

337.942.7466

countrymeatblock@gmail.com

Store: Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM;

Sat 7AM-4PM; Sun 7AM-1PM.

Diner: Daily 11AM-2PM

For a hearty lunch featuring local homemade Cajun fare, this is the place. Daily plate lunches, burgers, and more. BBQ on Thurs and Sun. Catering available.

### **PAPA'S CRAWFISH HOUSE & GRILL**

1214 S. Union St.

337.948.0049 | 

Sun-Fri 11AM-2PM;

Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM

Daily plate lunches, seafood, hamburgers and sandwiches. Boiled crawfish, shrimp and oysters when in season.

### **SOILEAU'S DINNER CLUB**

1618 N. Main St.

337.942.2985 | soileaus.com

Mon-Fri 6AM-8:30PM;

Sat 7AM-3PM

Est. in 1937, Soileau's offers fresh seafood, char-broiled angus beef, Cajun specialties. Family and candlelight dining, private banquet room and take-out available. Family owned and operated.

### **THE PALACE CAFÉ**

135 W. Landry St.

337.942.2142

Mon-Fri 6AM-8:30PM; Sat 7AM-3PM

Open since 1927, this popular diner is still operated by members of the Doucas family, serving down home Cajun cooking. Try the daily lunch special and the most popular fried chicken salad.



## MUSIC VENUES

### MILLER'S ZYDECO HALL OF FAME

11154 Hwy 190  
millerdustin70@yahoo.com |   
Open weekends

*This legend in live music attracts large crowds and zydeco musicians. Create a memory and dance all night.*

### MOJO'S SPORTS BAR

2235 Creswell Lane Ext.  
337.594.3000 | 866.472.2466  
evangelinedowns.com  
Thurs 6PM-12AM; Fri & Sat 6PM-1AM

*Located in Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino, and offers sports, scores, snacks and spirits all in one fun place. Features more than 20 televisions and a giant TV wall. Live music Thurs-Sat nights.*

### SLIM'S Y KI-KI

8471 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.6242  
Open weekends  
A popular Zydeco dance hall since 1947. Live music on the weekends. Call for a schedule. Admission.

## BED & BREAKFAST

### COUNTRY RIDGE B&B

169 Country Ridge Rd.  
337.948.1678 | cajunbnb.com  
*Located on a topographical ridge, aesthetic landscaping, pool and life-size yard chess. 4 bedrooms, 4½ baths, jacuzzi, fireplace, WiFi, breakfast area and dining room.*

## CAMPGROUNDS

### ALICE'S RV PARK

631 Desiree Rd.  
337.288.9633  
*8 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water and sewer. RV rental, laundry, picnic tables, church services available. One pet allowed per party.*

### DALE WHITE RV PARK

7829 Hwy 31  
337.652.8353  
*39 full hook-up sites, near Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino with access to electricity, running water dump station. Showers, laundry and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.*

### SOUTH CITY PARK CAMPGROUND

1524 S. Market St.  
337.948.2562  
*61 sites with water, electricity and a dump station. 30 amp and 50 amp RV hook-ups and tent camping. Year-round tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls for special events.*

## HOTELS & MOTELS

### BUDGET INN

1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762  
*Commercial, daily, weekly rates, direct dial phones, air conditioned and TV/HBO.*

### CARDINAL INN MOTEL

12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624  
*35 spacious rooms. TV/cable. Daily, weekly, and economical rates. Air conditioned/heat, 24-hour service.*

### COMFORT INN

5454 I-49 N. Service Rd, Exit 18  
337.942.4900 | comfortinn.com  
*57 rooms, 2 jacuzzi suites, 10 king bed mini-suites with sofa beds. Hot deluxe breakfast, pool, high speed internet, business center and more.*

### DAYS INN & SUITES OF OPELOUSAS

5761 I-49 S. Service Rd, Exit 18  
337.407.0004 | daysinn.com  
*58 rooms and suites. Corporate, AAA, senior and military discounts. Fridge, microwave, continental breakfast, WiFi, pool. Banquet/meeting room.*

