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ASCENSION PARISH, LA

VISITOR GUIDE

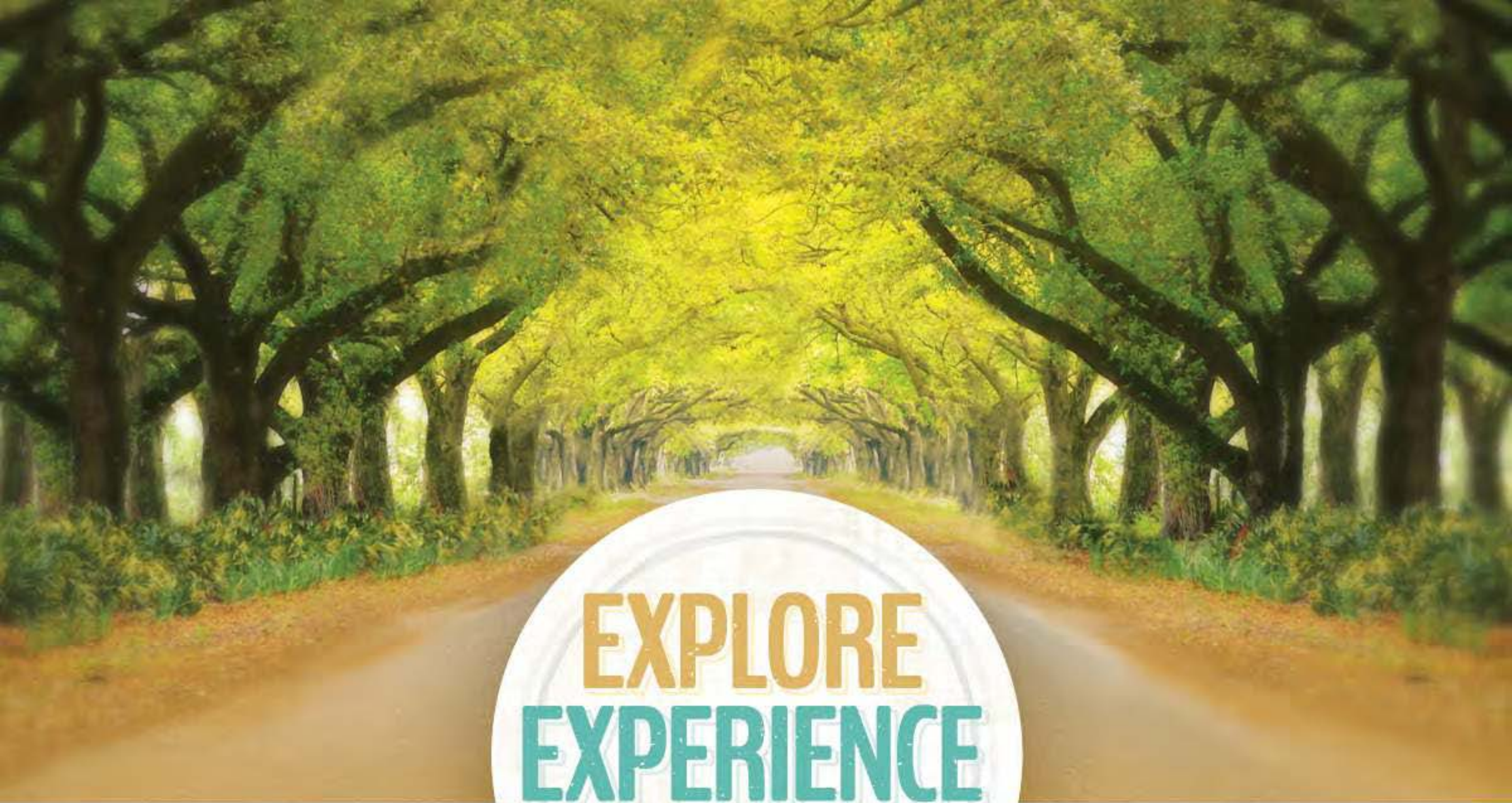


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A MIX OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

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With each mile traveled down historic River Road, anticipation builds as to what lies around the next bend. Then, when moss-draped lanes lead to bygone sugar empires, you know you've reached Louisiana's Sweet Spot.

