

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE



ST. LANDRY  
PARISH • LA

*Gumbo for Your Soul!*

ARNAUDVILLE | CANKTON | EUNICE | GRAND COTEAU  
KROTZ SPRINGS | LEONVILLE | MELVILLE | OPELOUSAS  
PALMETTO | PORT BARRE | SUNSET | WASHINGTON



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Creole Soul!

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# Cajun Country Events



## JANUARY

### Gumbo Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.331.2837  
TheGumboFoundation.org  
*Last Saturday*

## FEBRUARY

### Here's the Beef Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.684.6751  
*Last Saturday*

## FEBRUARY/MARCH

### Cajun Country Courir de Mardi Gras

Eunice | 337.457.7389  
Eunice-La.com  
*5-day celebration beginning the  
Friday before Mardi Gras day*

### Lil' Nate's Mardi Gras Parade & Chicken Run

Opelousas  
337.319.0639 | 832.217.6935  
*3-day celebration beginning the  
Friday before Mardi Gras day*

## MARCH

### World Championship Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off

Eunice | 337.457.2565  
EtouffeeCookoff.org  
*Last Sunday, except when it conflicts  
with Easter, then 2ND to last Sunday*

## APRIL

### Arnaudville Étouffée Festival

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912  
*Last weekend*

## MAY

### Herb and Garden Festival

Sunset | 337.662.5225  
SunsetHerbFestival.com  
*1st Saturday*

### Sportsmen's Heritage Festival

Krotz Springs | 337.566.3527  
ksSportsmensHeritageFestival.com  
*Last full weekend*

## JULY

### Lebeau Zydeco Festival

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362  
LebeauZydecoFestival.com  
*1st Saturday*

### Southwest Louisiana Attakapas Opelousas Prairie Tribe Festival

Opelousas | 337.246.0718  
AttakapasOpelousasPrairieTribes.com  
*Last Saturday*

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

### Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival

Opelousas | 337.290.6048  
Zydeco.org  
*Saturday before Labor Day*

## OCTOBER

### Sweet Dough Pie Festival

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058  
SweetDoughGC.com | *4th Saturday*

## NOVEMBER

### Holy Ghost Creole Festival

Opelousas | 337.942.2732  
HolyGhostCreoleFestival.com  
*1st weekend*

### Festival of Words

Grand Coteau | 337.254.9695  
FestivalOfWords.org | *1st weekend*

### Cracklin Festival

Port Barre | 337.457.1776  
PortBarreCracklinFestival.com  
*2nd weekend*

When planning your visit, please refer to the **EVENTS PAGE** on our website  
**CAJUNTRAVEL.COM** for updates and additional events.





## *Welcome to St. Landry Parish* *Bienvenue à la paroisse de Saint Landry*

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

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

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

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



## A SOUTH LOUISIANA TRADITION

# Crawfish Étouffée

1 stick real butter	1 tbsp minced garlic	3 pinches of cayenne pepper
2 cups chopped onion	2 bay leaves	¼ tsp white pepper
1 cup chopped celery	1 tbsp flour	1 tsp hot sauce
½ cup chopped green bell pepper	1 cup warm seafood or chicken stock	2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
1 lb. peeled crawfish tails	1 ½ tsp salt	3 tbsp chopped green onion

Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add onions, celery, and bell pepper and sauté until vegetables are wilted, about 10-12 minutes. Add the crawfish, garlic, and bay leaves and reduce heat to medium. Cook for 10-12 minutes stirring occasionally. Dissolve the flour in the warm stock and add to the mixture. Season with salt and cayenne and stir until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the parsley and green onions and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Serve over Prairie Ronde Rice (a St. Landry Parish product). \*Crawfish tails can be substituted with peeled shrimp (40/50 count)



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Look for these symbols throughout the guide for tax free shopping on local art.



**LOUISIANA  
CULTURAL DISTRICTS**



**CORRIDOR DES ARTS**

along Hwys. 182, 93, 31, 347  
Sunset, Grand Coteau,  
Arnaudville, Cecilia, Henderson

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## Parlez-vous Français?

Evidence of our French heritage is everywhere you look, from our visitors guide *en français*, signs, newspapers, and menus to everyday phrases and surnames, French culture and language are on full display here. Throughout the parish, it's very common to still hear both Cajun and Creole French being spoken.

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

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

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

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

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



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### LA TABLE FRANÇAISE

**ARNAUDVILLE** - 9:30AM, *last Saturday of the month*

La Table Jeunesse | 3PM, *last Sunday of the month*

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

1510 Bayou Courtableau Rd. | 337.754.5990

**EUNICE** - 1PM-2PM, *every Saturday*

Cajun Conversations

Prairie Acadian Cultural Center at Jean Lafitte National Park

250 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.8499

**OPELOUSAS** - 8:30AM, *last Wednesday of the month*

Le Vieux Village | 828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263

Located in the Whiteville School House



## ST. LANDRY PARISH *Spiritual Trail*

Travelers flock to this area in search of the site of a miracle, a floating eucharistic procession on the bayou, and *traiteurs* or “faith healers”. We can thank the people who settled here for these diverse beliefs and rituals. They brought with them their own style of worship, creating an area with varied denominations.

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

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

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

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

This is just a small sample of the trail. For the full itinerary, visit **CajunTravel.com**.

# ARNAUDVILLE

“Cultural economy” is not just a buzz phrase to this town of 1,400 residents located at the junction of **Bayou Teche** and **Bayou Fuselier**.

In recent years, Arnaudville is a haven for artists, musicians, and champions of the French language. Through a partnership with the French Consulate in New Orleans as well as with France, Canada, and Haiti, an exchange of ideas and business practices has enhanced the residents’ way of life and the economy of Arnaudville.

Arnaudville hosts two annual events in April – the **Étouffée Festival** and **Semaine de la Francophonie**.

Residents and visitors can enjoy coffee and conversation *en français* at a **French Table** (see pg. 5) or at the weekly **Les Courdre Pointes Quilting Circle**.



*Ici on parle français.*

## ARNAUDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURIST CENTER

292 Front St. | Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12:30PM

337.351.9364 | 337.945.2033 | [ArnaudvilleChamberOfCommerce.com](http://ArnaudvilleChamberOfCommerce.com) | [f](#)

### ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

#### La Poste

153 Fuselier St. | 337.324.2422

[LaPoste.DiscoveringStuff.com](http://LaPoste.DiscoveringStuff.com) | [f](#)

Sun 11AM-3PM

A ‘pop-up’ shop/studio/gathering space. Folk arts, eclectic gift items, used books & records, films, music, workshops. *Ici on parle français.*



#### NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

1510 Courtableau Rd. (LA 93 E)

337.754.5990

[NunuCollective.org](http://NunuCollective.org) | [f](#)

Thurs-Sun 11AM-4PM & by appt. View artwork, meet working artists, shop local vendors for original art and products. Attend music and French performances and presentations. Take classes and workshops. *Ici on parle français.*

#### Tom’s Fiddle & Bow

204 Fuselier Rd. | 337.322.5402

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

Mon-Fri 12PM-5:30PM,

Sat & Sun by appt.

Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows.

Jam session 1PM-4PM the first Sunday every month.



### LIVE MUSIC

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

*See listings and call for information.*



## ATTRACTIONS

### Bayou Teche Brewing

1106 Bushville Hwy | 337.754.5122

BayouTecheBrewing.com | [f](#)

Sun 12PM-5PM; Mon-Thurs

11AM-5PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-9PM

All beers are specially crafted to complement traditional cuisine.

Enjoy live music every Saturday and Sunday and take a tour in English or *en français*!

### Cajun Customized Excursions

337.303.8060 | [f](#)

CajunCustomizedExcursions.com

Explore uncharted areas of South Louisiana's swamps and bayous.

See beautiful scenery, birds, and other wildlife, including alligators. Tour given in French or English.

## EAT & DRINK

### Cajun Saucer Pizza

1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5368

[f](#) | Wed 5PM-8PM; Thurs 5PM-9PM;

Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM; Sun 12PM-6PM

Authentic wood-fired pizzas created to blend perfectly with Bayou Teche Brewery's craft beer. Located in the beer garden of Bayou Teche Brewery.

