



LAFAYETTE CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION



STUDENT GROUPS

EDUCATION WITH CURRICULUM PROGRAMING/LESSON PLANS/STEM/STEAM:

LARC's Acadian Village

AcadianVillage.org

Lafayette's oldest authentic vision of life in 19th century Southwest Louisiana and a showcase of historic homes alongside winding bayous, depicting unique Acadian architecture of the time. Acadian Village exists as the fundraising arm of LARC.

**French Experience*

Acadiana Center for the Arts

AcadianaCenterForTheArts.org

Arts in Education providing arts experiences for students as well as tools and support for educators. ACA offers a broad range of quality arts events and workshops designed as interdisciplinary learning adventures that connect real-life experiences to academic instruction. A nationally renowned program has been a Kennedy Center Partner for over 20 years. **French Experience*

Acadiana Symphony Orchestra

AcadianaSymphony.org

DoReME! is a music enrichment curriculum currently taught at Truman Early Childhood Development Center by two educational professionals employed by ASO. Educators instruct at least five, 30 minute classes, per day integrating music into the school's standard lesson plans, utilizing basic instruments such as maracas, sand blocks, rhythm sticks, as well as introducing classical instruments and classical music, to stimulate creativity as well as assisting with the development of fine and gross motor skills - enhancing the early educational experience for over 500 students per school year.

**French Experience*

Bayou Vermilion District

BayouVermilionDistrict.org

To improve the water quality and the aesthetics of the Bayou Vermilion within the Parish of Lafayette in an effort to promote the bayou as a recreational and cultural asset. **French Experience*

Children's Museum of Acadiana

ChildrensMuseumofAcadiana.com

Hands-on participatory museum serving children and their families, schools, and community organizations by providing interactive exhibits, special services, performances, and workshops.

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Fun Nation Roller Rink

FunNationLa.com

Students will learn the concept of S.T.E.M. in a total in a totally interactive and entertaining manner.

Hilliard Art Museum

HilliardMuseum.org

A dynamic, education-oriented museum that serves as a center for interdisciplinary learning. Exhibitions and programs are designed to meet the educational and cultural needs of Louisiana's highly diverse population and to foster intellectual discourse. **French Experience*

Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center

NPS.gov/jela/

new-acadian-cultural-center

The Acadian Cultural Center, a unit of the National Park Service, depicts the story of the Acadians who settled the prairies and wetlands of south Louisiana. **French Experience*

Lafayette Science Museum

LafayetteScienceMuseum.org

A regional STEM-based museum with exhibition space dedicated to showcasing the scientific expertise held within the community. A digital planetarium takes visitors on an adventure through the cosmos without ever leaving their seats. **French Experience*

McGees Louisiana Swamp and Airboat

ToursMcGeesSwampTours.com

McGee's Swamp Tours has been a must-see for visitors to Cajun Country for more than four decades. Passengers on McGee's sightseeing airboats and swamp boat tours will be able to observe the vastness and beauty of one of America's greatest swamps, the Atchafalaya Basin.

Vermilionville

BayouVermilionDistrict.org

Cajun/Creole/Native American Heritage & Folklife Park. Historic village represents life in Acadiana from 1765-1890. Features self-guided tours; costumed, bi-lingual artisans, live music, cooking school, restaurant, boat tours and gift shop. **French Experience*

ULL School of Music and Performing Arts

music.louisiana.edu/performing-arts

Bringing together music, dance, and theatre to express ourselves as individuals, to enlighten our community about the world around us, and — of course — to entertain! Our school is full of students and faculty whose lives and careers are built around performing, and we want to share our passion for the arts with you. At UL Lafayette, our joie de vivre is so closely tied to the arts. **French Experience*

PERFORMANCE VENUES:

Art Walk – Saturdays

DowntownLafayette.org/events-landing/artwalk/

ArtWalk Lafayette occurs every second Saturday in Downtown Lafayette. The monthly event features exhibits, live music, theatrical performances, and immersive artistic experiences in the shops, galleries, museums, and streets of Downtown Lafayette.

Assisted Living Facilities

Avanti: Lafayette.avanti-sl.com

The Vincent: VincentSeniorLiving.com

Garden View: GardenView.org

CYT – Christian Youth Theatre

CYTLafayette.org

CYT Lafayette is a youth theatre organization dedicated to developing character in children through training in every aspect of theatrical arts. They do 5+ performances a year with the production of wholesome family entertainment musicals at Angelle Hall, University of Lafayette.

Downtown Alive (DTA) - Friday before 5pm performance

DowntownLafayette.org/events-landing/downtown-alive/

An exciting large-scale concert series attended by thousands of concert-goers. The center for great food, live music, arts and culture, and incredible events. Spanning genres from Cajun and Creole to Indie Pop, Rock, Soul, Country, Folk, and RnB—DTA is an event for music lovers of all kinds. **French Experience*

Moncus Park Amphitheatre

MoncusPark.org

A 100-acre green space located in the heart of Lafayette, Louisiana. A gathering space to come together to celebrate, relax, learn and take advantage of the endless opportunities that a regional park of this size provides.