### EVANGELINE DOWNS HOTEL

2235 Creswell Lane, Exit 18, Lot B  
337.407.2121 |   
ascendcollection.com  
*117 rooms and suites connected to the Evangeline Downs Casino, Racetrack & Event Center. Fridge, microwave, high speed internet, safe, business center, fitness room, pool and hot tub. Meeting services, restaurants and entertainment a few steps away.*

### HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd, Exit 18  
337.948.3300  
holidayinn.com/opelousasLA  
*75 renovated rooms, incl. 20 suites with 37" LCD TVs and high speed internet. Restaurant, bar, business center, large meeting room, exercise room, indoor pool and spa.*

### RANCH MOTEL

711 E. Vine St. | 337.942.9775  
19 rooms

### REGENCY INN & SUITES

4165 I-49 S. Service Rd, Exit 15  
337.948.9500  
*26 rooms with cable TV/Showtime, complimentary continental breakfast and limited meeting facilities.*

### SUPER 8 MOTEL OF OPELOUSAS

5791 I-49 S. Service Rd, Exit 18  
337.942.6250  
*46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV/HBO complimentary hot breakfast. AAA, AARP and corporate rates available.*

### TOWNHOUSE MOTEL

337 W. Landry St. | 337.948.4488  
*Air-conditioned rooms, TV/cable, direct-dial telephones. Daily, weekly, and commercial rates.*

# PALMETTO & LEBEAU

Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, Palmetto earned its name from the plentiful plants that grow in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt in the general store, which opened in the 1930s. The Saturday before the Fourth of July, thousands head to Lebeau for its annual **Zydeco Festival**, a fundraiser for the local Catholic Church.

## ATTRACTION

### BUDDEN'S STORE

165 W. Railroad Ave.

337.623.4711 | 

Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM

*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.*

## RESTAURANT

### STELLY'S OF LEBEAU, INC.

8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau

337.623.4458

Store: Sun-Thurs 7AM-7PM;

Fri-Sat 7AM-8PM

Restaurant: Daily 6AM-7:30PM

*Open since 1920, this grocery store-restaurant combo offers local specialties, breakfast, plate lunches and more for dine-in or take-out.*

# PORT BARRE

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

In October, hundreds gather for the **Tour de Teche**, a 133-mile staged marathon for canoes and kayaks of all sizes. The course is the length of the Bayou Teche from Port Barre to Berwick. The race snakes through St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary parishes, woods, swamps and cane fields.

Mouth-watering bread made with jalapenos, sausage and cheese may be the town's most famous food export. In November, crunchy pork skins take center stage at the **Port Barre Cracklin Festival**.

## RESTAURANTS

### BOURQUE'S SUPERMARKET & DELI

581 Saizan Ave.

337.585.6261 | 

[bourquespecialties.com](http://bourquespecialties.com)

Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-7:45PM

*Cracklins, boudin and homemade plate lunches served daily. Bourque's jalapeno, sausage and cheese bread can be shipped anywhere in the U.S.*

### CHICKEN KING

17560 Hwy. 190

337.585.7150

Open daily 8AM-10PM

*Breakfast biscuits, burgers, po-boys, fried chicken, seafood, steaks and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tues. and Sun.*

### KING'S TRUCK STOP

1640 Hwy. 190

337.585.2993

Open 24 hours a day

*King's offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### BAYOU TECHE RV PARK

100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646

*47 shaded camp sites located on the banks of Bayou Teche with access to electricity and running water. Dump site, large pavilion and showers available.*

### TRAVELERS MOTEL

17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642

*31 rooms with cable TV, some with microwave/fridge. Daily and weekly economical rates available.*





# SUNSET

Legend has it that Sunset received its name from railroad workers who were building tracks in the late 1800s. The workers named new train stops as they reached them. Apparently, they arrived in Sunset at the end of the day.

Today, the town's sun is rising, especially in the arts community. Old buildings have been revived into restaurants and stores for antiques, collectibles, leather goods, furniture and memorabilia.