### The Little Big Cup

149 Fuselier Rd. | 337.754.7147

LittleBigCup.com | [f](#)

Tues 11AM-2PM, Wed-Thurs 11AM-8:30PM; Fri 11AM-9PM; Sat 9AM-9PM; Sun 9AM-2PM

Sample Cajun pork dishes at the weekend boucherie brunch buffet or enjoy fine dining on the deck,

overlooking Bayou Fuselier. Try a specialty cocktail at The Little Big Bar. *Ici on parle français.*

### Myran's Maison de Manger

1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31) | [f](#)

337.754.5064 | Daily 7AM-8:30PM

Overlooks Bayou Teche. Featuring daily plate lunches and a full menu. Boiled crawfish available when in season. Established in 1979. *Ici on parle français.*

### Russell's Food Center

114 Main St. | 337.754.5722

RussellsFoodCenter.com | [f](#)

Open daily 7AM-8PM

Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### The Cajun Cabin Guest Cottage

113 E. Railroad St. | 337.331.6677

CajunCabinGuestCottage.com | [f](#)

Downtown, cozy cabin with a front porch, open back deck, and cathedral ceilings with exposed beams. A 2-bedroom house adjacent to the cottage is also available. *Ici on parle français.*

### Les Deux Mondes

259 Front St. | 337.277.9537 | [f](#)

Nestled along Bayou Teche.

3 cottages circa 1890-1930, each historically restored with modern amenities and sustainable practices. *Ici on parle français.*

### Shiny Tiny House

1510 Hwy. Courtableau

337.356.9429

Overnight stays and artist retreats in locally constructed tiny house with top-of-the-line features in creative community with authentic French culture. *Ici on parle français.*

# 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.



## EAT & DRINK

### Cormier's Country Store

792 Main St. | 337.680.4191 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 6AM-10PM; Sat-Sun 7AM-10PM

On the Boudin Trail.



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

Just next door is the historic **Liberty Theatre**, where for more than 30 years, thousands have flocked to the live radio and TV show, “**Rendez-vous des Cajuns**,” held every Saturday night and emceed in Cajun French and English. Cajun bands perform live on stage, while dancers waltz and two-step.

Other stops on your music tour can include the downtown radio station, **KBON 101.1 FM**, that highlights Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Check out the wall with signatures of music legends. Make time to visit the **Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum** to see the past and present of Cajun music. Also include on your itinerary **Savoy Music Center**, owned by a family whose lives are built around the accordion, their heritage, and music.



## Eunice Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Center

200 S. C.C. Duson St. (Hwy. 13) | Mon-Fri 9AM-3PM  
337.457.2565 | [EuniceChamber.com](http://EuniceChamber.com) | [f](#)



### LIVE MUSIC

- **Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve**
- **Lakeview Park & Beach**
- **Nick's on 2ND**
- **Rocky's Cajun Kitchen**
- **Savoy Music Center**
- **The Liberty Theatre**


*See listings and call for information.*

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING


### Beaucoup

114 S. Second St. | 337.550.4727  
Tues-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-4PM  
Handmade jewelry, art, religious items, gift items, and Mardi Gras costumes and masks.

### Bellard's Family Pharmacy & Gifts

621 W. Maple Ave. | 337.546.6386  
BellardsPharmacy.com |   
Mon-Fri 8AM-5:30PM; Sat 8AM-1PM  
Locally crafted artwork, jewelry, honey, and more.

### Cajun Flea Market & Auction

1051 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.7274 |   
Mon-Sat 9AM-5PM  
Huge collection of antique furniture, glassware, cooking ware, and more. Every first, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, attend the live auction for funky finds.


### City Auto Antiques

100 W. Walnut Ave.  
337.457.5273 |   
Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-12PM  
Antique wooden furniture, vintage signage, glassware, and décor.  
*Ici on parle français.*

### Damian Cuccio Designs

110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092  
By appt. only  
Original art includes clay pieces, ceramics, paintings, and various furniture and home accents. Groups (adults & children) of up to 20 are welcome for classes and events.  
*Ici on parle français.*

### Elizabeth Clare's

550 N. Second St. | 337.523.0877 |   
Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM  
Featuring handmade bath products, jewelry, rosaries, wire trees, and other painting and wood art.

### Eunice Farmers Market

Downtown Eunice, S. Second St.  
337.457.6540 |   
Summer: Wed 2PM-5PM;  
Sat 8AM-12PM, Fall: Sat 8AM-12PM  
Seasonal garden fruits and vegetables (when available), jellies, jams, pickles, honey, breads, and more.

### Savoy Music Center


4413 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.9563  
SavoyMusicCenter.com |   
Tues-Fri 9AM-4PM; Sat 9AM-12PM  
A must stop for Louisiana music fans. Find books, instruments, recordings, and supplies. Marc Savoy's hand-crafted accordions are available. Public jam session every Saturday at 9AM.

## ATTRACTIONS

### Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum

240 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6534  
CajunFrenchMusic.org  
Summer: Tues-Sat 9AM-5PM;  
Winter: Tues-Sat 8:30AM-4:30PM  
Where the history of this region's unique form of music is preserved and showcased.


### Cajun Prairie Habitat

635 E. Magnolia Ave.  
337.457.4497 | CajunPrairie.org |   
10-acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. Touted as one of the U.S.' leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species. *Ici on parle français.*


### Eunice Depot Museum

220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540  
Summer: Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-5PM; Winter: Tues-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-4:30PM  
The depot was the site where developer C.C. Duson, in 1894, auctioned lots for what became the City of Eunice. It houses educational, cultural, and historical exhibits.  
*Ici on parle français.*


### Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center

250 W. Park Ave. | nps.gov |   
337.457.8499  
Wed-Fri 9AM-4:30PM; Sat 9:30AM-6PM; Closed all federal holidays  
Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through extensive exhibits and artifacts. Music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations every Saturday.  
*Ici on parle français.*

### KBON 101.1 FM

1009 S. Second St. | 337.546.0007  
KBON.com |   
Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM  
Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. When visiting, check out the wall of signatures from local legends.

### The Liberty Theatre

200 W. Park Ave.  
337.457.7389 | Eunice-La.com |   
Sat 6PM-7:30PM  
This restored 1924 Vaudeville Theatre hosts the internationally-recognized radio and TV show Rendez-vous des Cajuns. Family friendly, emceed in French and English. *Ici on parle français.*

**Allison's Hickory Pit**

501 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)  
337.457.9218 | [f](#) | Sat-Sun 10AM-2PM  
Serving barbecue dinners and sandwiches. Call early for ribs. Take-out orders only.

**Café Mosaic**

202 S. Second St. | 337.546.6276 | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 6AM-9PM; Sat 7AM-9PM;  
Sun 6AM-7PM  
Offering locally-roasted coffee, sandwiches, and a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

**Crawfish Corner & Seafood Market**

121 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)  
337.546.6090 | [f](#)  
Open seasonally - call ahead  
Crawfish, catfish, shrimp, crab, and more available. Boiled crawfish when in season.

**D.C.'s Sports Bar & Steakhouse**

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)  
337.457.7001 | [f](#)  
Restaurant: open daily 11AM-10PM  
Bar open daily 11AM-2AM  
The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and lively atmosphere.

**Eunice Superette**

1230 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.546.6042  
EuniceSuperette.com | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM;  
Sun 8AM-2PM  
Meat market with locally sourced products. Drive-thru. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. *Ici on parle français.*

**Eunice Poultry**

251 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.5614  
EunicePoultryMarket.com  
Open daily 6AM-6PM  
Specialty meats including stuffed roast and a variety of sausage. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

**Lejeune's Sausage Kitchen**

108 Tasso Cir. | 337.457.8491  
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM | [f](#)  
Open since 1977, a family owned local smoke house selling sausage, ponce, and tasso. *Ici on parle français.*

**Mel's Quick Stop**

1894 Veterans Memorial Hwy.  
337.457.1958 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-5PM  
Conveniently located nearby Lakeview Park & Beach. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

**Mo' Crawfish**

29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy. | [f](#)  
337.457.8434 | MoCrawfish.com  
Off-season: Mon-Fri 10:30AM-2PM;  
Crawfish Season: Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM  
Boiled crawfish, crab, and shrimp.

Seafood burgers, poboys, gumbo, and étouffée available during the off-season. Catering available.

**Mowata Grocery Store**

30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13  
337.457.1140 | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM  
Offering specialty meats, boudin, and cracklins. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

**The New Ronnie's Cajun Café**

541 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)  
337.457.2004 | [f](#)  
Sun-Tues 6AM-2PM; Wed-Sat 6AM-9PM  
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served Cajun style. Catering available.