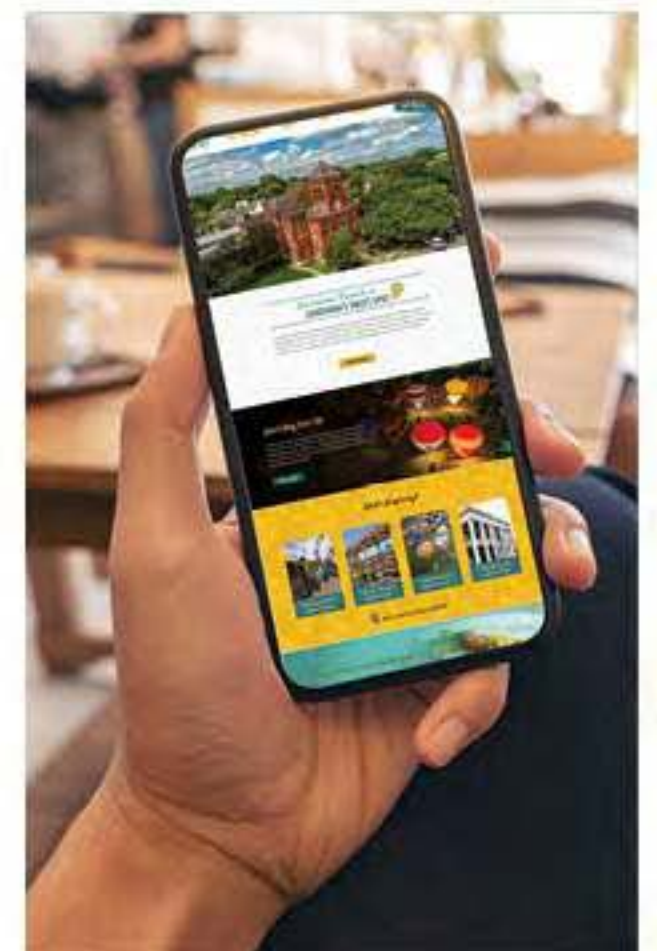
Located almost directly between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Ascension Parish is the sweetest spot for visitors wanting to experience small-town South Louisiana culture without having to sacrifice the convenience and comfort of brand name

**WELCOME TO
LOUISIANA'S
SWEET SPOT!**

accommodations that are usually only offered in larger cities. Visit the place at the heart of what makes Southern Louisiana such a special destination.

Find your way to Ascension Parishes' many treasures with this guide. For more information and complete listings of dining, events, festivals, accommodations, shopping, and more visit:

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Ascension Parish

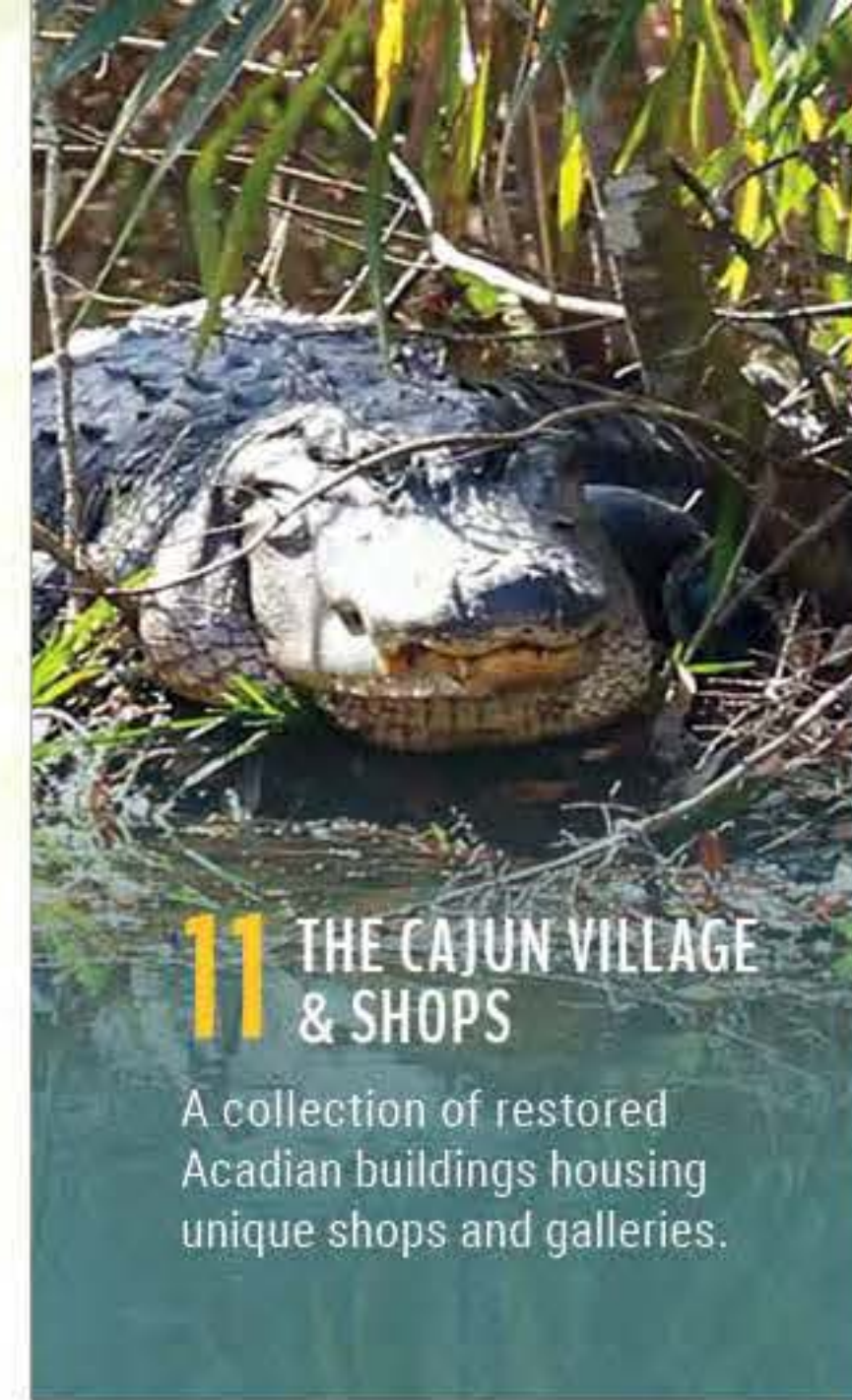
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ASCENSION PARISH, LA

By the time you cross the Sunshine Bridge you're well immersed in 500 years of history layered with such diverse culture and tradition you couldn't possibly be somewhere you have been before. In this special place where Native American, Spanish, French, German, Italian, English, African and Acadian cultures have thrived and mingled, the sights, sounds, traditions and experiences are truly more varied and unique.