The **7-Mile Yard Sale**, which includes neighboring communities of Grand Coteau and Arnaudville, takes place each spring.

Surrounded by fertile fields and horse farms, Sunset was once billed as the sweet potato capital of the world. It has also become known for herbs. Each spring, **A Celebration of Herbs & Gardens** takes place. This one day festival showcases yard art, native plants, fresh herbs and flowers.

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### **BAYOU SOME STUFF THRIFT SHOP**

789 Napoleon Ave.  
337.331.5577  
Thurs-Sat 9AM-5PM

*Furniture, kitchen stuff, clothing, toys, music, home decoration, jewelry, collectibles, art and more.*

### **JANISE'S SUPERMARKET & DELI**

147 Oak Tree Park Dr.  
337.662.5512  
Open daily 7AM-8PM

*Cajun specialty meats, po-boys and Cajun cuisine, create your own salads. Homemade plate lunches served daily. Stop and try our hot, spicy homemade boudin.*

### **JERILYN'S FUSED GLASS STUDIO**

287 Pershing Hwy.  
337.662.5409 |   
Fri-Sun 12PM-5PM and by appt.

*Artist Jerilyn LaVergne creates fused glass fish, wind chimes, garden stakes, masks, framed art and much more. Each work she creates seems to have a story connected to her heart.*

### **SUNSET ANTIQUE MARKET & AUCTION HOUSE**

151 Leo Richard Lane  
337.212.2091 |   
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12-5PM

*Find antiques, art and collectibles in a unique shopping experience at an old sweet potato farm!*

*The buildings are vintage warehouses approximately 50-75 years old with character on the inside and out.*

### **SUNSET RAIL STOP FLEA MARKET**

312 Anna St.  
337.662.1118 | 337.945.9188 |   
Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM

*Find treasures in this converted feed store & warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, memorabilia and more.*

### **THE FUNKY FLEA**

829-A Napoleon Ave.  
337.662.6222 |   
Wed & Sun 12PM-5PM;  
Thurs-Sat 10AM-6PM

*A flea market/art gallery featuring antique and vintage furniture, incl. art deco, mid-century retro modern and primitive, collectibles from each era, glassware, music albums, jewelry. Original local art such as photography, paintings, pottery, glass, metal, wood and mixed media.*

### **THE GLASS PORCH STUDIO**

297 Pershing Hwy.  
337.322.7906 |   
By appt. only

*A working glass studio showcasing fused glass art with items available for sale. Owner Charla Guidry, a native Cajun, has been working with stained glass since the 1990s and began fusing glass in 2000.*

## RESTAURANT

### CAFÉ JOSEPHINE

818 Napoleon Ave.

337.662.0008 | 

cafejosephine@yahoo.com

Tue-Thurs 11AM-2PM/5PM-9PM;

Fri 11AM-2PM/4PM-10PM;

Sat 11AM-10PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

Specializing in Cajun cuisine as well as the best homemade pizza in the area. It also has a full service sports bar, complete with a large screen TV.



## BED & BREAKFAST

### LA CABOOSE B&B

145 S. Budd St.

337.662.5401

A train caboose, depot, railroad mail car and a ticket office have been restored to host guests with daily breakfast. Peruse the gift shop featuring local art, native crafts and La Caboose Jams & Jellies. French is spoken here.



A large part of our culture has always been green.



Agriculture is an important part of the St. Landry Parish economy and its community. St. Landry Parish also has several noted nurseries, with one of the oldest being the **Louisiana Nursery**, located in Opelousas, recognized worldwide for its work in the area of propagating day lilies.

Many of our communities have oaks registered with the **Live Oaks Society**: Arnaudville, Eunice, Grand Coteau, Melville, Opelousas, Port Barre, Prairie Rhonde, and Washington.



# WASHINGTON

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 New Orleans.

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

Trolley car tours provide an enjoyable way to see the town's historic sites. Antique lovers can spend hours browsing through treasures at the numerous shops along Main Street.

Each weekend, an old school house converted into an antique mall has rooms of items from more than 100 dealers. Large sales each spring and fall attract hundreds of visitors and dealers.