**Nick's on 2ND**

123 S. Second St. | 337.466.3433 | [f](#)  
Tues-Fri 10:30AM-2PM; Tues-Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM; Sun 8AM-2PM  
Fine-dining restaurant serving Cajun and Creole dishes, plate lunches, and specialty drinks and cocktails. Groups welcome.

**Ray's Bakery**

971 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)  
337.457.5366 | [f](#)  
Mon 6AM-12PM; Tues-Sat 6AM-6PM;  
Sun 6AM-3PM  
In business for over 50 years, this local bakery offers fresh donuts, breads, and cakes.

**Rocky's Cajun Kitchen**

1415 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)  
337.457.6999 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 11AM-11PM; Sun 11AM-3PM  
Fresh seafood, steaks, poboys, gourmet burgers, and more. Fri night - seafood buffet. Sun - brunch buffet. Jam sessions every Wed night and live music every Fri and Sat night.

**Ruby's Café**

221 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.550.7665  
RubysCafeLA.com | [f](#) | Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM  
Ruby's has been in business for more than 30 years. Drop in for Cajun smoked ponce, crawfish étouffée over fried eggplant, and homemade biscuits and jelly - a local favorite. *Ici on parle français.*

**T-Boys**

1500 W. Laurel Ave.  
337.457.3344 | tBoysBoudin.com  
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM  
Boudin, boudin balls, and cracklins. Fresh, smoked, and specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.  
1st place winner - 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, & 2016 Boudin Cook-off & People's Choice Award.



## BED & BREAKFAST

### The Cottage at Cypress Grove

150 Seale Ln. | 337.546.4177

CypressGrovePlace.com | [f](#)

Cottage is newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

### The Keller House

420 S. Second St. | 337.580.4205 | [f](#)

Built in the 1800s, the first floor features a master bedroom with full *en suite* bath and French doors leading into a parlor room. Second floor boasts 3 bedrooms and a full-sized bath.

### Le Village

121 Seale Ln. | 337.457.3573

LeVillageHouse.com | [f](#)

4 beautifully-furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres of flora, fauna, and tall pine trees. Complimentary breakfast. Can accommodate private parties and groups.

### Lulu's Cottage Acadian

119 Freddie Fruge Rd. | 734.323.1761

LulusCottageAcadian.com | [f](#)

This historic home includes 3 private bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, laundry unit, and a large screened-in porch.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Cajun Campground

5552 Hwy. 190 E | 337.457.5753

CajunCampground.com | [f](#)

On 40 acres along Bayou Doza with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions, and WiFi. Hiking, swimming, fishing, game room, mini golf, and paddle boats. Clubhouse open to groups.

*Ici on parle français.*

### Lakeview Park & Beach

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)

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

This award-winning RV park offers 7 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, WiFi, 13-acre fishing pond, beach, playgrounds, pavilions, family restrooms, and laundry. Seasonal Sat night barn dances, Feb-Nov.

## HOTELS

### Best Western of Eunice

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)

337.457.2800 | [f](#)

BestWesternEunice.com

35 rooms. Pool, W/D, HBO. Free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

### Days Inn & Suites

1251 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)

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

39 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, HBO, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

### Eunice Inn

1145 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)

337.457.4274

24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi.

### Holiday Inn Express

1698 Hwy. 190 W. | 337.546.2466

HIExpress.com/eunicela | [f](#)

66 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast and motorcoach parking. Indoor pool.

### Howard's Inn

3789 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.2066

24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, free WiFi. Gazebo and BBQ pit.

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### L'Acadie Inn & RV Park

259 Tasso Loop

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

16 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Continental breakfast available.

# 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 and became home to Acadian, Creole, Irish, and German immigrants.



The town is one of the primarily few rural districts on the National Register of Historic Places with more than 70 structures designated as architecturally significant. Several of these structures have been repurposed and house antique shops, kitchen shops, and coffee houses. Grand Coteau is also noted for its magnificent trees that form alleys, groves, and gardens.

For almost 200 years, Catholicism and Grand Coteau have been deeply connected with the establishment of the **Academy of the Sacred Heart**. The academy also houses the Shrine of St. John Berchmans, the site of the only documented miracle in the U.S. Along with the church and retreat centers, spiritual and educational guidance is extended to the local community and visitors from afar.

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



## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING



### The Kitchen Shop

296 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3500 | [f](#)

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

Gourmet food, books, greeting cards, linens, items for garden and bath.

Sweet Dough Pie and Gateau NaNa

served daily by Pastry Chef Nancy Brewer.

### Petite Rouge Antiques & Organics

272 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.4002

[PetiteRougeAntiques.com](#) | [f](#)

Tues 11AM-4PM;

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

Antiques and vintage jewelry. A wide selection of herbs, hand-selected tea blends, essential oils, aroma therapy, goat milk soaps, infused local honey, and apothecaries.

### Pistache

294 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.662.3599 | [f](#)

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

Featuring locally-made jewelry and bridal hair pieces, hand-knitted items, clothes, and accessories.



## ATTRACTIONS

### Academy of the Sacred Heart

1821 Academy Rd. | 337.662.5275  
SSHcoteau.org | [f](#) | By appt. only

- Shrine of St. John Berchmans
  - ASH Museum
  - Oak Alley & formal gardens
- Ici on parle français.*

### Jesuit Spirituality Center at St. Charles

313 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.5251

JesuitSpiritualityCenter.org  
Mon-Fri 8AM-12PM, 1PM-5PM  
Founded in 1837, St. Charles is the site of the first Jesuit college in the South. Today, it is a seminary and spirituality center. Retreats offered. Private.

### St. Charles Borromeo Church & Cemetery

174 Church St. | 337.662.5279  
St-Charles-Borromeo.org | [f](#)

Groups by appt. only  
Designed by New Orleans architect James Freret, this wooden structure, the finest gem in Grand Coteau, has stained glass windows, paintings, statues, and ornate altars.  
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### 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.  
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## EAT & DRINK

### Brent's Catering

234 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.4003 | 337.344.3562  
BrentsCatering.com | [f](#)

Tues-Thurs 10AM-2PM; FRI 10AM-2PM/5:30PM-9PM  
Restaurant serves Cajun cuisine favorites and home cooked plate lunches. Seafood buffet Friday nights. Catering available.

### Chicorys Coffee & Café

219 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.886.5770 | [f](#)

Tues-Fri 6:30AM-3:30PM;  
Sat-Sun 7AM-2PM  
Offers a wide selection of specialty coffees, smoothies, and breakfast and lunch items – all within walking distance of area antiques and historic attractions. *Ici on parle français.*

### Go Bears Southern Eatery

1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | [f](#)  
337.662.2500 | Go-Bears.com  
Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM

Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.

### P&D's Cake Cottage

106 St. Joseph St.  
337.662.CAKE (2253)  
PDCakeCottage.com | [f](#)

Tues-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-10AM  
Specializing in homemade cakes for weddings and other occasions. Pastries and cakes sold by the slice.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Casita Azul

151 Church St.  
337.254.9695 | 337.280.5517 | [f](#)  
Relax in a private guest cottage with accommodations including a queen bed, WiFi, a large bathroom, and continental breakfast.  
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### Frozard Plantation Cottage

307 Frozard Rd. | 337.945.0204 | [f](#)  
Private, historic 2-room guest cottage on the beautiful wooded grounds of the Frozard plantation. Kitchenette and queen bed. GPS city location is Arnaudville.

### Mama Sue's Tiny Guesthouse

134 Church St. | 337.739.7974 | [f](#)  
Converted little, red barn with high ceilings overlooking the beautiful grounds of St. Charles College. All furnishings are antiques or recycled pieces. WiFi.

# KROTZ SPRINGS

Krotz Springs, also known as the “*Mile of Boudin*”, was named after Ohio native and sawmill owner, C. W. Krotz. Krotz put down the first oil well in St. Landry Parish but struck water instead of oil, so the town formerly known as Lantania became Krotz Springs. Situated on the **Atchafalaya River**, Krotz Springs is a port and refinery center handling almost three million tons of liquid and dry bulk cargo, such as oil and grain. The town is also a gateway to the outdoors with the 40,000-acre **Sherburne Wildlife Management Area** along its eastern border. Outdoor enthusiasts can also access a 28,000-acre area in the **Atchafalaya Basin, Indian Bayou**, perfect for hunting and fishing. North of Highway 190, on Highway 105, is the **Teche Vermillion Pumping Station**. The station is responsible for the healthy water levels and water quality of our bayous. They monitor the water flow and prevent further debris from entering our waterways.



