

LAKE CHARLES/SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Mardi Gras 2019

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Mardi Gras Weekend: March 1-5, 2019

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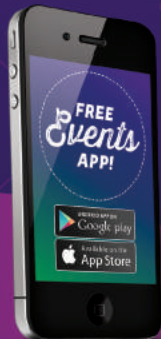


MARDI GRAS MUSEUM OF IMPERIAL CALCASIEU

809 Kirby Street, 2nd Floor, Lake Charles, LA

This six-room museum has the largest costume display in the world! The rooms display the history of the festival, the Captains' Den, costume design, king cakes and the marvel of 12th Night. Also featured is a Mardi Gras parade display, including a parade float that you can climb aboard!

\$10 Adults, \$5 Children
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SEASON STARTERS

**Denotes events that are taking place at the Lake Charles Civic Center, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601.*

*MARDI GRAS TWELFTH NIGHT CAR SHOW

Saturday, Jan. 5, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Mardi Gras Twelfth Night Car Show will be a roaring good time. Winners from the show will be presented as part of the annual Twelfth Night indoor parade and all show entrants receive entry into the Motor Gras parade on Mardi Gras day.

*MARDI GRAS TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

Sunday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.
An enchanting evening with the 2018 royal courts of more than 60 krewes making their last glittering promenade, ushering in the 2019 season. Luxurious door prizes, music and dancing! Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. Children 5 and under are admitted for free. Doors open at 6 p.m.

*COMMUNITY DANCE

Friday, Feb. 15, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Free Mardi Gras dance presented by the City of Lake Charles and Community Inclusion.

VINTON MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Knights of Columbus will host a gumbo cook-off at 8 a.m. when the teams will begin cooking and a parade at 1 p.m., starting at Vinton Middle School and ending at Knights of Columbus Hall where the gumbo judging will begin at 2 p.m. Free gumbo tasting begins after the judging.

MERCHANTS' PARADE

Friday, March 1, 7 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles
Local business leaders and social organizations take to the streets on festive Mardi Gras floats from the Lake Charles Civic Center, down Ryan Street and ending at Sale Road.

*WORLD FAMOUS CAJUN EXTRAVAGANZA GUMBO COOK-OFF

Saturday, March 2, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
You will not want to miss this taste-from-every-pot event or the live, Southern and Cajun music that comes along with it. Admission is \$5, and children 5 and under are admitted free.

*KREWE OF GOLDEN YEARS

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to noon
Senior citizens who have passed down Mardi Gras traditions celebrate the season with food and a Mardi Gras ball. Free to seniors 60 and up.

Events subject to change. Visit www.SWLMardiGras.com or VisitLakeCharles.org for the most up-to-date information.

*CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday, March 3, Noon – 3 p.m.
Old-time Louisiana culture, arts and crafts, Mardi Gras music and magic.

MARDI GRAS MADNESS 5K

Sunday, March 3, 2:30 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles
The start of the race is at the corner of Lakeshore Dr. and Gill St. This race coincides with the Mardi Gras Children's parade route. Enjoy food, King cake, music, and beverages at the finish!

KREWE OF OMEGA PARADE

Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.
Downtown Lake Charles

*MYSTICAL KREWE OF BARKUS PARADE

Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.
Lake Charles Civic Center Amphitheater – Gill St.
Fantastically disguised canines parade in full Mardi Gras attire, all vying for the title of "Mystical Dog."

*TASTE DE LA LOUISIANE

Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
A sampling of traditional Louisiana cuisine for a \$10 admission fee.

*ZYDECO DANCE

Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Live band playing Mambo and Zydeco.

CHILDREN'S PARADE

Sunday, March 3, 3:30 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles
A purple, green and gold parade for the young and young at heart.

LUNDI GRAS DAY PARTY

Monday, March 4, 5 - 9 p.m.
Blue Martini, Golden Nugget Lake Charles
www.bbbsswla.org
Hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters, this masked party (cocktail attire) will feature a variety of Cajun dishes, cocktails & live music. Tickets cost \$75.

SECOND LINE STROLL

Tuesday, March 5, 1 p.m.
Downtown Lake Charles
Purple, green and gold as far as the eye can see! Area groups strut their Mardi Gras spirit down Ryan Street to the tunes of Mardi Gras music in this walking parade.

JEEPS ON PARADE

Tuesday, March 5, 2 p.m.
Downtown Lake Charles
Held in conjunction with Seven Slots Society, jeep lovers unite to roll down Ryan Street in this jammin' jeep parade.

*ROYAL GALA

Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.
The Cinderella moment of the season features the 2019 courts of more than 60 krewes with kings, queens, royal dukes and duchesses, captains, courtesans and jesters. Tickets are \$6 in advance, or \$7 at the door. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

MOTOR GRAS PARADE

Tuesday, March 5, 3 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles
View hot rods, classics and motorcycles as they cruise down Ryan Street.

KREWE OF KREWES' PARADE

Tuesday, March 5, 5 p.m.
Downtown-Midtown Lake Charles
More than 100 elaborate krewe floats, costumes, beads and more wind through the city in the culmination of the Fat Tuesday celebration.

MARDI GRAS WEEKEND

CITY OF SULPHUR MARDI GRAS PARADE

Thursday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
Sulphur, LA - Cypress St., S-Curve to S. Huntington St.

*LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
Be dazzled by the glowing boat parade on shimmering Lake Charles.

FAT TUESDAY

IOWA CHICKEN RUN

Tuesday, March 5, 10 a.m.
KC Hall, 503 U.S. 90, Iowa, LA
The chicken run starts and ends at KC Hall and runs west down 90. Ride a float, catch a chicken and finish with some gumbo and live music for a toe-tapping good time. Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m., and the parade departs at 10 a.m.