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UPCOMING FESTIVALS:

Mardi Gras – February 10-11, 17-21, 2023

Festival International – April 26 - 30, 2023

Festivals Acadiens et Creoles – October 13-15, 2023

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DISTANCES - FEEDER CITIES

Alexandria	89 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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What's New!



- **Lafayette Parish Bicentennial Celebration:** In 2023, Lafayette Parish will celebrate its bicentennial with a series of monthly events throughout the year that honor the parish's history and look to what the future holds.
- **Adopted Dog Brewery:** A creation from the owners of Tchoup's Midcity Smokehouse, the brewery's experience will be approachable for all, with something for everyone, even the non-beer drinkers
- **Cajun Palms Rebrands to Margaritaville RV Resort:** The new RV resort will feature 91 luxury cabins and 422 upgraded RV sites, complete with a full hook-up, picnic table, fire pit, and concrete pad. Resort features include three updated resort-style pools with water slides & brand-new cabanas, mini golf, a pickle ball court, and a "Bark-aritaville Dog Park."

New Restaurants

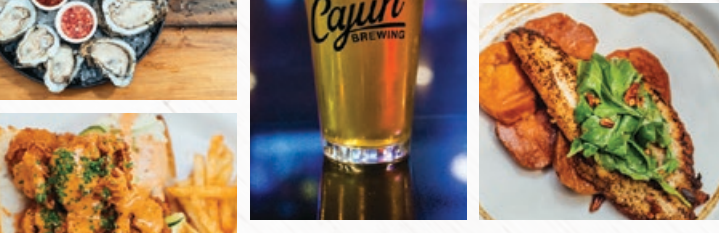
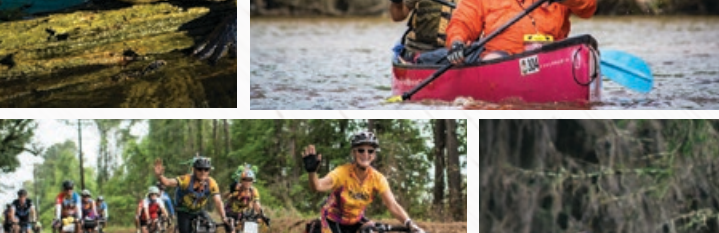
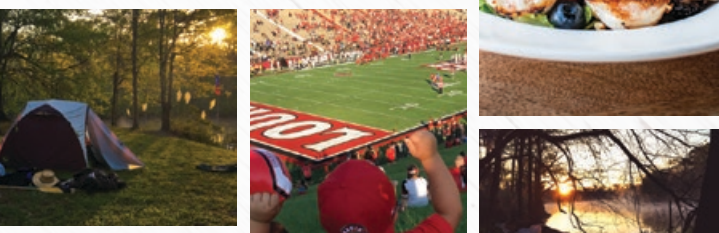
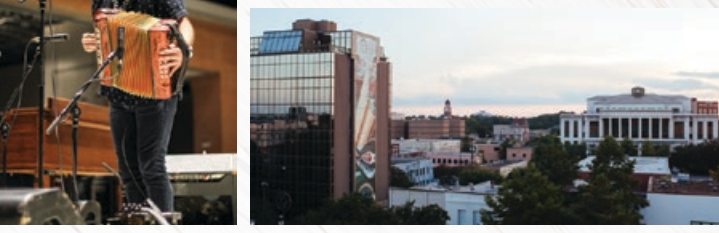
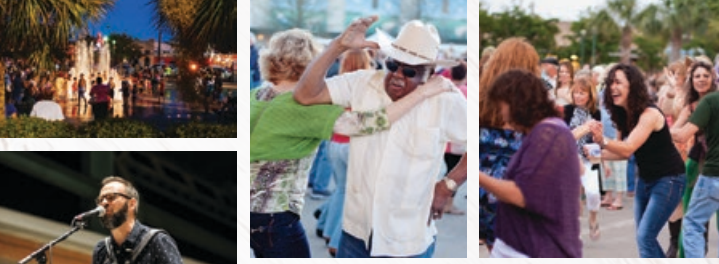
- **Five Mile Eatery, Market & Co-Op:** New community-centered breakfast and lunch spot offering farm fresh products in their locally-curated retail space and seasonally evolving menu.
- **Whiskey & Vine:** New jazz/blues club and restaurant from the owners of Bon Temps Grill offering live blues music, traditional southern cuisine, and expansive cocktails and spirits.
- **Coffeeweed Cottage:** Dog-friendly, a community-bridging place designed to inspire gathering in an eclectic setting revolving around many of our favorite things in life like plants, books, home decor, coffee, and good conversation.
- **Park Bistro:** New neighborhood restaurant serving up new American cuisine near the campus of UL Lafayette, offering fresh dishes like Panko Crusted Shrimp Burger, Ricotta Gnocchi, and much more!