Just as the sugar coaxes out the flavor in everything it's added to, the fusion of many influences and ethnicities in Ascension Parish add flavor to its rich heritage of cultural and culinary traditions.

These distinct accents and flavors are authentically tied to Louisiana's Sweet Spot between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Where names such as Gonzales, Sorrento, and Donaldsonville reflect the story of a blended cultural past.

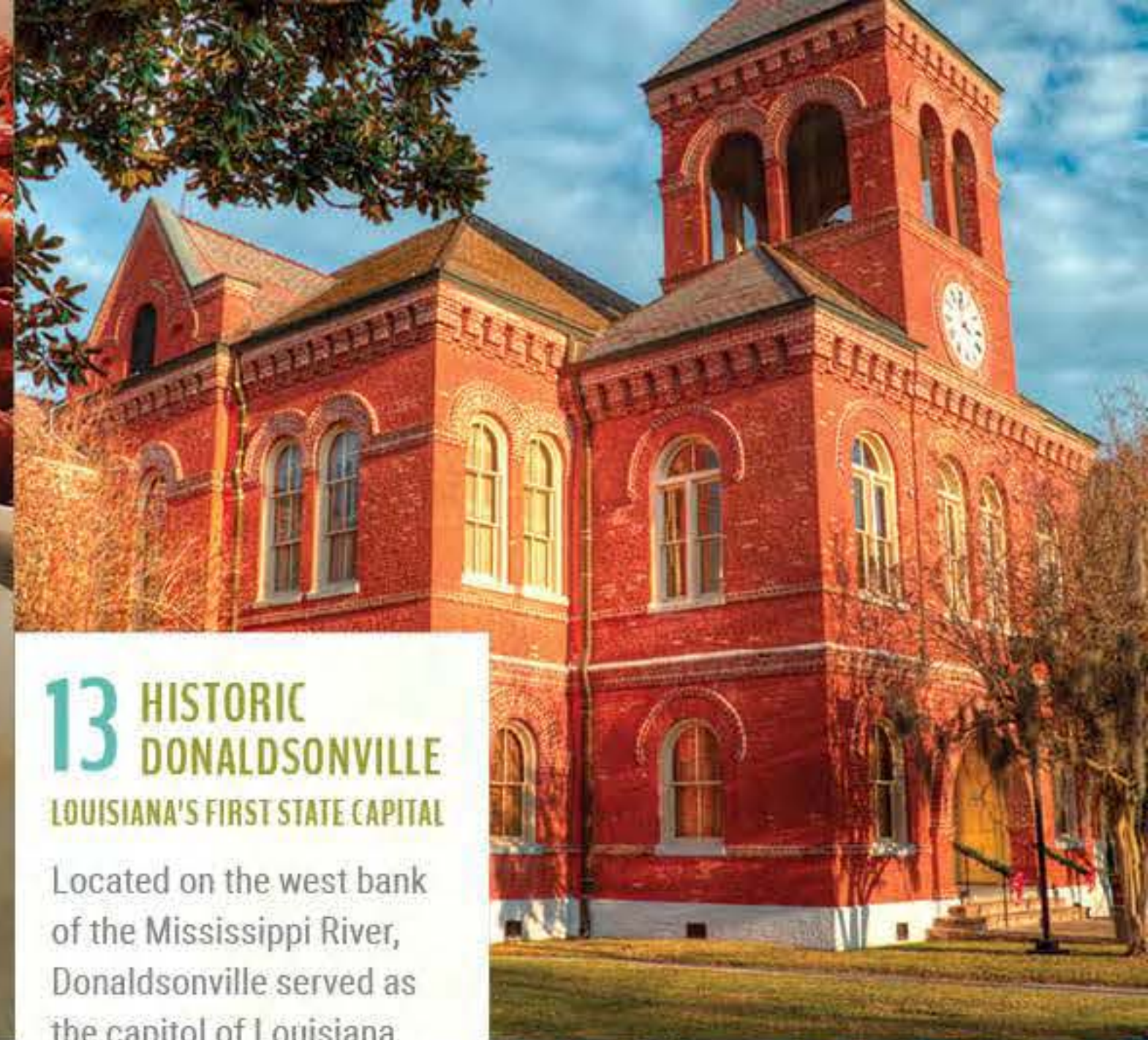
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A collection of restored Acadian buildings housing unique shops and galleries.



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Experience our rich heritage through our distinct culinary traditions.



