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 water bodies, rivers and bayous.

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.

LouisianaByways.com
Here's a sampling of the many attractions throughout the Bayou Teche Byway. Let your stories begin here.

**LONGELLOW-EVANGELINE STATE HISTORIC SITE**

The Longellow-Evangeline State Historic Site spans 157 acres, and it 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 a classroom building.

1200 North Main Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582
337-398-2233, stmartinville.org/history.html

**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 designated a National Historical Landmark and is one of 28 historic house museums nationwide, and the only one in Louisiana maintained by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Furnishings, artifacts, and documents offer a vivid picture of domestic life on a south Louisiana plantation.

New Iberia National Register Historic District
In his famous play, Robert Howard, an outdoors expert and a naturalist, showed hunters and animal species such as alligators, deer, muskrats, egrets, and more.

1200 North Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560
337-389-6446, shadowsontetheche.org

**KONIKRO® COMPANY STORE/CONRAD RICE MILL**

The Konikro® Company Store/Conrad Rice Mill is the oldest rice mill still in operation in the U.S. and was founded in 1914 by PA. Conrad. Mill tours and company store Mon-Sat.

309 Arv Street, New Iberia, LA 70560
337-387-6183, konikro.com

**JEFFERSON ISLAND RAP VAN WINKLE GARDENS**

Rap Van Winkle Gardens of Jefferson Island. The Gardens sit atop a salt dome on overlooking Lake Peigneur with 20 acres surrounding the lake. The Gardens also have a bird refuge and a variety of wildlife such as alligators, deer, muskrats, egrets, and bears and more.

337-359-8525, ripvanwinklegardens.com

**JEANERETTE MUSEUM**

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

500 East Main Street, Jeanerette, LA 70544
337-767-4408, jeannerettemuseum.com

**CHITICAMA MUSEUM**

Take a trip back in time through the history of the Chitimacha (Indian) Nation. View exhibits & brief videos. (Gift shop)

2291 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544, 337-923-4830, chitimachagov.com/attractions-accommodations/museum

**FRANKLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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

300 Iberia Street, Franklin, LA 70538, 337-828-3631, franklin-la.com

**WEDEL-WILLIAMS AVIATION & CYPRESS SAWMILL MUSEUM**

The Wedel-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum (Louisiana State Museum) serves a dual function - the first highlights the history of Louisiana's offshore 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 Cotten Road, Patterson, LA 70382, 985-389-1269

louisianalibrary.org/museums

**ST. MARTINVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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

337-389-2233, stmartinville.org

**CYPRESS ISLAND PRESERVE**

The Cypress Island Preserve, located on Lake Martin, consists of nearly 2,700 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and cypress-tupelo swamp. The Preserve is considered an important part of the Mississippi River Alluvial Plain and was identified by the National Park Service as one of the country’s “Last Great Spaces.”

1264 Prairie Highway, St. Martinville, LA 70582
337-342-2475, nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/louisiana/placesweprotect/cypress-island/ 

**THE TOWN OF ARNAUDVILLE**

The Town of Arnaudville is named after Jacques Arnaud from Jausiers, France, who first settled here with his family at the junction of Bayou Teche and Bayou Fuselier. The family donated a large amount of land to the town to make a church that still exists today.

107 Rue De Jaussiers, Arnaudville, LA 70512, 337-754-9911
stmartinparishlncofcourt.com/townofarnaudville.htm

**THE BREAUX BRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

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131 East Main Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517, 337-332-8500, breauxbridge.net/visitors-center

**BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL PADDLE TRAIL**

Louisiana's only nationally-designated Water Trail, the Bayou Teche Paddle Trail meanders for 135 miles right along the towns that the Paddle Trail and the Byway pass through.

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St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary Parishes, 337-377-5290, techproj.org

**CONVENTION BUREAU**

Tourist Information Centers:

- BAYOU TECHE VISITORS CENTER
  111 First Street, Morgan City, LA 70380, 985-384-3744, rigmuseum.com

- 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 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Morgan City, LA 70380, 318-380-4254, cajuncoast.org

**SOUTHWEST REEF LIGHTHOUSE**

Southwest Reef Lighthouse is a historic lighthouse built in 1858 at the end of Southwest Reef in Barataria Bay, Louisiana to replace lightships which had been stationed there for ten years.

Riverfront, Everett S. Berry Memorial Lighthouse Park, Bellingr, LA 70342, 985-384-8858, townofbellingr.org/lighthouse.html

**INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM MUSEUM AND EXHIBITION HALL**

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” Lalorbe, 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.

111 First Street, Morgan City, CA 70380, 985-384-3744, rigmuseum.com

**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.

**Call or visit the welcome centers or CVB visitor information areas listed, and find us online at LouisianaByways.com.**

**More Information**

For additional trip ideas by visiting LouisianaByways.com or one of our Welcome Centers along the route.