## SHOPPING

### Cricket's Bait Shop

24386 Hwy. 190 | 337.592.0452 | [f](#)

Open daily 6AM-5PM

Open since 2004, Cricket has a talent for acquiring eclectic and folk-artsy items of all sorts.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Atchafalaya Campground

174 Campground Loop

337.945.1941 | [f](#)

Water, electricity, dump site, 35 sites on the Atchafalaya, pavilion, picnic tables, washateria, bathroom, and showers.

### DC's RV Park

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800

Great area for fishing, boating, hunting, and more. Full service restaurant, 15 full hook-up sites, 30/50 amps, water, electricity, sewer, WiFi, and pet friendly.

## EAT & DRINK

### Billy's Diner

24467 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2080

Sun-Wed 4:30AM-10PM;

Thurs-Sat 4:30AM-11PM

Short-order menu with burgers, salads, poboys, boudin balls, and cracklins.

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

### Cajun Corner Café

24386 Hwy. 190 E | 337.566.8003 | [f](#)

Sun-Wed 10AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat

10AM-9PM

Specialty meats, boudin, and boudin balls. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

Located in the Valero Station.

### Kartchner's Grocery

24562 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.0529

KartchnersSpecialtyMeats.com | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 6:30AM-7PM; Sun 7:30AM-6PM

Specialty meat market. Available frozen – gumbo, étouffée, rice dressing, and much more.

On the Boudin Trail – will ship.



BOUDIN-CAJUN STYLE FAST-FOOD

### Morrow's Diner

24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737

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

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

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### Whitetails Bar & Grill

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800 | [f](#)

Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM; Wed-Sun

11AM-11PM

Features an array of specialty sandwiches, seafood, and daily specials, in a motif centered around the whitetail deer. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.



## LEONVILLE

The first Catholic pastor, Fr. Leon Mailluchet, named this village after St. Leon. Nestled between Opelousas and Arnaudville, along Bayou Teche, Leonville's public boat launch makes a great starting point for a paddle down this historic waterway. It's also a perfect stopping point for cyclists pedaling on the **Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway** (Hwy 31). The **Fete Dieu du Teche** is held each year on August 15, which is the Feast of the Assumption. This Eucharistic Procession features a flotilla of boats, commemorating the arrival of the Acadians, marking faith and heritage with stops along the way to recite the rosary.

### EAT & DRINK

#### Champagne's Marché

3802 Hwy. 31 | 337.879.2586

ChampagnesMarche.com | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM,

Sun 7:30AM-2PM

Est. in 1926, Champagne's Marché offers plate lunches and award-winning king cakes and boudin. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*



## MELVILLE

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

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

Biker enthusiasts and fans of the film *Easy Rider* can get to Melville by way of scenic **Hwy. 105**, where that memorable last scene took place.

### SHOPPING

#### Cannatella's Grocery & Hardware

421 Landrum St. | 337.623.4211 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 9AM-3PM

Home of "Finest Italian Sausage" and "One Good Muffaletta!"

This grocery/hardware store has been serving Melville since 1923. On the Boudin Trail.

# Cajun Country Mardi Gras



Here, **Mardi Gras** is not your typical festival with floats, beads and doubloons. Instead, for the **Courir de Mardi Gras**, locals trade floats for horses, beads for bells, and crowded streets for country roads.

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

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

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

## **Additional festivities include:**

- Opelousas Mardi Gras Celebration
- Lil' Nate's Mardi Gras Parade & Chicken Run
- Sunset Mardi Gras Parade
- Lundi Gras Boucherie

## **When is Mardi Gras?**

- 2020: February 25
- 2021: February 16
- 2022: March 1

## **For more information visit:**

[CajunTravel.com/Mardi-Gras](http://CajunTravel.com/Mardi-Gras)





Travel the **Zydeco-Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway**, a music-heavy trail that traverses three parishes – St. Landry, Acadia, and Evangeline. These regions are responsible for three distinct musical sounds – Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop.



### *Don't change that station!*

Let **KBON 101.1** be the soundtrack for the **Bayou Teche Corridor**. Part of the **Atchafalaya National Heritage Area**, this corridor traces historic Bayou Teche, a 135-mile bayou flowing from its head in Port Barre down to its mouth in Berwick. This bayou is now recognized as a **National Water Trail** featuring 13 established access points for paddle trips.

## ST. LANDRY PARISH TOWN HALLS

ARNAUDVILLE .....	337.754.5911	GRAND COTEAU .....	337.662.5246
CANKTON .....	337.668.4456	KROTZ SPRINGS .....	337.566.2322
EUNICE .....	337.457.7389	LEONVILLE .....	337.879.2601



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# AMÉDÉ ARDOIN COMMEMORATIVE



Amédé Ardoin (1898-1942) was one of the earliest French-speaking Creole musicians to commercially record his songs and the first to build a library of over 30 recordings with national labels. He is widely regarded as the bedrock of today's Cajun and Creole music. The Amédé Ardoin Commemorative was inspired by the Ardoin family's efforts to bring him home from his burial place in an unmarked grave at the Central Louisiana Hospital. The memorial, a 1,500-pound steel statue, displays Ardoin standing high atop his most prized possession, his accordion. In his right hand he holds out a bronze lemon, a reference to Ardoin's practice of carrying a lemon in his pocket for his singing voice.

*View the memorial statue at the St. Landry Parish Visitors Center located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49.*

# OPELOUSAS



Founded in 1720, Opelousas is Louisiana's third oldest city. Take a walk through downtown and see original architecture, historic homes, and public art. Some of the parish's oldest buildings have been restored at **Le Vieux Village Heritage Park**. There, you will also find the **Louisiana Orphan Train Museum**, one of only two museums in the U.S. that tells the story of the New York Foundling Hospital orphans.



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

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



Local restaurants today are still influenced by Opelousas natives, the late culinary great, **Chef Paul Prudhomme**, and seasoning entrepreneur, **Tony Chachere**. With local eateries still open since the 30's, you can enjoy recipes that are tried and true!



## OPELOUSAS TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER & JIM BOWIE DISPLAY

828 E. Landry St. (Hwy. 190) | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM & Sat 9AM-4PM  
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442 | [CityOfOpelousas.com](http://CityOfOpelousas.com) | [f](#)

The center houses a display of photos and information on Jim Bowie, one-time resident of Opelousas.

### LIVE MUSIC


- **Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center**
- **Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino**
- **SLP Visitor Center**
- **Toby's Lounge & Event Center**

*See listings and call for information.*

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### Art Box Studio & Gallery

115 S. Main St. | 337.418.1789


ArtBoxOpelousas.com | 

Open daily 9AM-6PM

View the vibrant and bold work of Neketta Guillory. Check her website for other events including poetry readings, music events, and other hands-on learning experiences.

### Becky's Barn

1145 Hwy. 357 | 337.356.3192

BeckysBarn.net | 


Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 10:30AM-5PM  
8,000-sq. ft. Over 50 vendors.

Antiques, black iron pots, glassware, goat milk soap, furniture, and more.

### French Metal Handmade Metal Paintings

231 Pecan Tree Ln.

337.826.5601 | 337.308.0536

CGFrenchMetal.com | 

By appt. only

One-of-a-kind, 3-D metal artwork by local craftsman, Carroll Gautreaux, depicting the Cajun lifestyle and culture. Each painting is handmade with intricate detail. Commissioned pieces upon request.

### Opelousas Farmers Market

828 E. Landry St. | 337.435.1023

Tues, Thurs, Sat 6:30AM-9:30AM

Discover bounties of homegrown fruits, vegetables, preserves and jellies, and more.

### Sebastien Dupre Fine Jewelry

822 S. Main St. | 337.948.4367 | 

Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM

Distinctive pieces made by locals, including primitive Louisiana folk art, handmade reclaimed wood projects, artwork, and fused glass pendants.

### Spotted Cat Antiques, Etc.

637 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.1081 | 

SpottedCatAntiques.com


Thurs-Sun 10AM-6PM

More than 100 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing, furniture, and primitive items.

*Ici on parle français.*

### Targil Seasoning & Butcher Supplies

229 Wartell Ave. | 337.942.6276

Targil.com | 

Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM & by appt.