- **Hideaway Hall:** Recently remodeled historic building turned dancehall offering a great space with a stage for live music, a walk-up bar, and recessed seating nooks for visiting.
- **Graze Oil:** Olive oil tasting bar where you sample ultra-premium olive oils and learn about their varying flavor profiles to pair them with their signature balsamic vinegar, imported from Modena, Italy
- **Stage Karaoke Bar:** Husband and wife duo opened a friendly evening full of music, patio games, adult drinks, and many laughs and vibes.
- **Urban Axe Throwing:** Locally owned & operated, featuring nine throwing bays, each with a digital target system with various interactive games for single throwers or group dates out.
- **Gator Cove:** Home to Wildcat Brothers Rum Distillery and offering live music, tastings, events, and more.

- **Parc de Oaks:** New family-owned & operated food truck park will feature a permanent bar that will offer a wide selection of local beer and a rotating selection of ciders, wines, and cocktails.
- **Sunday's Soda Shop:** New downtown soda fountain shop is a modern approach to a nostalgic classic serving soda creations, delicious ice cream, classic American lunch staples, libations, coffee, and more.
- **Boogaloo's:** New locally owned seafood & soul food kitchen owned by a United States veteran, goes by the nickname "Booga" and specializes in boiled crawfish.
- **Soul Haus Kitchen:** Local plate lunch restaurant serving a variety of homemade, southern-style dishes like red beans & rice, meatloaf, smothered chicken, baked turkey wings, and meatball stew.
- **Destination India:** Derry, New Hampshire-based Indian Restaurant & Bar, offering fine dining Indian cuisine food made from the purest & freshest ingredients.

Food Trails

- **Boudin**
With over 50 stops throughout the city and beyond, this trail puts you in the driver's seat when it comes to discovering the best boudin and other regional specialty items.
- **Plate Lunch**
This trail lets you sample over 50 of the area's iconic plate lunches that consist of meat, gravy-covered starch, a pair of vegetable sides, and a simple piece of bread.
- **Crawfish**
Sample over 70 boiled crawfish restaurants serving up this seasonable crustacean or try the many variations like crawfish etouffee at Lafayette's local restaurants.
- **Gumbo**
From chicken and sausage to seafood and everything in between, there's a gumbo for everyone in Lafayette, with over 30 restaurants serving up this culinary staple.
- **Pobos**
Buttery, toasted French bread stuffed with fried shrimp, crawfish, oysters, and catfish, the po'boy has many variations, including pulled pork, roast beef, fried chicken, and Vietnamese bánh mì.



Trails

- **Dancehalls of Cajun Country**
Equal parts bar, performance hall, and community center, the traditional dancehall provides a space for much-needed recreation and dancing.
- **Spiritual**
Rituals of faith play a significant role in the celebrations and food traditions of the area. With breathtaking architecture, these old churches and cathedrals are worth a visit.
- **Ancient Oaks**
Live oaks are history, heritage, and heirlooms all rolled into one in South Louisiana. Today, more than a thousand ancient oaks are located in the Lafayette area.
- **Historic Lafayette**
Lafayette has a living and vibrant history that is evident whether you're grabbing a bite to eat, visiting a gallery or museum, or dancing to Cajun or zydeco music at a local dancehall.
- **Public Art**
The vibrancy of the Hub City can be felt through its public art. Some are relatively new, in progress, or have withstood the test of time for nearly 40 years, from murals to sculptures and everything in between.

Trip Ideas

- **Foodie's Guide to Lafayette**
It's hard to go wrong in Lafayette when you're looking for great food. The biggest challenge is working out what not to eat. Leave the hard work to us with this comprehensive guide to the city's best culinary delights.
- **Lafayette en français**
Lafayette is known as the heart of French Louisiana, and rightfully so, with over 140 area restaurants, attractions, and accommodations that speak French along with many monthly French tables.
- **Hub City Day Trips**
We're known as "The Hub City" because of our proximity to smaller towns where a large portion of our rich culture lives, making it well worth the trip.
- **Two-Step Your Way Through Acadiana**
If you're an experienced dancer or want to learn the basic two-step, Lafayette has a dance floor just for you.
- **Cajun Food Tours**
Learn about the rich cultural history on this three-hour tasting tour with frequent stops along the way while getting a dose of Cajun hospitality on their cozy tour bus. Full-day tours are available as well.

Adventure

- **Outdoor Adventure Guide**
Lafayette is known for its swampland dotted with moss-draped cypress trees teeming with wildlife making it the perfect destination for bird watching, paddling, fishing, camping, biking, and numerous other outdoor activities.
- **Vermilion Voyage**
An all-inclusive three-day, 50-mile, overnight paddle down the Bayou Vermilion with cultural and culinary stops along the way.
- **Cycle Zydeco**
A four-day festival on wheels, this casual bike tour across South Louisiana includes great food, live music, and the most beautiful backroads Louisiana has to offer.
- **Zydeco Marathon**
Featuring a full marathon, half marathon, and the newly added relay option, this event combines the spirit of competition with the unique joie de vivre of Cajun Culture.