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LOUISIANA'S FIRST STATE CAPITAL

Located on the west bank of the Mississippi River, Donaldsonville served as the capitol of Louisiana from 1829-1831. Rich in history, our Historic District, is home to 50 blocks with some 640 buildings dating from 1865-1933.

Donaldsonville is known today as the "Gateway to Cajun and Plantation Country" because of its rich heritage and the numerous plantations along the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche.



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It's pronounced "jahm-buh-LIE-uh" or "jum-buh-LIE-uh". Jambalaya found its way into Creole cookery in the late 1700's where it soon took on the flavor of added local ingredients. Today it is a Cajun/Creole dish made from a mixture of meats, rice and seasonings blended to produce a delicious dish.

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Find Your Way

Let us help you find your way around!
 Here you will find the sweetest spots to Stay and Play!

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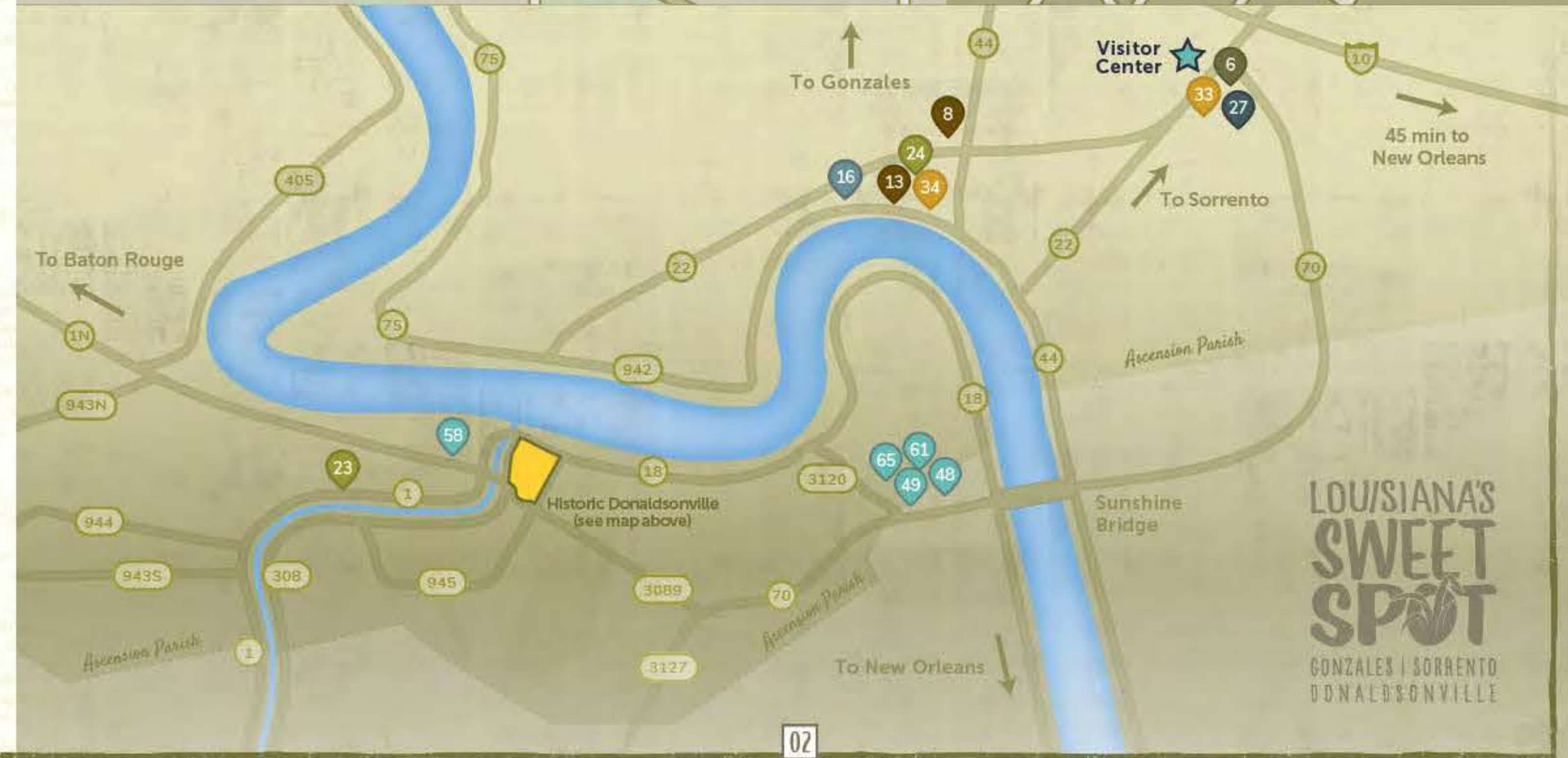
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Stay a While

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 please visit visittlasweetspot.com



BED AND BREAKFASTS

THE CAJUN VILLAGE COTTAGES

6486 Highway 22
 Sorrento, LA 70778
 225-715-6060 | 225-473-3007
www.thecajunvillagecottages.com
 Number of Rooms: 8

THE VICTORIAN ON THE AVENUE

117 Railroad Ave.
 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
 225-473-1876
www.the-victorian-on-the-avenue.com
 Number of Rooms: 5

