



SATW Central States Conference Pre-FAM Tour Itinerary - Ruston

Monday, Feb. 13 - Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023

Start your SATW experience with a memorable stay in the piney hills of North Louisiana! Ruston and Lincoln Parish is best known for its lively college-town atmosphere, 22-block historic downtown district, thriving arts culture, scenic outdoor attractions, and the incredibly sweet peaches grown here. During the tour, you can expect to brush up on your military history at the North LA Military Museum, shop for unique and handmade items in downtown Ruston's boutiques and art galleries, enjoy beer tastings at the local microbrewery, experience agrotourism at Mitcham Farms Peach Orchard, and enjoy the numerous public art displays in the area. And that's just the start of it. We hope you'll join us for a memorable tour made just for you in Louisiana's College Town!

Monday, Feb. 13

TBD | Arrive at **Shreveport Regional Airport**

Depart for **Ruston** - all transportation is provided by CVB
Drive Time: 1.5 hours

TBD | Check in at **Fairfield Inn**

Address: 1707 Roberta Ave., Ruston, LA 71270
Phone: (318) 251-9800

5:45 P.M. | Depart for Casual Dinner - **Log Cabin Grill & Market**

*Drive Time: 5 minutes | Address: 1906 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston, LA 71270 | Phone: (318) 255-8023 | Website: www.logcabingrill.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/LogCabinRuston |
Instagram: www.instagram.com/logcabin_ruston*

This local favorite has one of the most impressive menus in town. Known for their mesquite-grilled steaks and Tex-Mex cuisine, Log Cabin also offers tasty BBQ, seafood, salads, sandwiches, and so much more. Located inside the restaurant is The Market with take-and-bakes, fresh meat, cracklins, seafood, and seasonings.

8:00 P.M. | Return to **Fairfield Inn**

Drive Time: 5 minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 14

9:00 A.M. | Depart for **Common Goods**

Drive Time: 5 minutes | Address: 1007 N Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270
Phone: (318) 224-2229 | Facebook: www.facebook.com/commongoods-ruston | Instagram: www.instagram.com/commongoods_co

Common Goods is a bread bakery and coffee shop that features fresh loaves of bread, craft toasts, sandwiches, muffins, lattes, teas and more. The menu also features vegan and gluten-free options. They hope their cozy space will encourage you to "table together" and break bread with friends.

9:45 A.M. | Depart for **Mitcham Farms Peach Orchard**

Drive Time: 10 minutes | Address: 1007 Woods Rd., Ruston, LA 71270
*Phone: (318) 255-3409 | Website: www.mitchamfarms.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Mitcham-Farms-220980464600830
Instagram: www.instagram.com/mitchamfarms*

Mitcham Farms is known throughout the south as the place to get Louisiana's sweetest peaches. At the orchard, you can learn about the peach growing process and visit the Peach Store to purchase peach treats like homemade ice cream, fudge, canned goods, candies, and more.

10:45 A.M. | Depart for **North Louisiana Military Museum**

Drive Time: 10 minutes | Address: 201 Memorial Dr., Ruston, LA 71270
Phone: (318) 251-5099 | Website: www.nlm.mil

Re-live 200 hundred years of history at the North Louisiana Military Museum. On display are uniforms, weapons, training gear and more from almost every conflict in American history. Compare the tools of war from the Civil War era with modern combat technology and learn the stories of local heroes and unknown enemies.

12:00 P.M. | Depart for **Utility Brewing**

Drive time: 5 minutes | Address: 206 N Vienna St., Ruston, LA 71270
*Phone: (318) 514-8811 | Website: www.utilitybrewing.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Utility-Brewing-1744957705815073
Instagram: www.instagram.com/utilitybrewing*

Grab a beer and brick-oven pizza at Ruston's only microbrewery! Located in downtown Ruston, this gem serves up craft beer and cocktails, delicious brick-oven pizzas, and salads made from fresh, locally produced ingredients. Utility is family-friendly and features a whimsical outdoor patio with spacious seating.

1:30 P.M. | Depart for **Downtown Ruston**

Walk Time: 5 minutes | Address: 101 W Park Ave., Ruston, LA 71270
*Phone: (318) 251-8647 | Website: www.rustonlincoln.com/downtown
Facebook: www.facebook.com/downtownrustonla
Instagram: www.instagram.com/downtownruston*

Ruston's 22-block Historic Downtown District includes a mix of retail shops, restaurants, art galleries and local businesses. Stroll through the streets of downtown to discover public art displays and historic architecture. Browse specialty shops for home décor, sporting goods, local art, gifts, and so much more. Then grab coffee, treats, or a meal at any of the downtown eateries.

3:00 P.M. | Depart for afternoon break - **Fairfield Inn**

Drive Time: 5 minutes | Address: 1707 Roberta Ave., Ruston, LA 71270
Phone: (318) 251-9800

5:45 P.M. | Depart for dinner - **Trio's**

Drive time: 5 minutes | Address: 101 Pelican Blvd., Ruston, LA 71270
*Phone: (318) 202-3230 | Website: www.triosruston.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/triosruston
Instagram: www.instagram.com/trios_ruston*

Trio's is known for its trendy atmosphere and daily gourmet specials. Their menu features Greek-inspired dishes, top-of-the-line steaks, and fresh Louisiana seafood. In addition to an impressive menu, Trio's also offers a fantastic bar with select beer, wines, champagne, and hand-crafted cocktails.

8:00 P.M. | Depart for **Fairfield Inn**

Drive Time: 5 minutes

Wednesday, Feb. 15

9:00 A.M. | Depart for **Railway Coffee**

Drive Time: 5 minutes | Address: 103 Pelican Blvd., Ruston, LA 71270
Phone: (318) 678-5781 | Facebook: www.railwaycoffee.com
Instagram: www.instagram.com/railwaycoffee

Railway Coffee is a third-wave coffee shop that proudly serves locally-roasted coffee. They also offer parfaits made with seasonal fruit, muffins, and bagels. Be sure to ask about their seasonal flavors and specialty lattes!

9:45 A.M. | Depart for **Ruston Lincoln Visitors Center**

Drive time: 2 minutes | Address: 2111 N Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270
Phone: (318) 255-2031 | Website: www.rustonlincoln.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/experienceruston
Instagram: www.instagram.com/rustoncvb

Stop into the Ruston Visitors Center for a hot cup of coffee, clean restrooms, and visitor information related to Ruston and Lincoln Parish and the entire state of Louisiana. Be sure to grab some Ruston swag on your way out!

9:45 A.M. | Depart for **Hilton Shreveport**

Drive Time: 1.5 hours

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