Create your own spice blend and custom label. 2.5 billion pounds of spices are produced annually. Purchase blends in the retail shop. Group tours available. *Ici on parle français.*

## ATTRACTIONS

### Creole Heritage Folklife Center

1113 W. Vine St. | 337.945.5064


Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM; Sat 1PM-4PM;

Sun by appt.

Relive traditions of Creole culture. Call for guided tours. Featured on the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

### Dashing W Farm

313 Country Ridge Rd. | 337.678.0883

DashingWFarm.com | 

By appt. only

Interact with horses through fun ground activities designed to help you learn more about yourself and how to enhance your own personal development. Only Equine Assisted Learning facility in the state. Groups welcome.

### Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.

337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO

EvangelineDowns.com | 

Open 24 hours a day

Live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. More than 1,350 slot machines, concerts, and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

### Historic District Tours

828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227

CityOfOpelousas.com

View antebellum, Victorian, and turn-of-the-century homes and other structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A brochure is available for self-guided tours.

### Historic Michel Prudhomme Home


1152 Prudhomme Cir.

337.942.8011 | Tours by appt.

The home is believed to be the oldest structure in St. Landry Parish. This French Colonial house was built in the late 1700s. Available for tours, meetings, and receptions.

### Holy Ghost Catholic Church

747 N. Union St.

337.942.2732 | HGCatholic.org | 

This church boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the US. The gospel choir sings on the first, second, and third, Sundays at the 11AM Mass.

## Le Vieux Village Heritage Park

828 E. Landry St.  
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442  
CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)  
Open year-round. Tours by appt.  
This historical park and museum is a collection of buildings dating from the 1700s, and includes one of the oldest Creole homes west of the Mississippi River. *Ici on parle français.*

## Louisiana Orphan Train Museum

223 S. Academy St.  
Located within Le Vieux Village  
337.948.9922 | 337.942.7845 | [f](#)  
LaOrphanTrainMuseum.com  
Tues-Fri 10AM-3PM; Sat 10AM-2PM  
Hear the story of the Orphan Train Riders who came to Louisiana by train from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929. One of two museums in the US. Admission. *Ici on parle français.*

## Opelousas Museum & Interpretive Center

315 N. Main St. | 337.948.2589  
CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM  
Group tours by appt.  
Special exhibits include the Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Display, the Rodney Milburn Tribute – Gold Medal Winner, animatronics, and the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives.

## Rural African American History Museum

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

## St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery

1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552  
StLandryCatholicChurch.com | [f](#)  
Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM  
Tours by appt. only  
Built in 1909, the “Mother Church of Acadiana” is one of the finest examples of Romanesque Revival in the state. It is also the site of the Fr. Lafleur Monument, a tribute to the WWII POW Chaplain.



Here in the **Prairie Home Cooking Region**, we take pride in our culinary traditions, locally-grown produce, and products made right here in St. Landry Parish. Here are some of our favorites.

**Zydeco Chop Chop** – Call it *mirepoix* or the *Cajun Trinity*, this bag of dehydrated ingredients makes Louisiana cooking easy and convenient. Find it at **Targil Seasoning**. (pg. 22)

**Prayer House Coffee** – This passion project has become an exciting business venture in which coffee lovers can order from the micro-roaster online (PrayerHouseCoffee.com) or sample a cup at **Brew & Scoop** in Opelousas (pg. 24)

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

**Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning** – This Opelousas product is a Cajun staple that can go on anything from gumbo to popcorn. Find it at any local grocery store or visit the gift shop at **Tony Chachere's**.

**Craft Beer** – The Knott family loves to experiment with local, seasonal ingredients and crafts each ale to complement Louisiana dishes. Every weekend, travelers can sample **Bayou Teche Brewing's** latest culinary concoctions in the tap room, hear live music, or take a tour in French or English. (pg. 8)

**LouAna Cooking Oil** – LouAna has cooking oil covered, from vegetable and corn to avocado and safflower. Find it at any local grocery store and check out their website (LouAna.com) for recipes and tips.

### Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center

204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188 | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 10:30AM-2PM

Dine on Creole cuisine and seafood dishes in a restaurant with a funky French Quarter feel. Live music on the 1ST, 3RD, and 5TH Sundays.

### Back in Time

123 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2413 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 11AM-2:30PM

Café serving award-winning recipes. Collectibles and unique gifts. *Ici on parle français.*

### Bellard's Poultry & Crawfish

405 S. Bullard St. | 337.942.3033 | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-12PM

Open since 1964, this specialty shop is devoted to custom cutting the freshest quality meat, seafood, and poultry. Zydeco Chop Chop (pg. 23) is also available here.

### Benny's Supermarket

806 S. Union St. | 337.948.6533 | [f](#)  
Open daily 7AM-8PM

Delicious breakfast and plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.

### Billy's Boudin & Cracklin

904 Short Vine St. | 337.942.9150  
BillysBoudin.com | Mon-Fri 7:30AM-

6PM; Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 8AM-2PM  
Enjoy traditional, smoked, and crawfish boudin, plus cracklins and specialty meats.

### Brew & Scoop

415 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.3660 | [f](#)  
Mon-Fri 6:30AM-8PM; Sat-Sun  
7:30AM-8PM

Café serving locally-roasted Prayer House Coffee.

### Café 5696

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18  
337.948.3300

Mon-Fri 6AM-9:45AM; Sat-Sun 7AM-10:45AM; Dinner: Mon-Fri 5PM-9:30PM  
Serving American and Cajun cuisine.

### Chicken King

240 E. Prudhomme Ln. | 337.942.9224  
ChickenKingLA.com | [f](#)

Sun-Wed 8AM-10PM; Thurs-Sat  
8AM-12AM

Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

### Coby's Classic Cuisine

1631 N. Main St. | 337.678.0454 | [f](#)  
Mon-Tues 10:30AM-2:30PM; Wed-

Thurs 10:30AM-8:30PM; Fri-Sat  
10:30AM-9:30PM; Sun 11AM-3PM  
Award-winning restaurant offering seafood dishes, steaks, burgers, daily plate lunches, salads, pastas, and kid's meals. *Ici on parle français.*

### Crawfish House & Grill

1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049 | [f](#)

Sun-Fri 11AM-2PM; Tues-Sat 5PM-9PM  
Birthplace of the "Cajun Girl Poboy." Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers, and sandwiches. Oysters, shrimp, and boiled crawfish when in season. *Ici on parle français.*

### Duos Cajun Corner

840 Hwy. 167  
337.628.0123 | 337.224.4969 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 8:30AM-5PM; Crawfish season: Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-8:30PM; Fri-Sat 8:30AM-9:30PM

Locally-cured, smoked meats and sausages, boudin, and cracklins. Boiled crawfish seasonally. On the Boudin Trail.

### Eddie's Seafood Market

905 S. Walnut St. | 337.678.0999 | [f](#)  
Mon-Thurs 11AM-8PM; Fri-Sat

11AM-9PM; Sun 11AM-6PM

Serving fresh, fried, and boiled crab and shrimp. Boiled crawfish when in season.

### Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino Dining

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.  
337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO  
EvangelineDowns.com

- The Spotted Horse Tavern & Dining Parlor
- The Cajun Buffet
- The Café
- Fast and Lucy's Pub

### Fat Belly's Diner

317 E. Jefferson St. | 337.942.5445 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 10AM-8PM; Sun 10AM-6PM

Serving home cooked plate lunches and soul food. Boiled crab, shrimp, and crawfish, when in season.

### Frank's Poboy's

603 E. Landry St. | 337.678.3032 | [f](#)  
Mon-Wed 10:30AM-9:30PM;

Thurs-Sat 10:30AM-10:30PM  
Traditional and specialty poboy's, such as the Cajun Meatball and Frank's Special.

### Hebert's Boudin & Cracklin

4932 I-49 N. Service Rd. | [f](#)  
337.942.8828 | HebertsBoudin.com

Open daily 6AM-8PM

Specialty meat market and local products. On the Boudin Trail - will ship. *Ici on parle français.*

### Java Square Café

103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.1055  
JavaSquare.Cafe | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 8AM-4PM  
Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust & Savings building (1927). Locally-roasted Reve coffee.

### Joe's Sandwich Shop

1633 W. Vine St. | 337.942.5163

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

Est. 1941. Burgers, poboys, fried seafood, and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri.

