



Excursion and Group Tour Ideas

Visit the Capital City of Baton Rouge where you are sure to make memories of your own authentic Louisiana experience. Immerse yourself in a city that is amid an economic and cultural renaissance. While you are here, eat and drink your way through Baton Rouge between visiting the many historical museums and attractions. Trust us when we say, *“Our little piece of Louisiana culture will have you coming back for more.”* #ExploreBatonRouge

Here are some Baton Rouge tour suggestions. Please keep in mind that these are not set packages, only suggestions and ideas to determine what may interest you and your group. Venues/attractions can be added, eliminated, mixed, and mingled! We are happy to help you create the authentic experience you desire.

Baton Rouge: An Authentic Louisiana Experience

Get a taste of all things Louisiana as our tour guide takes you along the bends of the mighty Mississippi River to visit with Mike the Tiger, march along the notoriously spirited Tiger Stadium, and visit Magnolia Mound.

- **Baton Rouge Tour including Mississippi River** – The downtown riverfront provides an up-close and personal view of the mighty Mississippi River, USS Kidd Veterans Museum, and downtown Baton Rouge.
- **LSU Campus including LSU Lakes and Mike the Tiger’s Habitat** – The beauty of our state’s flagship university is breathtaking. At 2,000 acres, LSU’s campus is the 32nd largest in the nation and the largest in the state. Drive amongst the Live Oaks, historic Indian Mounds, and lakes – you are sure to find beauty around every bend. Don’t forget to take in the National Champion-producing stadium and the state-of-the-art habitat of LSU’s live Bengal Tiger mascot, Mike the Tiger.
- **Magnolia Mound** – Built in the 1700s and utilized as an Indigo plantation, this home offers a French Creole flair. It is the oldest home in Baton Rouge, with a 300-year-old oak tree. The original 700-acre plantation grew tobacco, cotton, and sugar cane.

Baton Rouge Brews and Boos

Explore the capital’s haunted history with city experts guiding you to some of Baton Rouge’s most notorious locations.

- **Red Stick Adventure Haunted Tour** – Guided bus tour to haunted stops around the city.
- **Louisiana’s Old State Capitol** – Known as the “Castle on the River,” haunted by its political past and the ghost of Civil War-era Southern belle, Sarah Morgan.



- **Cypress Coast Brewing Co.** – Enjoy local craft beer with new beers to try each week.
- **Oxbow Rum Distillery** – Learn how award-winning spirits are created from local sugar cane with tastings included.
- **13th Gate Haunted House** – One of the top haunted houses in the country with behind-the-scenes access.
- **13th Gate Escape Room** – 60-minute challenges to escape themed scenarios like a haunted asylum, bank vault heist, or adventure quest.

New Southern Scene: Afternoon Spice and Bites

Experience Louisiana's culture through food, interactive museums, and local flavors.

- **Capitol Park Museum** – Explores Louisiana's rich history and culture from music and Mardi Gras to commerce along the Mississippi River.
- **Jed's Local** – Classic and specialty po-boys in the Mid-City neighborhood.
- **Red Stick Spice** – Interactive cooking class featuring Cajun and Creole flavors.
- **Mid-City Beer Garden** – Open-air patio with 60 beers on tap, beer flights, cocktails, and wine.

Only in Baton Rouge: Curiosities of Louisiana Culture

Discover citywide experiences unique to Baton Rouge.

- **Louisiana State Capitol** – Tallest state capitol in the nation with a pet-friendly tour and observation deck.
- **Coffee Call** – Try Baton Rouge's unique *beignet fingers*.
- **BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center** – 103-acre conservation facility with live animals, boardwalks, and natural exhibits.
- **Poor Boy Lloyd's** – Historic po-boy restaurant since 1967, featured on *Restaurant Recovery*.
- **Louisiana's Old Governor's Mansion** – Historic house museum once home to nine Louisiana governors.
- **LSU Museum of Art** – Showcases regional, American, and European art.
- **LSU Rural Life Museum and Windrush Gardens** – Highlights 18th- and 19th-century Louisiana rural life with five acres of formal gardens.

Baton Rouge Palette: Arts and Foodie

Explore local artisans, food, and one-of-a-kind experiences.

- **The Market at Circa 1857** – International finds, antiques, and art from 35+ vendors.
- **Baton Rouge Gallery** – Contemporary art from Baton Rouge and Louisiana artists.
- **Elsie's Pie and Plate** – Cajun and Creole pies with a homey, trendy vibe.



- **Anthony's Italian Deli** – Authentic Italian deli experience in Baton Rouge.
- **Brew Ha-Ha!** – Local coffee shop & bakery specializing in house roasted coffee and gourmet cake balls.
- **Leola's Café and Coffee House** – Eclectic breakfast, brunch, and lunch destination.

Cajun Pride: An Adventure through the Louisiana Bayou

Tour a private wildlife refuge to learn about swamp ecosystems, alligators, and the Cajun town of Frenier within the Manchac Swamp.

Bites and Sites: An Authentic Louisiana Experience

- **Tony's Seafood** – Largest Gulf Coast seafood market with tours and tastings of Cajun specialties.
- **Southern University Museum of Art** – African American and African art collection.
- **The Red Stick Sculpture** – Commemorates the original "red stick" spotted by explorer Pierre Le Moyre d'Iberville.
- **Mike the Tiger Habitat + LSU Stadium Tour** – Tour LSU's Tiger Stadium and the live Bengal tiger habitat.

Baton Rouge Game Stop: Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler

- **Topgolf** – High-tech golf venue with climate-controlled hitting bays and music.
- **Red Stick Social** – Bowling alley, rooftop patio, live music, and bars.
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- **Main Event** – 49,000 sq. ft. center with bowling, laser tag, arcade, and more.
- **Court to Table** – Fun indoor/outdoor pickleball concept with an on-site restaurant.

It Used to Be What: Historic Sites in Baton Rouge

- **Louisiana Art & Science Museum** – Exhibitions, planetarium, and historic train depot.
- **Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center** – Historic hotel once frequented by Huey P. Long.
- **Hayride Scandal** – Victorian-era bar with craft cocktails and eclectic music.
- **Electric Depot** – Shopping, eateries, and bowling in a historic electric company building.

Everyone Needs a Little Wild: Only in Baton Rouge

- **LSU Hilltop Arboretum** – 14-acre arboretum with native trees, bamboo groves, and meadows.
- **BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center** – 103-acre conservation and recreation facility.



- **Spanish Town** – Oldest Baton Rouge neighborhood, home of the Spanish Town Mardi Gras Parade.

Lunch Paired with a Local Shopping Experience

- **Option 1:** Red Stick Social + Local Supply and Sweet Baton Rouge
- **Option 2:** Barracuda Taco Stand + Pink Elephant Antiques
- **Option 3:** Leola's Café and Coffee House + The Market at Circa 1857 and Good Choices Co.
- **Option 4:** Cecelia Creole Bistro + Baton Rouge Arts Market