CABAHANOSSE BED & BREAKFAST

602 Railroad Ave.
 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
 225-474-5050
www.cabahanosse.com
 Number of Rooms: 4

THE RAYLIN HOUSE

129 Lessard St.
 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
 225-939-4740
www.facebook.com/TheRaylinHouse
 Number of Rooms: 4

THE INN AT HOUMAS HOUSE & GARDENS

40136 Highway 942
 Darrow, LA 70725
 225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
 Number of Rooms: 21

PALO ALTO PLANTATION

1515 Highway 1 South
 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
 225-337-2283
www.paloaltoplantationla.com
 Number of rooms: 1

HOTELS AND MOTELS

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

2823 South Outfitters Dr.
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-450-3400
www.marriott.com/btrgz
 Number of Rooms: 95

CLARION INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

1500 West Highway 30
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 800-465-4329 | 225-647-8000
www.clariongonzales.com
 Number of rooms: 171

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

2806 W. Highway 30
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-743-8000
www.hiexpress.com
 Number of rooms: 90

SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT

2801 S. Cabela's Parkway
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-621-3000
www.marriott.com/btrro
 Number of Rooms: 96

CANDLEWOOD SUITES

2705 South Outfitters Dr.
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-450-3390
CandlewoodSuites.com
 Number of Rooms: 83 Suites
 Pet Friendly

HAMPTON INN OF GONZALES

2634 W. Outfitters Dr.
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-450-6999
www.gonzales.hamptoninn.com
 Number of rooms: 78

ASCENSION INN & SUITES

1918 West Highway 30
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-647-2001
 Number of rooms: 73

WESTERN INN

1712 West Highway 30
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-644-3114
www.westerninngonzalesla.com
 Number of rooms: 71

QUALITY INN & SUITES

2539 West Highway 30
 Gonzales, LA 70737
 225-644-3600
 Number of rooms: 70

**A MIX OF COMFORT,
 HISTORY AND CULTURE**

*Enjoy our friendly, safe and festive atmosphere
 without sacrificing the comforts and multitude of
 brand name accommodations.*

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 HISTORY AND CULTURE**

*The Clarion Inn Conference Center is a full-service
 hotel that offers 10,000 square feet of meeting
 or event space.*



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Stay a While



HOME 2 SUITES BY HILTON

2708 West Outfitters Dr.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-450-6755

www.website.com

Number of rooms: 97

Pet Friendly

QUALITY INN

2275 Highway 70
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-264-6006

Number of rooms: 62

OYO TOWNHOUSE

2179 Highway 70
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-725-0499

Number of rooms: 60

BUDGET INN

2142 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-2000

Number of rooms: 60

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

2816 South Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-4726

Number of rooms: 60

PELICAN INN

910 West Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-450-1718

www.PelicanInnLA.com

Number of rooms: 56

HIGHLAND INN

1740 W. Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-5700

www.highlandinngonzales.com

Number of rooms: 53

CAJUN COUNTRY INN

2411 S. Darla Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-8992

Number of rooms: 52

THE INN ON THE RIVER

416 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-257-1140

Number of Rooms: 16

ECONOMY INN

434 South Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-2125

Number of rooms: 38

AMERICA'S BEST SUITES

2412 Veterans Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-4515 | 800-237-8466

www.bestsuites-gonzales.com

Number of rooms: 37

MAGNOLIA MOTEL

701 W. 10th St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-473-3146

Number of rooms: 22

GONZALES MOTEL

1532 N Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-644-2687

Number of rooms: 19

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

2280 Business Park Blvd.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-473-3500

www.ihg.com

Number of rooms: 84

COMFORT SUITES

2821 Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-647-6400

www.comfortsuites.com

Number of rooms: 70

AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN

17301 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769

225-402-4362

www.redlion.com/abvi-prairieville

Number of rooms: 43

Pet Friendly

SUBURBAN EXTENDED STAY

2279 Highway 70
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

225-264-6197

www.suburbanextendedstay.com

Number of rooms: 66

SLEEP INN/ MAINSTAY SUITES GEISMAR

37090 Market Center Blvd.
Geismar, LA 70734

225-402-4401

www.website.com

Number of rooms: 78

BEST WESTERN PLUS

2815 Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-828-3933

Number of rooms: 82

Extended Stay Available

**A MIX OF COMFORT.
HISTORY AND CULTURE**

The Inn on the River, located in the Historic District of Donaldsonville, is the first hotel in the Historic District since the 1950's.



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HISTORY AND CULTURE**

Lamar Dixon Expo Center is surrounded by some of Ascension Parishes best amenities, including hotels, restaurants, and shopping all within a 1/2-mile radius.