### **Kelly's Country Meat Block & Diner**

1531 S. Union St. | 337.942.7466 | 

Store: Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM;  
Sat 7AM-4PM; Sun 7AM-2PM. Diner:  
Daily 11AM-2PM

Hearty homemade Cajun fare, daily plate lunches, and BBQ on Thurs and Sun. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.  
*Ici on parle français.*

### **Lavergne's Cajun Kitchen**

10300 Prejean Hwy. (Hwy. 190) |   
337.678.9468 | Mon-Fri 10:30AM-3:30PM

Located in Lawtell right on Hwy 190. Offering plate lunches that range from seafood to stews, with an option for dessert. House-made seasoning blend, Paw's and Poppy's Seasoning.

### **LINX Specialty Meats**

15595 Hwy. 190 | 337.948.0000 | 

Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-3PM  
Specialty meat shop serving daily plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, alligator bites and sausage, crawfish bites, crab bites, and more.

### **Mae's Café**

925 W. Vine St. | 337.678.0866 | 

Mon-Thurs 6AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 6AM-11PM; Sun 6AM-7PM

Serving local Cajun and Creole dishes, plate lunches, and breakfast. Barbecue on Sundays.


### **Mama's Fried Chicken**

508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203

Sun-Thurs 10AM-10PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-11PM

2307 Jake Dr. | 337.948.6262

Open daily 10AM-10PM

EatMamasFriedChicken.com | 

Serving homemade items, such as chicken and biscuits. Desserts include funnel cakes and fried Oreos.

### **Meche's Meat & Supermarket**

1508 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2089

Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM  
Specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

### **Mikey's Donut King**

952 E. Landry St. | 337.942.2128 | 

Open daily 4AM-1PM

Offering an array of different donuts and fillings. Stop by during Mardi Gras season for a traditional King Cake.

### **Pearl's Country Kitchen**

8247 Hwy. 182 | 337.594.8899

Mon-Fri 10:30AM-5PM; Sun 10AM-2PM

Home cooked plate lunches. BBQ served on Sunday. Cakes and catering for all occasions.

### **Pizza Shack**

1242 Edith St. | 337.948.4838

PizzaShackOpelousas.com | 

Mon-Thurs 11AM-9:30PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10:30PM; Sun 5PM-9:30PM

Open since 1988, serving poboys, muffalatas, and pizzas using sauces made fresh daily and dough made from scratch. Try Ferdie's Special, which uses local Savoie's Sausage.

### **Ray's Grocery Plus**

6028 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.9077 | 

Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM

Featuring boudin made with the original Ray's recipe, crawfish boudin, pepper jack cheese stuffed boudin balls, and the sweet potato biscuit. On the Boudin Trail.

### **Savoie's Foods**

1742 Hwy. 742 | SavoiesFoods.com

337.942.9955 | 337.942.7241 | 

Mon-Fri 8AM-4:45PM

Producers of Savoie's sausage, tasso, roux, and more. On the boudin trail - will ship.

### **Sebastien's West End Seafood Market**


1538 W. Landry St. | 337.407.0780 | 

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-2PM

Large variety of fresh, wild-caught seafood all from local fishermen.

### **Soileau's Dinner Club**

1618 N. Main St.


337.942.2985 | Soileaus.com | 

Sun-Mon 11AM-8PM; Tues-Thurs 11AM-8:30PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-9:30PM

Est. in 1937, Soileau's offers Cajun specialties, char-broiled angus beef, and seafood. Family and candlelight dining. Private banquet room. Take-out available.

### **Sonya's Donuts & Deli**


1416 Jean Kayla Blvd. | 337.942.7143

Tues-Sun 4AM-1PM | 

Featuring soul food, burgers, and plate lunches.

### **Sweet Lucy's Soul Food**

1332 Goodloe St. | 337.678.3311

Mon-Fri 11AM-4PM | 

Traditional plate lunches, burgers, and seafood baskets. Trail ride fare like oxtails, pig feet, and tripe. Drive-thru only.

### **The Palace Café**

135 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2142 | 

Mon-Sat 6AM-8PM; Sun 6AM-2PM

Open since 1927, this popular diner serves down home Cajun cooking. Try the daily special and popular fried chicken salad.

### **Yam Country Pies**

430 E. Grolee St. | 337.948.4553

YamCountryPies.com | 

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

Traditional folded pies made with sweet dough and filled with yam, apple, lemon, custard, coconut, or seasonal flavors.

## BED & BREAKFAST

### Shirley's B&B

1741 Ernestine Dr. | 337.693.0420 | [f](#)  
This modern, one-bedroom cottage features a small gym/office, full kitchen, TV, WiFi, and a backyard with a privacy fence. Breakfast is served on the back patio.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Alice's RV Park

631 Desiree Rd. | 337.288.9633  
8 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water, and sewer. RV rental, WiFi, picnic tables, washateria, laundry, church services available. Pet friendly.

### Caribbean Campground & Wellness Center

12178 Hwy. 190 W. | 337.678.1500  
CaribbeanCampground.com | [f](#)  
23 RV sites, can accommodate RVs up to 70ft, 30/50 amp, full hookups, water, sewer, electricity, outdoor pool, laundry, restrooms, showers, accessible.

### Dale White RV Park

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

### Evangeline Oaks RV Park

808 Hwy. 742 | 337.288.0032  
EvangelineOaksRVPark.com | [f](#)  
17 shaded sites, featuring WiFi, laundry and bath facility, 30/50 amp electric, full hookups, water, and sewer.

### South City Park Campground

1524 S. Market St. | 337.948.2562  
CityOfOpelousas.com/South-City-Park  
Office: Mon-Fri 8AM-12PM/1PM-4PM  
61 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp, dump station. 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  
18 rooms. Daily & weekly rates, cable, microwave/fridge, free WiFi.

### Cardinal Inn Motel

12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624  
35 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

### Days Inn & Suites

5761 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18  
337.407.0004 | DaysInn.com | [f](#)  
58 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave/fridge, pool. Groups welcome.

### Evangeline Downs Hotel

2235 Creswell Ln., Exit 18, Lot B  
337.407.2121 | [f](#)  
EvangelineDownsHotel.com  
A Choice Hotels property connected to Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. 117 Rooms. Rooms include a mini-fridge, microwave, WiFi, and continental breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. Event/meeting space.

### Hampton Inn

1700 Commerce Blvd.  
337.284.3428 | [f](#)  
80 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave, fridge, pool, and fitness center. Meeting room available.

### Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18  
337.948.3300 | [f](#)  
HolidayInn.com/OpelousasLA  
75 rooms. National Award Winner for Design. Full-service hotel. Heated indoor pool and spa. Meeting room available.

### Motel 6

4165 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 15  
337.948.9500  
62 rooms, outdoor pool, cable TV, WiFi, and meeting space.

### Quality Inn

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

### Ranch Motel

315 S. Cane St. | 337.942.9775  
15 rooms.

### Super 8 by Wyndham

5791 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18  
337.942.6250  
46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV. Complimentary hot breakfast.

### Townhouse Motel

337 W. Landry St. | 337.948.4488  
30 rooms. Cable TV and WiFi. Daily & weekly rates.



Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, the small town of Palmetto earned its name from the native plant that grows in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of the palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt at the community's general store, **Budden's**, which has been open since the 1930s. On the first Saturday in July, thousands head to nearby Lebeau for the annual **Zydeco Festival**. A popular time for family reunions and fun.

#### SHOPPING

##### **Budden's Store**

165 W. Railroad Ave., Palmetto

337.623.4711 | [f](#)

Mon-Wed, Fri 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM; Sat 8AM-4PM

Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of the early days of Palmetto, when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area. *Ici on parle français*

#### EAT & DRINK

##### **Stelly's of Lebeau, Inc.**

8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau

337.623.4458 | [f](#)

Store: Daily 7AM-8PM

Restaurant: Daily 6AM-8PM

Open since 1920, this grocery store/restaurant combo offers local specialties, breakfast, and plate lunches.

On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

## St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Landfill

417 Solid Waste Rd., Washington | 337.826.5211 | [SLPSolidWaste.org](http://SLPSolidWaste.org) | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 6AM-5PM; Sat 6AM-4PM | Tours by appointment only

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

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

All ages, from kindergarten classes to garden clubs, along with international scientists, have enjoyed facility tours. *Ici on parle français.*





# PORT BARRE

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

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

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

## SHOPPING

### The Fox's Den

140 Bayou Drive | 337.777.5004 | [f](#)

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM

Shop refurbished old furniture, home décor, and gift items. From wood-working to painting, every piece in this gift shop is handmade.

