



CAJUN COAST

VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU

Staycation along Bayou Teche Scenic Byway Highway 182 from Morgan City to St. Martinville, Louisiana

Day 1

Arrive in Morgan City. Visit the Cajun Coast Welcome Center
900 Dr. MLK Blvd., Morgan City, LA 70380
985-380-8224

The center is the perfect place to start or end your Louisiana adventure in St. Mary Parish. This Cajun Coast a sampler of everything Louisiana offers, in a friendly relaxed atmosphere that is the heart of Cajun hospitality.

Overnight in a local hotel, B&B, Campground. www.cajuncoast.com/stay Once checked in, relax and order take out from one of our local restaurants. www.cajuncoast.com/eats.

*Please call. Changes are often due to COVID-19.

Day 2

Travel to downtown Morgan City to visit the International Petroleum Museum and Exposition.

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

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" LaBorde, 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. After visiting the Mr. Charlie, visit the ROV/Dive Museum located at "Mr. Charlie."

After visiting the Mr. Charlie, walk along Morgan City's Main Street. A map is located at www.cajuncoast.com/listings/morgan-city-historic-district. Morgan City Main Street is a nationally certified Main Street. Walk along the 21 ft. seawall that borders the Atchafalaya River. Visit the Atchafalaya Water Heritage Kiosk to learn more about the Atchafalaya River, the largest tributary of the Mississippi River.

After lunch, visit the Southwest Reef Lighthouse, Everett S. Berry Memorial Lighthouse Park Riverfront, Berwick, LA 70342

985-384-8858

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. The Lighthouse now permanently resides on the river front in Berwick.

After visiting the Lighthouse Park, visit Berwick's Heritage Museum, 3326 Third Street, Berwick, 985-384-2283. You may need to call to make an appointment. The Everett Berry Lighthouse Park and Brown House tell the story of the Berwick area.

Overnight in Morgan City. www.cajuncoast.com

Day 3

Travel to Patterson to the Wedell-Williams Aviation & Cypress Sawmill Museum (A Louisiana State Museum)

118 Cotten Rd., Patterson, LA 70392

985-399-1268

The museum serves a dual function –the first highlights the legacy of Louisiana aviation pioneers who formed an air service together in 1928 in Patterson, LA. The Sawmill Museum documents the history of the cypress lumber industry in Louisiana.

After the museum, enjoy a tour on Captain Caviar Swamp Tours, 112 Main Street, Patterson, 985-395-7420, 504-343-5232 (cell). Venture into the Atchafalaya Swamp Basin, the largest overflow swamp in the US with Captain Caviar. Tour is approximately 2.5 hours.

Overnight in Morgan City. www.cajuncoast.com

Day 4

Today, travel to the City of Franklin, Franklin Historic District

300 Iberia Street, Franklin, LA 70538
337-828-3631

The Franklin Historic District contains nearly 420 noteworthy structures and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 29, 1982. Walk or drive the Historic District. www.cajuncoast.com/listings/franklin-historic-district. The Franklin Main Street shops are a must see.

Visit Oaklawn Manor, Grevemberg House or Shadowlawn, three historic homes open to the public. Oaklawn Manor, 3296 Oaklawn Drive, Franklin, 337-828-0434. Oaklawn is the home of former Governor of Louisiana Mike Foster. Grevemberg House Museum, 407 Sterling Road, Franklin, 337-828-2092. Grevemberg is a town home of the 1850's that's been authentically restored. Shadowlawn, 906 Main Street, Franklin, 337-828-2092. This Greek Revival home was built in 1850 with a smaller building that once served as a tavern.

Overnight in Franklin or Charenton/Baldwin www.cajuncoast.com

Day 5

Today, travel to Charenton or New Iberia. Tour New Iberia Main Street and Historic District.
317 East Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560
337-369-6446

Next visit Konriko Company Store/Conrad Rice Mill
307 Ann Street, New Iberia, LA 70560
(800) 551-3245

The oldest operating rice mill in the U.S. celebrated a century of operation in 2012. Watch a video on the history of the Acadians and tour the mill. The store features a selection of KONRIKO® products and other local food products, arts and crafts.

Bayou Teche Museum
131 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560
(337) 606-5977

State-of-the-art museum with a permanent collection of artifacts and memorabilia from the region telling the story of a growing city, its people, culture and industry, all centered around the "snake-like" curves of the Bayou Teche.

Jefferson Island, Rip Van Winkle Gardens
5505 Rip Van Winkle Rd, New Iberia, LA 70560
(337) 359-8525

Guided tours of the Joseph Jefferson Home (ca. 1870), a grand architectural masterpiece built as a hunting lodge and painting studio for famous 19th century actor, Joseph Jefferson, who portrayed Rip Van Winkle. Rip's Rookery and semi-tropical garden surrounding beautiful Lake Peigneur. Film of the 1980 catastrophe on the lake. Café, B&B and gift shop.

Overnight in New Iberia. www.iberiatravel.com

Day 6

Today, visit St. Martinville and Longfellow Evangeline Park

1200 N Main Street, Martinville, LA 70582

337-394-3754

Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site explores the cultural interplay among the diverse peoples along the famed Bayou Teche. Acadians and Creoles, Indians and Africans, Frenchmen and Spaniards, slaves and free people of color all contributed to the historical tradition of cultural diversity in the Teche region. French became the predominant language, and it remains very strong in the region today.

For more attractions open during COVID, visit www.cajuncountry.org

Overnight in St. Martinville or Breax Bridge. www.cajuncountry.org

Extra:

Ghost Tour with Captain Caviar, 112 Main Street, Patterson. Captain Caviar will take you and six of your friends on a ghostly tour in his Vintage Cadillac Limousine along the Cajun Coast! Maximum 7 people. 985-395-7420 or 504-343-5232 (cell).

Amelia Belle Casino, 500 Lake Palourde Road, Amelia, 985-631-1777 or Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel, 832 Martin Luther King Road, Charenton, 800-284-4386.

Attractions:

Chitimacha Museum, Shadows on the Teche, Tabasco and Jungle Gardens and the Acadian Memorial are attractions worthy of visitation on the byway, but are temporarily closed during COVID-19. Check our websites for updated information.