RV CAMPSITES

LAMAR-DIXON EXPO CENTER

9039 St. Landry Rd.
Gonzales, LA 70737

225-450-1009 (Phone)

225-647-8804 (Fax)

www.lamardixonexpo.com

Lots: 300+





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Food & Drinks

For a complete list of dining options visit
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SORRENTO/DARROW

THE CABIN

5405 Highway 44
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-473-3007
www.thecabinrestaurant.com
Cajun, River Road Cuisine, Casual

PELICAN LANDING GRILL

6473 LA 44, Suite 123
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-474-4004
www.pelicanlandinggrill.com

**THE CARRIAGE HOUSE
AT HOUMAS HOUSE
AND GARDENS**

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
Reservation required

**LATIL'S LANDING
RESTAURANT AT HOUMAS
HOUSE & GARDENS**

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
Fine Dining, Nouvelle
Louisiana Cuisine
Reservation required

**CAFE BURNSIDE AT HOUMAS
HOUSE & GARDENS**

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
Casual Dining, Lunches,
Salads, Poboy's

THE COFFEE HOUSE

6490 Highway 22
Sorrento, LA 70778
225-675-8068
www.cajunvillageshops.com
Breakfast and Lunch, Café Au Lait,
Beignets, Plate Lunches, Casual

DONALDSONVILLE

GRAPEVINE CAFE & GALLERY

211 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-8463
www.grapevinecafeandgallery.com
Real Cajun Cuisine, Art Shows

CAFE LAFOURCHE

817 Veteran Blvd.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-7451
www.cafelafourche.com
Steak & Cajun Cuisine, Casual, Family

**FIRST AND LAST
CHANCE CAFE**

812 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-8236
Casual, Family Style

GONZALES/PRAIRIEVILLE

**AGAVE BLUE TEQUILA
& TACO BAR**

17097 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-313-6376
www.agavebluelaela.com

BREW BACHER'S GRILL

909 East Ascension St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-2850
www.brewbachersgrill.com
Casual, Seafood, Sandwiches

BAO ASIAN MARKET & DELI

17316 Airline Highway, Suite B
Prairieville, Louisiana 70769
225-313-3039

GEISHA

17091 Airline Highway, Suite 104
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-313-3892

**A MIX OF FLAVOR
HISTORY AND CULTURE**

*The fusion of many influences and ethnicities in
Ascension Parish adds flavor to its rich heritage
of cultural and culinary traditions.*

**FRANKS RESTAURANT
& SMOKEHOUSE**

17425 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-673-8876
www.franksrestaurantla.com
Casual, Breakfast,
Home Cooking, Seafood

DON'S SEAFOOD HUT

2405 W Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-4888
www.donsseafoodonline.com
Cajun Cuisine, Casual Attire
Family Dining

LOCALLY MADE TREASURES

Blue Runner Foods began making
delicious food back in 1918 when
the Union Canning Company
began canning fresh fruits and
a variety of other items. In 1946
the company moved to its current
location in Gonzales, Louisiana,
where all of their products are
still produced today.



CHEF JOHN FOLSE

World renowned
Louisiana Chef and
owner of Chef John
Folse & Company
headquartered in
Donaldsonville, LA.



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Food & Drinks



SWEET TREATS

DELIA'S BAKERY
38390 Highway 42, Suite B
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-313-6833

JUMONVILLE'S BAKERY
2204 S Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-3008
www.jumonvillebakery.com

SNOCREAMS CAFE
40051 Highway 44
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-622-9313

POPALETAS
608 S Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, Louisiana 70737
225-647-5902

CAJUN VILLAGE & COFFEE HOUSE
6490 Highway 22
Sorrento, Louisiana 70778
225-675-8068



BERGERON'S BOUDIN & CAJUN MEATS
3005 W. Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-3911
www.bergerons.com

FRATELLI'S ITALIAN GRILLE
17424 Airline Highway
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-313-4704
Authentic Italian, fine wines

SWEET + SAVORY COMPANY
1064 E. Worthey St., Suite B
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-8686
Homestyle Food

HANNAH Q SMOKE HOUSE
17097 Airline Highway, Suite 201
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-313-6528
hannahqsmokehouse.com
Smoked BBQ, Steak, Burgers, Fried Chicken, Homemade BBQ sauces

POT & PADDLE JAMBALAYA KITCHEN
2819 S Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70769
225-644-7687
www.potandpaddle.com

Authentic Cajun Cuisine,
Dine-In and Carryout,
Catering Services

ON THE HALF SHELL
37390 Perkins Rd.
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-673-1951
www.onthehalfshell.biz
Casual, Seafood, Sandwiches

PHILAYS CATFISH N' MORE
13386 Airline Highway, Suite A
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-3999
www.philayscatfish.com
Casual, Seafood,
Sandwiches, Salads

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Some family-owned spots have been here for more than 40 years, providing the area with new twists on authentic cuisine for generations.

