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4 NATCHITOCHES

Visit the Cane River National Heritage Area to gain insight into the country's history. The area, home to the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, is dotted with significant estates featuring Creole architecture. Go for a walk along the scenic river and sample one of the city's famous meat pies.



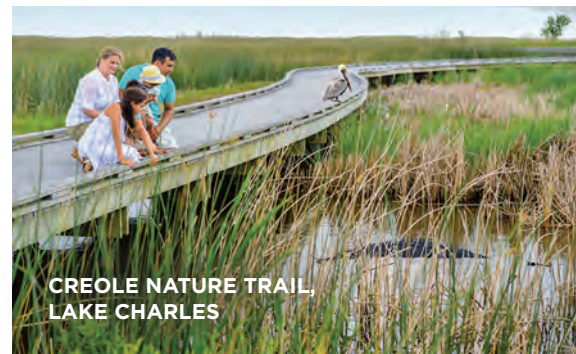
ROQUE HOUSE,
NATCHITOCHES

5 ALEXANDRIA

Hike, bike and ride horseback through vast Kisatchie National Forest in the state's center. The rolling hills, accented with long leaf pine forests, are popular for birdwatching, kayaking and camping.



KISATCHIE
NATIONAL FOREST



CREOLE NATURE TRAIL,
LAKE CHARLES

6 LAKE CHARLES

Called "Louisiana's Outback," the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road is a wild and rugged expanse that's perfect for fishing, hiking and biking. This historic area has been home to Indigenous Americans, the pirate Jean Lafitte and Civil War soldiers. Be on the lookout for gators, shorebirds and turtles in this untamed wilderness.



TABASCO® BRAND FACTORY
TOUR & MUSEUM,
AVERY ISLAND

7 AVERY ISLAND

Tour the Tabasco property to learn about the history and production of the island's famous hot sauce. While there, stroll the company founder's Jungle Gardens to see camellias, azaleas and an assortment of wildlife.

ICONIC LOUISIANA

Danceable music, craveable food and lively festivals draw visitors and locals alike.



Music

All across Louisiana, hear the beating heart of its soul – jazz tunes wafting out onto New Orleans streets, toe-tapping numbers at Lafayette dance halls and blues tunes and soul classics played by street performers.



Cuisine

The piquant blend of Creole, Cajun and French influences makes for unforgettable meals, whether it's at high-end restaurants led by celebrity chefs or corner markets selling po-boys and muffulettas.



Festivals

In Louisiana, there's much to celebrate. Party at Mardi Gras parades across the state, the rollicking New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and scores of smaller – but no less lively – food and music festivals.



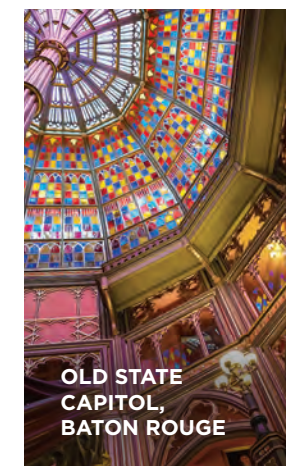
MORTON'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT,
MADISONVILLE

8 LAFAYETTE

Feel the rhythms of the accordeons and fiddles of the Cajun and Zydeco music that reign supreme here. Head to the back porch of the Blue Moon Saloon to hear a rambunctious two-step or a rhythmic waltz from the genres' masters.



BLUE MOON
SALOON,
LAFAYETTE



OLD STATE
CAPITOL,
BATON ROUGE

9 BATON ROUGE

In Louisiana's exciting capital city, be entertained at a riverfront casino, and visit a floating museum. Explore the ornate architecture of Louisiana's Old State Capitol, including its stunning stained-glass dome.

10 DARROW

At Houmas House and Gardens, take a guided tour to learn about the history of this grand estate, enjoy fine dining in Latil's Landing, and relax in lush gardens. Pay a visit to the Great River Road Museum, also on the grounds.



HOUMAS HOUSE
AND GARDENS,
DARROW



SWAMP TOUR,
HOUMA

11 HOUMA

Bring your appetite to Bayou Country, where the seafood is fresh and crawfish is king. Dine on po-boys, gumbo and seafood boils, then see gators and other wildlife on a swamp tour.

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