

# Louisiana Road Tripping

## North to South

**Shreveport-Bossier • Baton Rouge • St. Tammany Parish**


Elvis Statue at Shreveport Municipal Auditorium


R. W. Norton Art Gallery


Old Governor's Mansion


Louisiana State Capitol


Palmettos on the Bayou


Honey Island Swamp

## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER

Located in beautiful northwest Louisiana, Shreveport-Bossier is the perfect place to meet up with your friends for a weekend getaway. Experience 24-hour gaming, riverfront entertainment, shopping, year-round festivals, and mouthwatering cuisine.

### DAY 1

**Louisiana State Exhibit Museum -** Louisiana's only public museum listed as a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate. The museum houses a huge collection of Native American artifacts as well as exhibits of original paintings by Clementine Hunter, a series of 22 unusual dioramas called "Louisiana in Miniature," touring exhibits and more.

**Sci-Port Discovery Center – Gallery of Intrigue -** Sci-Port's newest addition, Gallery of Intrigue, tests your knowledge of STEM fundamentals through various adventures and puzzles. There are seven adventures to choose from ranging from different themes and difficulty levels that your group can enjoy.

**Boom or Bust Byway -** The Boom or Bust Byway is the ultimate road trip for explorers seeking an off-the-beaten-path adventure. This scenic, self-driving tour is a total of 136 miles across four parishes in north Louisiana: Caddo, Bossier, Webster, and Claiborne. Jump on the byway from any direction to experience Southern flavors, outdoor trails, historical museums, fishing holes, campgrounds and more.

**R.W. Norton Art Gallery -** Shreveport's largest museum houses thousands of American and European sculptures, paintings, artifacts and decorative arts spanning four centuries. The museum sits on 40 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and trails.

### DAY 2

**Get Breakfast -** Get breakfast to-go at Southern Maid Donuts, famous for being the only product that Elvis Presley ever sang a jingle for.

**Shreveport Aquarium -** Travel through brightly colored coral reefs, creaking shipwrecks, dark ocean caves and tropical lagoons. Guests can also get up close and personal with sharks and pet stingrays, jellyfish, starfish and more.

**Shopping at Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets -** Explore outlet stores, restaurants and entertainment at the Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets, a dynamic shopping destination. The Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets is home to the popular Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, local chocolatier the Chocolate Crocodile and outlet shopping at national retailers.

**East Bank District & Plaza -** Bossier City's new entertainment and arts district includes Flying Heart Brewing and Pub, Bayou Axe Co., restaurants, shops, and businesses. The heart of the district is the East Bank Plaza, designed as a gathering place for events and to host food trucks, festivals and outdoor activities.

**Casinos -** Shreveport-Bossier's five riverboat casinos and horse racing track are a getaway to adventures that range from Vegas-style gaming and nightlife to decadent dining and posh accommodations.



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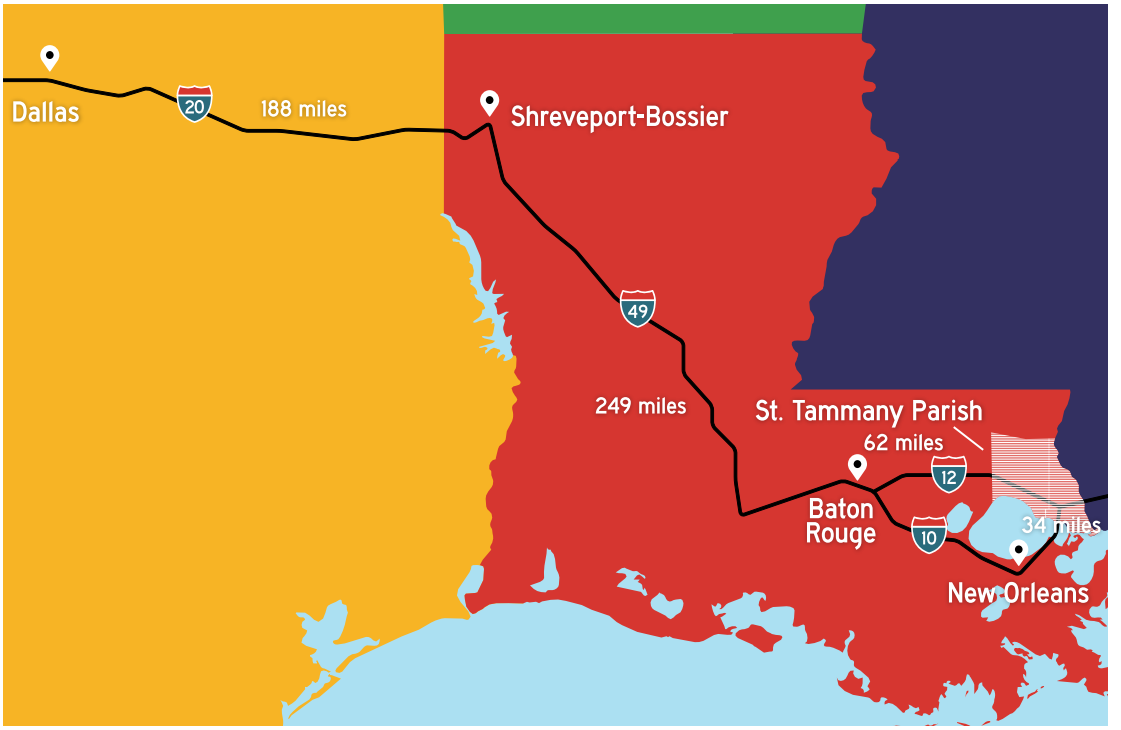


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## BATON ROUGE

As the Capital City, Baton Rouge is the hub of all things Louisiana. Here you will find attractions that showcase our history and culture, coupled with the "Red Stick's" delicious cuisine, vibrant music and incomparable collegiate spirit!




