The Bayou Teche Byway follows closely along the banks of the region’s most popular waterway and national paddle trail, Bayou Teche. This picturesque route provides a firsthand glimpse of authentic Cajun culture. Rural landscapes lead visitors to friendly communities filled with historic sites, local craftsmen and some of the best Cajun cooking from small town eateries. Thousands of years ago, the present course of the Bayou Teche was the main channel of the Mississippi River, so you’ll also get a unique geological perspective of how the rich agricultural lands on this route were formed.

Explore places like Breaux Bridge, the Crawfish Capital of the World, Avery Island, where TABASCO® sauce is bottled, or Morgan City, Capital of the World, Avery Island, where Cajun culture. Rural landscapes lead visitors to friendly communities filled with historic sites, local craftsmen and some of the best Cajun cooking from small town eateries. Thousands of years ago, the present course of the Bayou Teche was the main channel of the Mississippi River, so you’ll also get a unique geological perspective of how the rich agricultural lands on this route were formed.

In addition to the following points of interest, visitors will also experience historic sites, beautiful nature preserves, museums, eateries, and accommodations along the 184-mile route.

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314 East Bridge Street.

Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, 337-332-8500, breauxbridge.net/visitors-center

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**LONGFELLOW-EVANGELENE STATE HISTORIC SITE**

The Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site spans 157 acres, and the park interprets the history of the French-speaking peoples of Louisiana. The visitor may see livestock, crops, kitchen and herb gardens, living history and interpretive programs, the Visitor Center, a picnic pavilion, and an outdoor classroom.

1200 North Main Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582

337-394-3754, ctp.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/historic-sites/longfellow-evangelene-state-historic-site

**ST. MARTINVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

The St. Martinville National Historic District is notable for its contributions to architecture, commerce and exploration/settlement. The two major elements in the district are the church square and the surrounding historic commercial-residential sector.

St. Martinville, LA 70582, 337-394-2323, stmartinparishclerkofcourt.com

**BAYOU TECHE MUSEUM**

The Bayou Teche Museum is a state-of-the-art museum housing artifacts and memorabilia telling the story of a growing city, its people, culture, and industry, all centered around the “snake-like” curves of the Bayou Teche.

131 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-606-5977, bayoutechemuseum.org

**SHADOWS-ON-THE-TECHE**

Shadows-on-the-Teche was the administrative headquarters of the Louisiana Purchase Company and is one of 26 historic house museums nationwide, and the only one in Louisiana maintained by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Furnished with the original pieces, Shadows-on-the-Teche offers a vivid picture of domestic life on a south Louisiana plantation.

320 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-369-6446, shadowsontheteche.org

**KONRIKO® COMPANY STORE/CONDOR RICE MILL**

The KONRIKO® Company Store/Condor Rice Mill is the oldest rice mill in the United States, and was founded in 1914 by P.A. Conrad. Mill tours and company store Mon-Sat.

309 Ann Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-367-6163, condorrice.com

**JEFFERSON ISLAND RIP VAN WINKLE GARDENS**

Rip Van Winkle Gardens of Jefferson Island The gardens sit atop a salt dome on overlooking Lake Peigneur with 30 acres surrounding the Joseph Jefferson Home. The house was built in 1870 and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Dine on Creole dishes at Cafe Jefferson and enjoy the gorgeous views of live oak, gardens and Lake Peigneur. Jefferson Island Rip’s Rockery at Rip Van Winkle Gardens is a man-made wetland hosting thousands of wading birds. The island was designed to protect them from predators. It is located in front of the gates of Rip Van Winkle Gardens.

5505 Rip Van Winkle Road, New Iberia, LA 70560, 337-359-8525, ripvanwinklegardens.com

**AVERY ISLAND EXPERIENCE**

Here, you can see where TABASCO® brand pepper sauce is made, enjoy short films on TABASCO® history and take a self-guided tour of the pepper sauce making process. Stop by the Visitor Center and Museum, eat at Restaurant 1868 and shop at the Country Store. The Jungle Gardens of Avery Island encompass 170 acres of native and exotic plant species where you can see azaleas, camellias, Egyptian papyrus, live oaks, irises, wisteria and towering bamboo. The Gardens also have a bird refuge and a variety of wildlife such as alligators, deer, monitor lizards, egrets, eagles, bears and more.

