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Food

Nowhere in the world is the variety greater and the food more flavorful than in Lafayette. The city boasts a tantalizing selection of restaurants, which offer Cajun and Creole delicacies such as gumbo, crawfish, boudin, rice and gravy, jambalaya and so much more. From elegant French cuisine with white tablecloths to good old fashioned home cooking with a white paper napkin, Lafayette's menus hit the spot.

Music

Born out of the enduring spirit of the Acadians and Creoles, Cajun and Zydeco music is as much a part of the Lafayette landscape as the meandering bayous and moss-draped cypress trees. To find true Cajun, Creole and Zydeco music, visit one of the many dancehalls or attend one of our year-round festivals. Visitors are always welcome and eager dance partners are never far off. You'll soon learn to two-step and waltz to the rhythms of accordions, fiddles and triangles.

Culture

Lafayette is at the heart of Louisiana's Cajun & Creole Country, an area known as the Happiest City in America. The region's history dates back to the 18th century, when Canada's Acadians were expelled in the late 1700s and settled in Louisiana. More than two centuries later tourists come to Lafayette for a rare taste of the genuine Acadian experience, from traditional food fixings and music to the warm hospitality that greets you at every turn.