

Food

ONE OF FIVE "BEST FOOD
CITY IN THE U.S."
Escapism



Tours

- **TABASCO® Factory:** A spicy blend of cultural history, culinary heritage, and lush gardens.
- **Cajun Boudin Trail:** Puts you in the driver's seat when it comes to discovering Louisiana's best kept secret, boudin.
- **Konriko Rice Mill:** Oldest operating rice mill in the U.S.
- **Cajun Food Tours:** Bites & sites tour with history and local flavor.

Fais Do Do Restaurants

- **Buck & Johnny's:** Zydeco breakfast Saturdays.
- **Bon Temp Grill:** Sunday brunch with live music daily.
- **Prejean's Restaurant:** Live Cajun music.
- **Boutin's Cajun Seafood, Steakhouse & Oyster Bar:** Live music available for groups.



Festivals

LAFAYETTE MARDI GRAS
American Bus Association
Top 100 Events

LafayetteTravel.com/Festivals

- **Mardi Gras Season:** February 10-13, 2024; March 1-4, 2025.
- **Festival International:** April 24-28, 2024, April 23-27, 2025.
- **Festivals Acadiens et Créoles:** 2nd Full weekend of October.
- **Boudin Cook-Off & Bacon Festival:** October
- **Gulf Brew:** October



Music

ONE OF AMERICA'S
BEST MUSIC TOWNS
Oakland Tribune

Venues

LafayetteWeekly.com

- **Blue Moon Saloon:** Hostel & live music venue Wed-Sun.
- **Grouse Room:** Live music venue Wed-Sat.
- **Hideaway Hall:** Historic building turned dancehall with a stage for live music.
- **La Poussiere Cajun Dancehall:** Historic dancehall open since 1955. Live music on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.
- **Rock'n'Bowl de Lafayette:** Dance, dine and bowl the night away.
- **Whiskey & Vine:** Offering live blues music, traditional southern cuisine and expansive cocktail menu.

**Call to confirm live music.*

Free Concert Series

- **Mercredi Show:** Wednesday evenings Spring & Fall.
- **Rhythms on the River:** Thursday evenings Spring & Fall.
- **Sugar Jam:** Monthly Spring and Fall 6pm-9pm.
- **Downtown Alive!** : Friday evenings Spring & Fall.

Outdoor

BEST GETAWAY
IN THE SOUTH
AAA Southern Traveler

- **Swamp Tours:** Guided excursions on the Atchafalaya Basin & Lake Martin to explore and learn.
- **Birding & Photography Tours:** Where visitors enjoy the natural beauty of the area while protecting vital wetland habitats.
- **Jungle Gardens:** Known for its lush and diverse botanical gardens and wildlife habitats.
- **Rip Van Winkle Gardens:** Provides a tranquil and picturesque escape with a connection to literature and folklore.
- **Cypress Lake:** A scenic and ecologically significant feature located on the University of Louisiana campus.
- **Girard Park:** Known for its scenic beauty, recreational facilities, and opportunity for outdoor activities.
- **Acadiana Nature Station:** 150-acre facility which includes a 6-mile trail system.
- **Lake Martin:** The beauty of a swamp that supports water birds, native plants, and alligators!
- **Pack & Paddle:** Serves outdoor enthusiasts in the Lafayette area and beyond.



Culture

TOP 10 ALL AMERICAN
VACATIONS FOR 2015
TravelChannel.com

- **Acadiana Center for the Arts:** Fine arts, touring exhibits & theater.
- **Lafayette Museum:** 1800s historic home with period furnishings, memorabilia & Mardi Gras costume display.
- **LARC's Acadian Village:** Museum of authentic Acadian homes, guided group tours, & Christmas season light event Noel Acadien.
- **Martin Accordions:** Accordion building & Cajun/Zydeco music played by the Martin Family.
- **Shadows-on-the-Teche:** National Trust Historic Site and authentically restored to tell the story of life on a 19th century sugar plantation.
- **Vermilionville:** A living museum destination for exploring the cultural traditions and history of South Louisiana.



Free Attractions

- **Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center:** National park & museum of history of the Acadians.
- **Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist:** Church tour, cemetery & 500-year-old Live Oak.
- **ArtWalk:** Embark on an artistic odyssey through downtown every second Saturday.
- **Local Breweries:** Adopted Dog Brewery, Bayou Teche Brewing, and Parish Brewing.
- **Moncus Park with Farmers & Artisans Market:** Largest green space in Lafayette with outdoor amphitheater & Saturday Farmers Market.