Nature walks and birding are popular activities in the hardwood forest of the Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area.

Traditions of living off the land are celebrated at the **Rabbit Cookoff** and the annual **Catfish Festival**, featuring arts crafts and musicians.



## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### NANNY BELLE'S ANTIQUES

402 S. Main St.  
337.826.8793 | 337.849.8477  
Fri-Sun 9AM-6PM;  
Special Holiday Hours  
*More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china and more. Enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries in the morning. Home of Cajun Country antiques.*

### OLD SCHOOLHOUSE ANTIQUE MALL

123 Church St.  
337.826.3580  
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM  
*40,000 sq. ft. of antiques and collectibles, vintage clothing, jewelry and primitives. 50s-style cafe offers home-cooked meals. Semi-annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale on the 2nd weekends of April and October with vendors on six acres.*

### OLE WOOD ACCENTS

400 S. Main St.  
Mon-Fri 7AM-4:30PM  
*Beautiful cypress furniture, floors and stairs made to order. Furniture repairs and woodworking.*

### STEELE MAGNOLIA

104 N. Main St.  
337.826.3321  
Fri-Sun 9AM-6PM  
*French-American antique furniture incl. French armoires, marble estate jewelry, tabletops, lamps, Belgium chandeliers, assortment of stain leaded glass, exclusive crystal glassware and linens.*





## ATTRACTIONS

### WASHINGTON MUSEUM & TOURIST CENTER

404 N. Main St.  
337.826.3627  
townofwashingtonla.org  
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM;  
Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM

Your first stop for information on Washington's historic sites, maps of the area, house tours, walking tours, antique shops, and bed & breakfast listings. Artifacts of the steamboat era are housed in the museum. Trolley rental is available for groups.

### THISTLETHWAITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

522 Plant Rd.  
337.948.0255

Take I-49 North to Exit 27. Travel north on LA 10/LA 182 for 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Plant Rd. Go approx. 3.5 miles to the WMA. Thistlethwaite is a 17-square mile tract offering 11,000 acres of mature hunting as well as birding and nature walks. It is incl. on America's Wetland Red River Birding Trail.

## RESTAURANTS

### OLD SCHOOLHOUSE CAFÉ

123 Church St.  
337.826.3580  
schoolhouseantique@att.net  
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM

50s-style cafe offers home cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee and beverages.

### STEAMBOAT WAREHOUSE RESTAURANT

525 N. Main St.  
337.826.7227 | [f](#)  
steamboatwarehouse.com  
Tue-Sat 5PM-UNTIL; Sun 11AM-2PM

This is the last of the old steamboat warehouses on Bayou Courtableau, this brick building was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then feast on delicious steaks, seafood and our specialties.

### WASHINGTON CITGO

311 North Main Street  
337.826.5704  
Sun-Thurs 5AM-7PM;  
Fri-Sat 5AM-8PM

Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads and more. Deli closes one hour and fifteen minutes prior to store closing.

## Cajun French Dictionary

**Allons** (*al lohn*): Let's go.

**Boudee'** (*boo day*): to pout

**Ça c'est bon** (*sa say bohn*): That's good.

**Ça va** (*sa va*): That's enough.

**C'est tout** (*say too*): That's all.

**Cher** (*sha*): Dear. A term of endearment.

**Envie** (*ahnvee*): a desire for

**Fais-do-do** (*fay doe doe*): A dance.

Literally "go to sleep," whispered to children so parents could join the dance.

**Joie de vivre** (*jhwa da veev*):

Joy of living.

**Lache pas la patate** (*losh pa la pa tot*):

Don't let go of the potato or don't give up (a testament to the enduring spirit of the Cajun people).

**Lagniappe** (*lahn yop*): Something extra.

**Laissez les bons temps rouler**

(*lay say lay bohn tohn roo lay*):

Let the good times roll.