LA 329, Avery Island, LA 70513, 337-373-6129, tabasco.com

**JEANERETTE MUSEUM**

The Jeanerette Museum preserves the history of life on the Bayou Teche. The museum offers a video presentation on the planting, harvesting and processing of the 200-year sugar industry, complete with an outdoor sugar cane patch.

500 East Main Street, Jeanerette, LA 70544, 337-276-4408, jeannerettemuseum.org

**CHITIMACHA MUSEUM**

At the Chitimacha Museum in Charenton, take a trip back in time through the history of the Chitimacha Indian Tribe by viewing artifacts and brief videos.

3389 Cuthimatchi Trail, Charenton, LA 70523, 337-923-4830, chitimacha.indiantribe.com/attractions-accommodations-museum/FRANKLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Franklin Historic District contains nearly 420 noteworthiness structures and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 29, 1982.

300 Iberia Street, Franklin, LA 70538, 337-826-3631, franklin-la.com/reenact-historical-district.php

**WEDDELL-WILLIAMS AVIATION & CYPRUS SAWMILL**

The Wedell-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum (A Louisiana State Museum) serves a dual function - the first highlights the legacy of Louisiana aviation pioneers who formed an air service together in 1928 in Patterson, Louisiana. The Sawmill Museum documents the history of the cypress lumber industry in Louisiana.

118 Cotton Road, Patterson, LA 70392, 985-399-1268, louisianastatemuseum.org/museums

**SOUTHWEST REEF LIGHTHOUSE**

Southwest Reef Lighthouse is a historic lighthouse built in 1858 at the end of Southwest Reef in Atchafalaya Bay. Louisiana to replace lightships which had been stationed there for ten years. Riverfront, Everett S. Berry Memorial Lighthouse Park, Berwick, LA 70304, 985-384-8858, townofberwick.org/lighthouse.html

**BAYOU TECHE VISITOR CENTER**

The Bayou Teche Visitor Center is located at 314 E. Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, 337-828-3631, bayoutechemuseum.org

**CAJUN COAST WELCOME CENTER**

Cajun Coast Welcome Center in Morgan City is the perfect place to start your Louisiana adventure in St. Mary Parish. It’s a sampler of everything Louisiana offers, in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere that’s the heart of Cajun hospitality.

900 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Morgan City, LA 70380, 985-380-8224, cajuncostacoast.com

**TOURIST INFORMATION CENTERS**

ACAMPIERA STATE WELCOME CENTER

1010 Main Street, Charenton, LA 70523, 337-522-1045, acampeيرا@la.gov

BAYOU TECHE VISITOR CENTER

314 E. Bridge St., Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, 337-828-3631, bayoutechemuseum.org

CAJUN COAST VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU

900 Martin Luther King Blvd., Morgan City, LA 70380, 888-256-2931, cajuncostacoast.com

**More Information**

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**Driving Tips**

Don’t litter — keep Louisiana’s Byways clean.

Note: Some attractions do not have pull-offs or have narrow shoulders along the roadway.

**International Petroleum Museum and Exposition**

Home of “Mr. Charlie,” an authentic offshore drilling rig built in 1952 and open to the public for tours.

“Mr. Charlie,” designed by industry pioneer A.J. “Doc” LaBonte, was the first transportable, submersible drilling rig in the industry and was used to drill hundreds of offshore wells. The museum also includes interpretive exhibits, artifacts, photographs and documents about Louisiana’s offshore petroleum industry. “Mr. Charlie” is the only place in the world where the public can walk aboard an authentic offshore oil rig.

111 First Street, Morgan City, LA 70380, 985-384-3744, npigmuseum.org

**Additional Trip Ideas**

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