### DAY 1

**Tony's Seafood -** Known as Louisiana's largest seafood market, Tony's Seafood also has some of the most affordable and authentic seafood in the capital. Tony's features all of the classic seafood Po-boys, seafood boxes filled with fresh catches, and even seafood gumbo by the gallon. The fact that it's a market as well as a restaurant allows you to taste the dishes or cook it up yourself.

**Louisiana State Capitol -** A magnificent 34-story art deco-style structure standing proud as the nation's tallest capitol building. Get a birds-eye view of the entire city and mighty Mississippi River from the 27th floor observation deck.

**Capitol Park Museum -** A Louisiana State Museum where you can step onto a real Mardi Gras float, discover the difference between Cajun and Creole, feast your eyes upon a massive shrimp boat and lose yourself in Louisiana music and historical multimedia presentations.

**Old State Capitol -** Travel through the state's storied political history, but don't forget to look up at the beautiful gothic staircase and stained-glass ceiling!

### DAY 2

**LSU Rural Life Museum -** Travel back in time and experience the lifestyles and lifeways of Louisiana's people in this highly rated outdoor museum featuring more than twenty 18th Century buildings including slave cabins, an overseer's house, a blacksmith's shop and more.

**Old Governor's Mansion -** Louisiana's Old Governor's Mansion, built under the governorship of the famous (and infamous) Huey P. Long as a White House replica, served as the social residence to nine Louisiana governors between 1930 and 1962.

**USS Kidd -** A tour of this restored WWII Fletcher-class destroyer and a stroll through the historic exhibits in the adjoining Veterans Memorial Museum, is a unique experience for the military enthusiast or for anyone!

**Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center -** Connect with the nature of Louisiana and explore swamp foliage and wildlife at Bluebonnet Swamp. Over a mile of gravel paths and boardwalks link varied habitats such as the cypress-tupelo swamp, beech-magnolia and hardwood forests. Enjoy live animal exhibits; photographic presentations of the site's flora and fauna; natural artifact and mineral displays; and a sizeable, vintage waterfowl decoy carving collection.

## ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Reconnect on Louisiana's Northshore, St. Tammany Parish. Located at the intersections of I-10, I-12 and I-59, the Northshore has become known for its eco-friendly and accessible outdoor attractions, unique museums, walkable historic districts, deep & delicious culinary scene and has over 3,000 hotel rooms to make sure you recharge and are ready to explore even more!

### DAY 1

**Honey Island Swamp -** Appreciate the flora and fauna of this 1.5 hour swamp tour with experienced guides that will educate you about the swamp's fragile ecosystem, and offer exciting encounters with the wildlife. Choose from one of several companies that call the Honey Island Swamp home.

**Abita Brewery -** Louisiana's oldest and largest craft brewery and part of the Louisiana Brewery Trail; Abita Brewery has been creating its unique blends and signature sodas since 1986. Indulge in samples after you tour the brewery and learn the secret to their success.

**Insta-Gator Ranch and Hatchery -** Hold'em, Touch'em & Feed'em can all be done as you tour this venue. Learn about the American Alligator on this 1.5 hour guided tour. For added adventure, visit during mid-August through September and help hatch baby gators!

**Palmettos on the Bayou -** Dine al fresco overlooking scenic Bayou Bonfouca for a true Louisiana experience. Enjoy some local favorite dishes made with fresh Gulf seafood.

OR

**Middendorf's Restaurant -** Established in 1934 in the town of Manchac, LA by owners of the same name. Now owned and operated by Horst & Karen Pfeifer, who opened a second Middendorf's location on the Northshore on the restaurant's 85th anniversary. Known for their signature "thin-fried" catfish, the restaurant serves seafood and local favorites to individuals and groups.

### DAY 2

**Lake Pontchartrain Basin Maritime Museum -** From canoes to steamboats, Louisiana's unique maritime history and culture has it all. Take a step back in time as you learn how Native Americans, European explorers, and early settlers depended upon Louisiana's extensive bayous, rivers, and lakes as the pathways of survival.

**Global Wildlife Center -** Feed a giraffe or wiggle a camel's hump at one of the largest free-roaming wildlife preserves in the United States. Enjoy a narrated safari wagon tour over 900 acres of beautiful Louisiana countryside complete with numerous ponds and a lake. During the tour you'll come face to face with bison, giraffe, zebra, camels, kangaroos, and much more. It's our own Serengeti, in Louisiana!

**H. J. Smith's Son General Store and Museum -** Located in the heart of Covington's Downtown Historic District, this business has been family-owned and operated since 1876. The museum houses hundreds of items from the past, including a 20-foot long cypress dugout boat, cast iron casket, old farming tools, a 1920s gas pump, a hand-operated wooden washing machine, and much more.

**Annadele's Plantation -** Built in 1834 by Colonel Sully of New Orleans, then purchased in the late 1800's by the Mayor of New Orleans as a summer home. Now refurbished, Annadele's Plantation today is the dining site of exquisite French and Creole-inspired cuisine.