Music Festivals throughout the year

LafayetteTravel.com/events/festivals

No matter what time of year you visit us here in Cajun & Creole Country we will have something for you to celebrate. There is literally something happening every week. **French Experience*

Parc San Souci – Bach Lunch:

LafayetteTravel.com/events/concert-series/bach-lunch/
Free lunch hour concert features different musicians performing from noon to 1 p.m. **French Experience*

Rock and Bowl

RocknBowl.com

One stop for dining, live music, and bowling.

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Vermilionville Performance Center

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Located at Vermilionville. Styled after an old agricultural building, with sliding exterior walls. **French Experience*

Wonderland Performing Arts

WonderlandPerformingArts.com

Strong foundation in the arts focusing on leadership, scholarship, and a progressive performing arts facility. **French Experience*



Visit LafayetteTravel.com/Student-Groups

MUSIC BASED ATTRACTIONS/INTEREST:

Cha Cha Studios

NathanWilliamsJr.com/cha-cha-studios.html
High-end studio specifically designed and built for the purpose of mixing and mastering music of virtually all genres. ***French Experience**

LA Backbeat Drums/Drumsticks

LouisianaBackbeat.com
Handcrafted and Drumsticks creation sourced from regional materials and suppliers. Every board used is hand selected before it becomes drumsticks.

Martin Accordions

MartinAccordions.com
Cajun accordions manufacturer. Tour of factory with an hour of Cajun music after the tour. For groups of 15 or more. ***French Experience**

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RocknBowl.com
One stop for dining, live music, and bowling.

Sola Violins

SolaViolins.com
Owner Anya Burgess is a violin maker, restorer and player. Her work blends interests in craft, design and music. Group presentations are available. ***French Experience**



MAJOR FESTIVALS:

Acadian Culture Day

Bayouvermilliondistrict.org/event/vermillionvilles-free-acadian-culture-day/
Live music; tintamarre parade; traiteur traditions; local art of; cooking, accordion construction and repairs; spinning and weaving, wood carving, open hearth cooking and other demonstrations. ***French Experience**

Cajun and Creole Christmas

LafayetteTravel.com/christmas
The heart of Cajun & Creole Country, Lafayette, LA, is transformed into a winter wonderland throughout the months of November and December with a Cajun and Creole Christmas. From light shows to parades, tour of homes, performances, carolers and much more you can be sure to find something to get everyone in the holiday spirit. ***French Experience**

Creole Culture Day

LafayetteTravel.com/events/festivals/creole-culture-day/
Every year, Vermilionville celebrates the cultures of Acadiana that contributed so much to our unique folklife. On this day we recognize and honor our region's Creole heritage. So much of our food, traditions, and music comes to our region from the Creole culture, and on this day we both demonstrate and celebrate its many contributions to our contemporary folklife. ***French Experience**

Festival International

LafayetteTravel.com/festival-international
Largest Francophone music festival in the country. Held during the last weekend in April, the festival celebrates the Cajun & Creole cultural influences through music, dance, food, cinema & other performance arts. ***French Experience**

Festivals Acadiens et Creoles

LafayetteTravel.com/festivals-acadiens
A music, food & craft festival that features the sounds, flavor & crafts of south Louisiana. ***French Experience**



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Cajun Fast Track

FB.com/CajunFastTrack
Come and enjoy our many attractions, games, prizes and more. With over 68,000 square feet of fun under one roof, we're ready to play rain or shine!

Elevation Station

ElevationStation.com/broussard/
A 37,000 square foot fun factory offering a variety of trampoline activities.

Kart Ranch

KartRanch.com
Go-karts, water wars, miniature golf and a huge arcade, our adventures are like no other!

Surge

SurgeFun.com
Cutting-edge entertainment, fitness and sports facilities unlike anything you have ever experienced.



DISTANCES - FEEDER CITIES

Alexandria89 mi. / 143 km
Atlanta.....580 mi. / 933 km
Baton Rouge.....59 mi. / 98 km
Dallas.....391 mi. / 629 km
Houma.....102 mi. / 164 km
Lake Charles.....75 mi. / 121 km
Memphis.....438 mi. / 705 km

Monroe.....184 mi. / 296 km
Morgan City.....68 mi. / 109 km
Natchez.....134 mi. / 216 km
New Orleans (via I-10).....135 mi. / 217 km
New Orleans (via Hwy.90).....153 mi. / 246 km
Shreveport.....212 mi. / 341 km
Houston.....217 mi. / 349 km



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