## EAT & DRINK

### Bourque's Supermarket & Deli

581 Saizan St. | 337.585.6261

BourqueSpecialties.com | [f](#)

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

Famous for jalapeno, sausage, cheese bread. Also serves boudin, cracklins, and homemade plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

### Chicken King

17560 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7150

ChickenKingLA.com | [f](#)

Open daily 8AM-10PM

Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

### Jambalaya Café

16470 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7697 | [f](#)

Open 24 hours a day

Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes, as well as homemade burgers. Located inside King's Truck Stop.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Bayou Teche RV Park

100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646

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

### JC's RV Park

2963 Hwy. 741 | 337.351.9913

Open daily 7AM-8PM

20 full hook-up sites with 30/50 amp service, a large pavilion, and private laundry and shower facilities.

### Travelers Motel

17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642

31 rooms with cable TV, microwave, and fridge. Daily and weekly rates available.

# SUNSET

Legend has it that Sunset received its name from railroad workers in the late 1800s. The workers named new train stops as they reached them and apparently arrived here at sunset.



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

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



## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### Antique Woods of LA

184 Pershing Hwy. | 337.662.2121

AntiqueWoodsLA.com |

Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-4PM;

Fri 7:30AM-12PM

If you are looking for flooring, ceiling, beams, or other reclaimed architectural pieces, then this is the place.

### Artworks by Ted Bertrand

855 Napoleon Ave. | 337.351.3043

ArtWorksByTedBertrand.com |

Thurs-Sat 10AM-5PM

Colorful, impressionistic artwork depicting Louisiana landscapes, wildlife, Acadiana-style homes, and other structures and scenes that exemplify this area. Also featuring local artists, Anne Matt and Catherine Myers. *Ici on parle français.*

### Bayou Some Stuff Thrift Shop

789 Napoleon Ave. | 337.331.5577

Thurs-Sat 9AM-5PM |

Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys, music, jewelry, collectibles, and art.

### Boho

829-B Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.2223

| Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM

An eclectic mix of modified finds, creative works, art, and restyled and vintage furniture. Also features local artists using reclaimed materials.

### J&B Quilting

988 Napoleon Ave.

337.662.1183 | JBQuilting.com |

Tues-Fri 9AM-5:30PM; Sat 10AM-3PM

Fabric store with a large selection of supplies for needlepoint crafts. Also, shop for books, gift items, bags, and totes.



### Jerilyn's Fused Glass Art Gallery & Studio

819 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.5409 |

Wed-Sat 10:30AM-5PM & by appt.

One-of-a-kind, fused glass art pieces and jewelry. Commissioned pieces upon request.

### La Caboose Gift Shop

135 S. Budd St. | 337.662.5401

Open daily 10am-5pm & by appt.

Features gourd art, oil paintings, and homemade jams.

### Remember When Antiques

956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 |

Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-5PM

Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale. Mid-century room.

## SHOPPING, *continued*

### Sunset Antique Market

151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091 | [f](#)  
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11PM-4PM  
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of antiques, art, and collectibles in a converted sweet potato shed. The buildings are vintage warehouses approximately 50-75 years old. *Ici on parle français.*

### Sunset Rail Stop Flea Market

312 Anna St. | 337.945.9188 | 337.662.1118  
SunsetRailStop.com | [f](#)  
Fri-Sat 10AM-4PM; Sun 12PM-4PM  
Located in a converted feed store and warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, and more. 6,000 sq. ft. and climate controlled. One block south of traffic light.

### The Funky Flea

829-A Napoleon Ave. | 337.258.5404  
[f](#) | Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM & by appt.  
Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Sunset Motor Inn

2153 I-49 S. Service Rd.  
337.662.3726  
31 rooms.



## EAT & DRINK

### Café Josephine

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

### DDee's Café

207 Landry St. | 337.347.2161  
Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM | [f](#)  
Plate lunches, soups, salads, and sandwiches, all inspired by Cajun recipes.

### Janise's Supermarket & Deli

147 Oak Tree Park Dr. | 337.662.5512  
JanisesSupermarket.com | [f](#)  
Open daily 7AM-8PM  
Specialty meats, poboys, and Cajun cuisine. Homemade plate lunches made daily. On the Boudin Trail – will ship.



## Filmed in St. Landry Parish

Many films, television shows, and made-for-TV movies have been filmed in St. Landry Parish. We're a favorite with film crews for our natural beauty, music, Mardi Gras, horse racing, and Cajun and Creole culture and cuisine. Below is a

sample of what you will see when you visit our film blog at [CajunTravel.com/Blog](#).

*\*Photo courtesy of IMDb.com*

- **Free State of Jones** (2016) – filmed in Washington
- **Secretariat** (2010) – filmed in Opelousas
- **Easy Rider** (1969) – filmed in Krotz Springs
- **Out of Sight** (1998) – filmed in Krotz Springs
- **Passion Fish** (1992) – filmed in Opelousas
- **Casey's Shadow** (1978) – filmed in Opelousas
- **Dirty Rice** (1997) – filmed in Eunice  
director, Eunice native Pat Mire
- **Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown** (2018)  
& **No Reservations** (2011) – filmed in Opelousas  
& Eunice



Washington, first named Church Landing, was the site of the first Catholic Church (built in 1770) in St. Landry Parish. Located on **Bayou Courtableau**, and a thriving steamboat town in the 1800s, Washington served as the largest port between New Orleans and St. Louis. Steamers worked their way through a maze of bayous and rivers to carry cargo to and from New Orleans.

Today, antique lovers can spend hours browsing treasures at the numerous shops along Main Street. The **Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall**, a former high school built in 1934, houses more than 100 antique dealers. On the second weekend in April and October, the **Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale** is held on site, attracting thousands of shoppers.



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


Washington has become a desirable wedding destination, with its historic venues and churches that provide quaint settings and charming backdrops for that special day. The significance of the town's original architecture was recognized in 2017, as the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation chose Washington as the site of its annual Fall Ramble.

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### Nanny Belle's Antiques

402 S. Main St. | 337.849.8477  
Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM; Sun 12AM-6PM  
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china, and more.

### Olde Wood Accents

321 Main St. | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM  
337.351.9009 | 337.308.3563 |   
Source for reclaimed wood, cypress furniture, floors, stairs, furniture repairs, and woodworking.

### Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 |   
OldSchoolhouseAntiqueMall.com

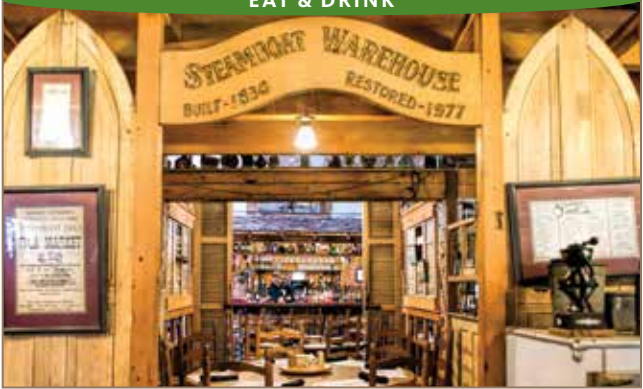
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM  
40,000 sq. ft. of antiques, collectibles, vintage clothing, jewelry, and primitives. 50s-style café offers home-cooked meals. Look for semi-annual sales in April and October. *Ici on parle français.*

## LIVE MUSIC

- **Old Courtableau Café**
- **Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant**
- **Willie's Campground**

*See listings and call for information.*

## EAT & DRINK



### Ardoin's Grocery

321 N. St. John St. | 337.826.7136

Mon-Fri 6:30AM-6:30PM;

Sat 6:30AM-2PM

Family owned since 1955, locally-sourced produce, meat cut fresh daily, and delicious homemade sausage.

On the Boudin Trail - will ship

### Old Courtableau Café

104 S. Main St. | 337.826.9910 | [f](#)

OldCourtableauCafe.com

Tues-Wed 10AM-3PM; Thurs 10AM-8PM;

Fri-Sat 10AM-10PM; Sun 11AM-3PM

Cajun-style restaurant and dancehall serving poboys, seafood, and plate lunches.