WALK ON'S BISTREAUX & BAR
14569 Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-673-9255
www.walk-ons.com

SNO'S SEAFOOD & STEAK HOUSE
13131 Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-2632
www.snosseafood.com
Seafood, Steaks

STARLITE ESPRESSO CAFÉ
514 Burnside Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-8118
www.starlitepressocafe.com

GALVEZ SEAFOOD COMPANY
40306 Highway 42, Suite 9
Prairieville, LA 70769
225-622-4800
Casual, Cajun & Creole,
Seafood, Burgers

MIKE ANDERSON'S SEAFOOD AT CLARION INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
1500 Highway 30
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-743-6453
www.mikeandersons.com
Seafood, Steak



ENTERTAINMENT

PREMIER LANES ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Bayou Plaza
1414 N. Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-621-2695
www.premierlanes.net

MALCO GONZALES CINEMA

Bayou Plaza
1406 N. Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-2128
www.malco.com

LAMAR-DIXON EXPO CENTER

9039 St. Landry Rd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-450-1009
www.lamardixonexpo.com

ART AND CULTURE

THE CAJUN VILLAGE

6470 Highway 22
Sorrento, LA 70778
225-675-5572
www.cajunvillageshops.com

A collection of restored Acadian buildings housing unique shops and galleries featuring original Louisiana artists and products, an alligator pond, the Coffee House and more.

We invite visitors to stroll the grounds, step back in time, and visit the unique shops and boutiques.

– SWEET SPOTS TO – *See & Do*

For a complete list of things to see and do please visit visitlasweetspot.com



HOUMAS HOUSE & GARDENS

Voted best Historic Mansion by USA Today, our crown jewel, provides its guest with some of the finest dining, accommodations, gardens, and home tours in the South.



RIVER REGION ART GALLERY

320 East Ascension St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-8496
www.riverregionartassociation.org

ALVIN BATISTE AT FRAMER DAVE'S

512 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-8536
www.alvinbatiste.com

ASCENSION COMMUNITY THEATRE

823 Felicity St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-1230
www.actgonzales.org

OUTDOOR

DONALDSONVILLE RIVERWALK AND CRESCENT PARK

305 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

Facing the Mississippi River, Crescent Park is surrounded by oak trees and wrought-iron fencing. Across from Crescent Park you can enjoy a relaxing stroll on The Mississippi Riverwalk, a brick paved path lined with benches and lights overlooking the Mississippi River.

ASCENSION VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

612 South Irma Blvd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-644-4470

PELICAN POINT GOLF COURSE

6300 Championship Ct.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-746-9900
www.golfthepoint.com

JAMBALAYA PARK & AMPHITHEATER

1015 E. Cornerview St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-2841
www.gonzalesla.com

HOUMAS HOUSE MANSION AND GARDENS TOUR

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com

KIDZ KOVE DISCOVERY PARK

118 S. Francois Ave.
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.projectkidzkove.com

Its focus is on additional equipment for children with physical or sensory developmental challenges, with specialized equipment to facilitate their play experiences.

LOUISIANA SQUARE

300 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-4814

BREWERIES/DISTILLERIES

SUGARFIELD SPIRITS

481 W Eastbank St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-2029
www.sugarfieldspiritsla.com

GILLA BREWING CO.

13025 Highway 44
Suites 108 & 109
Gonzales, LA 70737
www.gillabrewingco.com

A MIX OF INTRIGUE, HISTORY AND CULTURE

Stop by and say hello to our friends Big Boy and Nubby, the two live alligators at The Cajun Village.

ALVIN BATISTE

The history of generations along the Mississippi River finds expression in the brush strokes of Alvin Batiste, self-taught, primitive artist, whose work has been critically acclaimed. Visitors may watch the artist at work, browse the gallery, commission and/or purchase original paintings.



- SWEET SPOTS TO -
See & Do



DONALDSONVILLE'S HISTORIC PORTAL TO THE PAST

Enjoy learning about the history of Donaldsonville at your own pace by visiting seven self-guided portals in the Historic District. Portal Maps are located on Mississippi Riverwalk Levee

Top Panels. Begin tour at Levee Top, 305 Mississippi St.

Create your own unique experience in one of Louisiana's oldest cities.

The architecture of the buildings from the pre-Civil War era are said to be the finest collection to be found in any Mississippi River parish above New Orleans.

- SWEET SPOTS FOR -
Shopping

For a complete list of shopping please visit visitlasweetspot.com



MUSEUMS AND HISTORY

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

716 Mississippi St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-3176 | 225-473-3544
www.ascensioncatholic.com

TEE JOE GONZALES MUSEUM

217 West Main St.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-9549
www.gonzalesla.com
By appointment only

THE GREAT RIVER ROAD MUSEUM

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
Daily Tours, Admission



HISTORIC FORT BUTLER COMMEMORATIVE SITE

169 Highway 18
Donaldsonville, LA
985-369-1950
acapone@charter.net

ASCENSION PARISH COURTHOUSE

300 Houmas St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-9866

PLANTATIONS

PALO ALTO PLANTATION

1515 Highway 1 South
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-337-2283
www.paloaltoplantationla.com
Daily Tours, Admission

HOUMAS HOUSE PLANTATION AND GARDENS

40136 Highway 942
Darrow, LA 70725
225-473-9380
www.houmashouse.com
Daily Tours, Admission



RIVER ROAD AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

406 Charles St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-474-5553
www.africanamericanmuseum.org

All groups by appointment
River Road African American Museum preserves and exhibits art, artifacts, and buildings as it is related to the history and culture of African Americans in the rural communities along the Mississippi River.