**Mais jamais la vie** (*may jha may la vee*):

Never in the life (to see or hear such a thing)

**Make misère** (*me zaah*): cause trouble or tease someone

**Marraine** (*ma rhain*): Godmother, Nanny

**Merci** (*mare see*): Thanks.

**Minew, minew** (*me noo, me noo*):

to call a cat, here kitty, kitty

**Parrain** (*pa rhenh*): Godfather

**Pauve ti bete** (*pove tee bet*): Poor little thing.

**Rodee'** (*row day*): to run the roads and never stay home

**Tante** (*taunt*): Aunt. **Nonc** (*nonk*): Uncle.

## BED & BREAKFAST

### CAMELLIA COVE

211 W. Hill St.  
337.826.7362

Showcasing old-fashioned southern life, charm and grace. Furnished with Louisiana antiques, Camellia Cove, c. 1825, sits on two acres and offers three bedrooms. Group tours by appointment.

### COUNTRY HOUSE

608 E. Carriere St.  
337.826.3052

This home, circa 1903, features an upstairs suite, downstairs bed and bath, and a separate cottage nestled in a country garden.

### HARBOURAGE HOUSE

325 Tate Lane  
337.826.4875 | 337.692.9378  
harbouragehouse.com

A restored Acadian cottage, c. 1869, surrounded by an acre of gardens, incl. a master bedroom suite with a private screen porch. The sitting room and library are furnished with antiques and original art work.

### POLLY'S CHATEAU

344 DeJean St.  
337.826.3244

Open Wed-Sun & some holidays  
This turn of the century guest house offers a bedroom and bathroom with a private entrance. Guests have access to the patio and gardens. Continental breakfast offered daily. Located two blocks from downtown.

### RED GATE HOUSE B&B

415 N. St. John St.  
337.826.0074 | 504.234.0608

A restored Acadiana house, c. 1949, incl. a bedroom furnished in period antiques with adjoining bath. Guests have use of the living room and comfortable front porch. Breakfast included. A block from Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant.

### STEAMBOAT COTTAGES

513 N. Main St.  
337.826.1009  
steamboatwarehouse.com

Nestled on scenic Bayou Courtableau, the cottages feature spacious living areas, bedrooms with French doors leading to patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, TV, min-fridge and microwave. Next to Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant.

### THE CRAWFORD HOUSE B&B

331 E. Carriere St.  
337.826.3003 | 337.945.8274  
tinney.net/portraits/crawford.htm

In 1864, this property was acquired by steamboat Captain William Crawford and his wife, Delia. Guests can enjoy an atmosphere of 19th-century living with three porches overlooking the landscaped grounds including 150-year-old live oaks.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### TOWN OF WASHINGTON RV PARK

403 Front St.  
337.826.3626

Office closed on weekends  
Enjoy five acres in a family and pet friendly environment with 50+ full hookups incl. water, electricity and sewerage. Sites available year round except during the Catfish Festival (April dates).

### WASHINGTON CAMPGROUND

Hwy 10 N.  
337.826.4822

Office closed on Monday  
This rustic campground of 60 sites is situated along Bayou Courtableau. Water, electricity, sewerage and shower room provided. Live music Sat. nights. French is spoken here.



ENJOY OUTDOOR RECREATION - HIKING, CYCLING,  
CANOEING, BIRDING, HUNTING, FISHING

# Visions of Art

Art is a precious resource in St. Landry Parish. And it is not just music, dance and cuisine. Visual art is plentiful here, from murals honoring ancestors and music to colorful, oversized fiddles created by area artists. In many of these public exhibits, artists and business joined forces to bring concepts to life, enriching the quality of life in local communities and highlighting a living cultural economy.



## ARNAUDVILLE

### Town Mural 1

Created by artist and Arnaudville native, Vincent Darby, this mural takes you back to a time before there were paved roads. Arnaudville Town Hall, 107 Rue de Jausiers.



## EUNICE

### Prairie Mural 2

Robert Dafford, renowned Louisiana native and artist, captures an explorer and his horse gazing out on the land that was to be Eunice, the Prairie Cajun Capital, chartered in 1894. At the corner of U.S Hwy. 190 and 2nd Street.