### Old Schoolhouse Café

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | [f](#)

Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM

1950's-style café offers home-cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall. *Ici on parle français.*

### Savannah Sports Grill

705 S. Main St. | 337.628.0303 | [f](#)

Thurs 6PM-12AM; Fri-Sat 6PM-2AM;

Sun 11AM-2PM

Features plate lunches, barbecue, and live music.

### Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

525 N. Main St. | 337.826.7227 | [f](#)

SteamboatWarehouse.com

Tues-Sat 5PM-until; Sun 11AM-2PM

This brick warehouse was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then dine on delicious steaks, seafood, and specialties.

### Washington Fast Foods

311 N. Main St. | 337.826.5704

Open daily 5AM-9PM

Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Bayou Courtableau RV Park

187 Elizabeth St. | 337.351.2615

Located on Bayou Courtableau.

Offers 12 full hook up sites, picnic tables, firewood, a pavilion, and outdoor kitchen for guest use. Water, electricity, and RV rentals.

### Crawford House B&B

331 E. Carriere St. | 337.945.8274

Acquired by steamboat Captain

William Crawford in 1864. Enjoy

19th-century living with three porches overlooking the grounds, including 150-year-old live oaks.

### Steamboat Cottages

513 N. Main St.

337.826.1009 | 337.230.7229

Nestled on scenic *Bayou Courtableau*, the cottages feature spacious living areas, patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, TV, mini-fridge, and microwave.

### Town of Washington RV Park

143 Front St. | 337.826.3626

Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM, Weekends & after hours 337.826.3305

Enjoy five acres in a family and pet friendly environment with over 50 full hookups including water, electricity, and sewage.

### Willie's Campground

1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.826.4822 | [f](#)

Wed 1PM-12AM; Thurs-Sat 1PM-2AM,

Office closed on Sun & Mon

This campground of 60 sites is situated along Bayou Courtableau.

Water, electricity, and sewage provided. *Ici on parle français.*



# Group & Meeting Venues

## ARNAUDVILLE

### Bayou Teche Brewery

1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5122

BayouTecheBrewing.com

50 - PATIO

50 - BEER GARDEN

60 - THE TURNIP

## EUNICE

### The Barn at Lakeview

1717 Veterans Memorial Hwy.

337.457.2881 | LVPark.com

72 SEATED

200 STANDING

### The Chapelle Store at Cypress Grove

121 Seale Ln. | 337.546.4177

CypressGrovePlace.com

150 CAPACITY

### Gabrielle's

235 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.305.1691

100 CAPACITY

### La Belle Venue

201 Eugene Ln. | 337.305.1691

150 SEATED

400 BUFFET-STYLE SERVICE

### Liberty Theatre

200 W. Park Ave. | 337.457.7389

Eunice-La.com

114 - BALCONY

411 - FLOOR LEVEL

### Louisiana State University Eunice

2048 Johnson Hwy. | 337.550.1390

LSUE.edu

50 SEATED - ROOM 117

250 EACH - 3 AUDITORIUMS

### Nick's on 2ND

123 S. Second St. | 337.466.3433

75 SEATED (PRIVATE)

### Northwest Community Center & Pavilion

501 Samuel Dr. | 337.457.7389

250 SEATED

400 STANDING

1000 STANDING -

OUTDOOR PAVILION

### The Prairie Barn: Goods & Darts

121 Seale Ln. | 337.457.3573

40 SEATED

## GRAND COTEAU

### Brent's Catering

234 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.344.3562 | BrentsCatering.com

300 CAPACITY

### Grand Coteau House Ballroom

162 E. Martin Luther King Dr.

337.232.5300

GrandCoteauHouse.com

225 SEATED

300 STANDING

## KROTZ SPRINGS

### Gary Soileau Community Center

216 Park St. | 337.566.2322

KrotzSprings.net

350 SEATED

## OPELOUSAS

### Arpeggios Lounge & Event Center

204 N. Main St. | 337.407.5188

80 SEATED

150 STANDING

### The Chapel at Le Vieux Village

828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227

CityOfOpelousas.com

100 SEATED

### Days Inn & Suites

5761 I-49 S. Service Rd.

337.407.0004 | DaysInn.com

50 SEATED

65 STANDING

58 HOTEL ROOMS

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**Delta Grand Theatre**

120 N. Market St. | 337.407.0950

DeltaGrandTheatre.com

300 SEATED

640 STANDING

**Equine Sales of Louisiana**

372 Harry Guilbeau Rd.

337.515.5555

EquineSalesCompany.com

400 SEATED

600 STANDING

**Evangeline Downs Hotel**

2235 Creswell Ln. | 337.407.2121

EvangelineDownHotel.com

50 SEATED, 62 STANDING -

PARISH ROOM

32 SEATED - BREAKFAST ROOM

117 HOTEL ROOMS

**Evangeline Downs  
Racetrack & Casino**

2235 Creswell Ln. | 337.594.3088

EvangelineDowns.com/Meet

150 SEATED, 300 STANDING -  
CLUBHOUSE600 SEATED, 1200 STANDING -  
EVENT CENTER65 SEATED, 120 STANDING -  
JOHN HENRY ROOM

180 SEATED, 319 STANDING - MOJO'S

100 SEATED, 200 STANDING -  
PREFUNCTION ROOM**Farmers Market Pavilion**

828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263

CityOfOpelousas.com

250 SEATED

400 STANDING

**Hampton Inn**

1700 Commerce Blvd. | 337.284.3428

HamptonInn3Hilton.com

30 SEATED

**Historic Michel  
Prudhomme Home**

1152 Prudhomme Cir. | 337.942.8011

40 CAPACITY

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites**

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd.

337.948.3300

HolidayInn.com/OpelousasLA

80 SEATED

120 STANDING

12 SEATED - CONFERENCE ROOM

75 HOTEL ROOMS

**Java Square Café**

103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.1055

JavaSquareCafe.com

15 SEATED (PRIVATE)

**Opelousas Civic Center**

1638 Creswell Ln. | 337.948.2520

CityOfOpelousas.com

500 SEATED

700 STANDING

**Opelousas Little Theatre**

1344 S. Union St. | 337.351.2591

100 CAPACITY

**Soileau's Dinner Club**

1618 N. Main St. | 337.942.2985

Soileaus.com

50 SEATED (PRIVATE)

**Stone Oak Ballroom**

1551 McCarthy Ln. | 337.232.5300

GrandCoteauHouse.com

500 CAPACITY

**Toby's Lounge  
& Reception Center**

132 Toby Ln. | 337.948.3800

150 CAPACITY

**Whiteville Historic  
Schoolhouse**

828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.5227

CityOfOpelousas.com

100 SEATED

175 STANDING

**Yambilee Building & Ag Arena**

1939 W. Landry St. | 337.407.0950

500 SEATED

800 STANDING

**SUNSET****Café Josephine**

818 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.0008

CafeJosephineSunset.com

60 SEATED (PRIVATE)

**Sunset Community Center**

108 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.662.5296

125 SEATED

377 STANDING

**Xclusive Banquet  
& Event Center**

805 Napoleon Ave. | 337.349.3377

XclusiveEvents6.com

550 SEATED, 1000 STANDING -  
BALLROOM A100 SEATED, 198 STANDING -  
BALLROOM B**WASHINGTON****Historic St. John's  
Episcopal Church**

308 Church St. | 337.945.8274

TownOfWashington.LA

140 SEATED

**Steamboat****Warehouse Restaurant**

525 N. Main St. | 337.826.7227

SteamboatWarehouse.com

45 SEATED (PRIVATE)

**Washington  
Community Center**

536 St. Landry Veterans

Memorial Blvd.

337.826.3626

400 CAPACITY

**Wolff Banquet &  
Reception Hall**

202 N. Main St. | 337.232.5300

GrandCoteauHouse.com

400 CAPACITY

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- 1 Rodney Milburn GOLD MEDAL HURDLER AT THE 1972 SUMMER OLYMPICS
- 2 Jim Bowie HERO OF THE ALAMO & INVENTOR OF THE BOWIE KNIFE
- 3 Terrance Simien TWO-TIME, GRAMMY-WINNING ZYDECO MUSICIAN
- 4 Clifton Chenier CHEF & FOUNDER OF TONY CHACHERE'S 'KING OF ZYDECO'
- 5 Devery Henderson LSU/NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
- 6 Paul Prudhomme CELEBRITY CHEF AND RESTAURANTEUR
- 7 Rockin Sidney Simien MILLION-SELLING HIT, "MY TOOT TOOT"
- 8 Tony Chachere

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