CABELA'S

2200 Cabela's Parkway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-743-3400
www.cabelas.com/gonzales



TANGER OUTLET CENTER

2410 Tanger Blvd., Suite 161
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-9383 | 800-406-2112
www.tangeroutlet.com

Tanger Outlets in Gonzales, LA provides shoppers with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at no added cost while they shop. Tanger Outlets is a part of the Louisiana Tax Free Program and is a redemption center for International Shoppers! Over 90 designer and manufacturer outlet stores and restaurants are featured in this popular outlet mall.

FAMILY TRADITIONS ANTIQUES AND GIFTS

9291 Airline Highway
Sorrento, LA 70778
225-313-1556

CABAHANOSSE ANTIQUES & GIFTS

602 Railroad Ave.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-474-5050
www.cabahanosse.com

ROUSSEL'S OF GONZALES

1486 N. Airline Highway
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-647-7995

BIRDS AND BERRIES

13076 LA Highway 44
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-999-4438
www.birdsandberries.net

THIS THAT AND MORE INDOOR FLEA MARKET

43123 Highway 429
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-773-8934



THE CAJUN VILLAGE SHOPS

6466 Highway 22
Sorrento, LA 70778
225-675-2782

LOUISIANA POTTERY

225-675-5572
www.LouisianaPottery.com

THE CAJUN SHOP

225.675.2640

LIVIN' LOUISIANA

225.675.2782

SPRING

– SWEET SPOTS FOR – Festivals & Events

Ascension Parish hosts a multitude of festivals and events throughout the year. For a complete list of all the fun that's happening go to visitlasweetspot.com



ASCENSION HOT AIR BALLOON & BOUCHERIE FESTIVAL

On the lush green fields of the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, you and your family can take in the sights of the festival in a relaxed and comfortable setting, while enjoying the rural, open spaces. Bring the entire family down to Lamar-Dixon, and see why this year's Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival is the place to be this summer.



SOUTH LOUISIANA FAMILY FESTIVAL

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Activities include the Extreme Rodeo, extreme color run, car show, ag farm & fair, kids fishing rodeo, carnival rides, great food and more!

SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Come out and support young cowboys and cowgirls from across the state of Louisiana.

DREAMS COME TRUE CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

From crawfish boils, competitions, kid's activities and more, the day will surely be fun for the whole family.

GONZALES JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL

Gonzales, LA

Celebrating over 50 years of fun. Held every year on Memorial Day weekend.

SUMMER

ROCK'N THE BAYOU

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Some of the biggest names in Rock!

JULY 3RD FIREWORKS

Donaldsonville, LA

Family fun, food, live music and a firework display over the Mississippi River.

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Donaldsonville, LA

Join us in a day celebrating the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Gemstones, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment, fine jewelry, hourly door prizes and more.

FALL

GULF COAST MOTORCYCLE COMPETITION

Cabela's

Gulf Coast Police Motorcycle Skills Training to enhance your skills as a motor officer.

VETERAN'S PARADE

Gonzales, LA

A parade in Gonzales to celebrate Veteran's Day.

AVENUE EVENING STROLL

Donaldsonville, LA

Stroll down Railroad Avenue in Historic Donaldsonville and enjoy shopping after hours, art vendors, food and music in Louisiana Square.

MISTLETOE MARKET

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Craft vendors, home décor, boutiques and small business owners come together for one of the year's biggest holiday markets.

WINTER

HOLIDAY BRASS SYMPHONY

Houmas House and Gardens

The beautiful grounds of Houmas House and Gardens set the scene for a special edition of Holiday Brass. The Symphony brass and percussion players perform traditional holiday favorites, including some BRSO custom arrangements.

JFA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Gonzales, LA

Christmas float parade through Gonzales.

HOME & REMODELING SHOW

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Greater Baton Rouge's premier event that will feature the very best products and services for everything in your home, inside and out.

PARISH & STATE LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Lamar Dixon Expo Center

Each year the LSU Ag center hosts Parish and State Highschool 4-H Livestock show.

SPRING AND SUMMER

1st Saturday of the Month

DONALDSONVILLE DOWNTOWN LIVE

Live music series in Downtown Donaldsonville Crescent Park.

MARKET ON THE SQUARE

Donaldsonville, LA

Farmer's Market and Craft market in Louisiana Square.

HIGHWAY 621 OUTDOOR MARKET

Prairieville, LA

Farmer's Market and local crafts.

GONZALES JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL

The festival features world champion jambalaya served daily, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, cooking contest, a variety of food and so much fun it takes 3 days to get it all in. www.JambalayaFestival.net



LAMAR-DIXON EXPO CENTER

9039 St. Landry Rd.
Gonzales, LA 70737
225-450-1009

www.lamardixonexpo.com

The Lamar Dixon Expo Center is a multi-use event facility and the festival hub of Ascension Parish. Lamar Dixon showcases a diverse range of entertainment, including equestrian events and

rodeos, trade shows, animal shows, weddings, sporting shows, antique shows, school fairs and music concerts. Lamar Dixon Expo Center is surrounded by some of Ascension Parish's best amenities. With a multitude of hotels, restaurants, and shopping all within a 1/2 mile radius. Visitors can come and enjoy one of Lamar Dixon's many fantastic events while having all the amenities of home only minutes away.



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