## OPELOUSAS

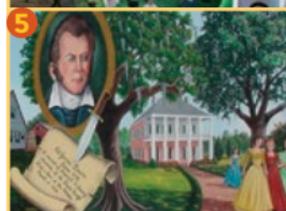
### Acadian to Cajun Mural 3

Created by Jerome Ford of Opelousas, the mural depicts the journey of the Acadians, from their exile from Nova Scotia in the mid-1700s to south Louisiana. 113 W. Landry Street - side of building.



### Zydeco Capital of the World 4

Robert Baxter's mural salutes the pioneers, innovators and award winners of zydeco music, which was born in Opelousas and St. Landry Parish.



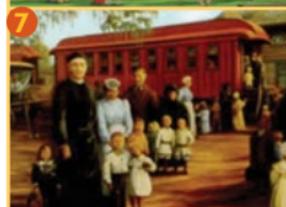
### Mural History 5

Tony Wimberly of Church Point portrays a chapter in the life of Jim Bowie, a hero of the Battle of the Alamo and resident of Opelousas in the early 1800s. Parking lot on W. Landry Street between Main Street and Court Street.



### Seven Brothers Oak 6

Robert Tinney shows early settlers of the Opelousas area enjoying music and dancing under the historic oak. Parking lot on W. Landry Street between Main Street and Court Street.



### Louisiana Orphan Train Mural 7

Artist Robert Dafford depicts the arrival of the orphans at the Opelousas train depot. This impressive mural measures 7'x14' and hangs in the main area of the Orphan Train Museum.



### Fiddlemania 8

Larger-than-life, three dimensional, fiberglass fiddle sculptures - each designed, painted and adorned by local artists. St. Landry Parish Courthouse Square on W. Landry between Court Street and Market Street and at various Opelousas businesses.

# CAJUN COUNTRY EVENTS

FEBRUARY

## CAJUN COUNTRY MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Downtown Eunice | [eunice-la.com](http://eunice-la.com) | 337.457.7389  
5 day celebration beginning the Friday before Mardi Gras Day

## OPELOUSAS MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Opelousas | [cityofopelousas.com](http://cityofopelousas.com) | 337.407.2288 | 948.5227  
Mon. (Lundi Gras Day) & Mardi Gras Day

MARCH

## HERE'S THE BEEF COOK-OFF

Opelousas | 337.684.6751 | 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday in March

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CRAWFISH ETOUFFEE COOK-OFF

Eunice | [eunicechamber.com](http://eunicechamber.com) | 337.457.2565 | 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in March

APRIL

## WASHINGTON CATFISH FESTIVAL

Washington | [townofwashingtonla.org](http://townofwashingtonla.org) | 337.826.3627  
3<sup>RD</sup> weekend in April

## ARNAUDVILLE ETOUFFEE FESTIVAL

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912 | 4<sup>TH</sup> weekend in April

MAY

## A CELEBRATION OF HERBS & GARDENS

Sunset | [sunsetherbfestival.com](http://sunsetherbfestival.com) | 337.662.5225 | 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday in May

## ZYDECO EXTRAVAGANZA

Opelousas | 337.594.3137 | [zydecoextra.com](http://zydecoextra.com)  
Sunday of Memorial Day weekend

JUNE

## UN CELEBRATION DE CAJUN - LEUR CULTURE AVEC LEUR MUSIQUE

Eunice | 337.457.5601 | 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday in June

JULY

## LEBEAU ZYDECO FESTIVAL

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 623.4362  
1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday in July

AUGUST

## ORIGINAL SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ZYDECO MUSIC FESTIVAL

Plaisance | 337.942.2392 | [zydeco.org](http://zydeco.org)  
Saturday before Labor Day

OCTOBER

## OPELOUSAS SPICE & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Opelousas | 337.948.5227 | [opelousasspiceandmusicfestival.com](http://opelousasspiceandmusicfestival.com)  
1<sup>ST</sup> Weekend in October

## MELVILLE ATCHAFALAYA CATFISH FESTIVAL

Melville | 337.623.4226 | 2<sup>ND</sup> weekend in October

## LOUISIANA YAMBILEE FESTIVAL

Opelousas | 337.948.8848 | [yambilee.com](http://yambilee.com)  
Last weekend in October

## SWEET DOUGH PIE FESTIVAL

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058 | [sweetdoughgc.com](http://sweetdoughgc.com)  
Last weekend in October

NOVEMBER

## HOLY GHOST CREOLE BAZAAR & FESTIVAL

Opelousas | 337.942.2732 | [holyghostcreolefestival.com](http://holyghostcreolefestival.com)  
1<sup>ST</sup> weekend in November

## CRACKLIN' FESTIVAL

Port Barre | 337.585.6673 | [portbarreacklinfestival.com](http://portbarreacklinfestival.com)  
2<sup>ND</sup> weekend in November

## FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Grand Coteau | 337.662.1032 | [casaazul.homestead.com](http://casaazul.homestead.com)  
2<sup>ND</sup> weekend in November

DECEMBER

## LE FEU ET L'EAU (FIRE & WATER) RURAL ARTS CELEBRATION

Arnaudville | 337.754.9898 | [fireandwaterfestival.org](http://fireandwaterfestival.org)  
1<sup>ST</sup> Sat. in December

*When planning your visit please refer to the Calendar of Events  
on our website [cajuntravel.com](http://cajuntravel.com) for updates and additional events.*

## A SOUTH LOUISIANA TRADITION

# *Chicken & Sausage Gumbo*

1 (4-5lb.) chicken, cut into pieces	1 green bell pepper, chopped
Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning	4 cloves garlic, minced
4 tbsp. oil	1 lb Savoies Smoked Sausage, sliced
4 tbsp. flour	3 quarts water
2 large onions, chopped	3 tbsp. chopped green onions
2 stalks celery, chopped	3 tbsp. chopped parsley

Season chicken to taste with *Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning*. In a large heavy pot or Dutch oven, heat oil until hot and gradually add flour, stirring continuously until well blended. Lower heat and continue stirring until roux is chocolate brown. Add chopped onion, celery, bell pepper and garlic.

Stir well and let vegetables begin to wilt. Slowly add water stirring to dissolve roux. Add chicken and sliced smoked sausage. Bring to a boil and simmer 1½ to 2 hours or until meat is tender. Add chopped green onions and parsley at very end, then serve in soup bowls with rice. Yields 10 servings.

### *Opelousas Spice Houses*

#### TONY CHACHERE'S CREOLE FOODS

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tonychachere.com | 

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The 4,600 sq. ft. St. Landry Parish Visitor Information Center opened its doors in May 2011. The Center was constructed utilizing sustainable practices and many LEED certified materials. It was designed to incorporate both old and new practices, many relating back to those used by our Cajun ancestors. A water cistern collects rainwater for landscaping today, as water was collected for household use in years gone by. A vertical axis wind turbine, reminiscent of wind mills that powered well pumps used on farmland, provides backup power if needed for lighting an area in the Center. Reclaimed materials are featured throughout, from recycled asphalt in the parking lot to salvaged bricks and long leaf pine flooring from old buildings that were saved.

The landscape design plays an integral part in this project utilizing indigenous plantings and trees from St. Landry Parish, reflecting several of Louisiana's ecosystems. The selected species are virtually care free and can obviously survive our extremely hot and dry summers or our wet and cold winters.

Staying true to our goal of being sustainable, construction scrap was kept out of the landfill and materials were collected to be repurposed by our talented local artists. This resulted in the creation of both visual and functional pieces of art that are proudly displayed and used here at the Center.

The Visitor Center is warm, welcoming and serves our area well in spreading news about St. Landry Parish and the surrounding regions. It has won numerous awards since its completion and we congratulate our architectural firms Ashe, Broussard, Weinzettle and Environmental Designs. *Now if we can brag a bit:*

- ▲ 2012 Gold Winner, Architecture-Commercial by *The Independent*, INDesign Awards
- ▲ 2012 Honor Award and the Member's Choice Award by the *American Institute of Architects*, Louisiana Affiliate

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