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LOUISIANA'S BAYOU COUNTRY

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GETTING TO HOUMA

Closest Airport:

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport - 45.5 miles, 46-minute drive

Driving Distance:

New Orleans - 57 miles, 60-minute drive

Baton Rouge - 83 miles, 100-minute drive

Lafayette - 103 miles, 105-minute drive

Houston, TX - 322 miles, 313-minute drive

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Tyler Duplantis is the Destination Services Manager at Explore Houma, where he helps visitors plan memorable trips throughout Bayou Country. With a deep knowledge of the region's culture, attractions, and local experiences, Tyler works closely with area partners to showcase Houma's unique heritage and ensure every traveler can enjoy the best the region has to offer.





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FITS/INDIVIDUALS/SMALL GROUPS

Day Trip

SAMPLE 1

Trails, Swamp & Gators



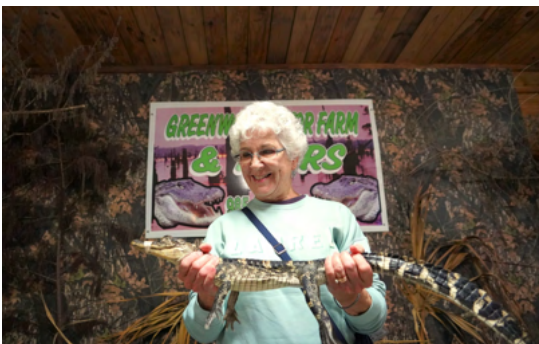
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Stop 3: Stretch your legs on the 0.9-mile **Mandalay Nature Trail**, an easy out-and-back walk through marsh and swamp. In about 20 minutes, you'll pass diverse habitats before reaching a boardwalk with sweeping wetland views — and plenty of chances to spot alligators, shorebirds, and waterfowl along the way.



Stop 4: Get up close to Louisiana's most famous reptiles at **Greenwood Gator Farm and Tours**. Tour the facility with knowledgeable guides, learn about alligator behavior and conservation, watch exciting feedings, and even enjoy a hands-on encounter with these incredible creatures.

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Stop 4: PAC Kayak Rentals: Perfect for paddlers and anglers, offering kayak rentals, floating docks, and more. Stay at the RV park or the “Fishing Enthusiast” houseboat, then take advantage of a private boat launch, tackle shop, and charter services for a full outdoor adventure.

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Shrimp, Art & History



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1st Day



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LARGE GROUPS

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Educational



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Stop 6: Experience the Bayou like a true Cajun with **Boiled on the Bayou**, where groups can enjoy a heaping seafood boil of crawfish, shrimp, and crab, all served family-style with authentic Cajun music and a lively atmosphere. Customizable for any group and including non-seafood options, it's a hands-on, fun way to eat, relax, and celebrate Louisiana's seafood traditions.

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Stop 2: Explore the **Finding Our Roots African American Mobile Museum** to uncover the stories, achievements, and resilience of African Americans through engaging exhibits, artifacts, and interactive displays that bring history to life. Whether you are a history enthusiast or simply seeking a unique cultural experience, this museum promises to leave an indelible mark on your soul.

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ROUGAROU FEST



Step into the spooky, family-friendly world of Rougarou Fest, an award-winning festival celebrating Cajun folklore, music, food and Halloween fun in Houma, Louisiana!



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Krewe Ga Rou Parade
- Food & Drinks
- Costume Contest
- Live Music & Dancing
- Rougarou Trail
- Shopping & Art Vendors
- Storytelling & Folklore
- Wolf Howling Contest
- Nutria Pardoning
- Kids' Activities
- Rougacon
- Carnival Rides

THREE-DAY EVENT

October | Friday-Sunday
Onsite Hotel & RV Accommodations

ROUGAROU (ROO-GA-ROO)

A local folklore about a Cajun creature that is part werewolf and part man, that is said to roam the swamps and bayous of Louisiana.

HOTEL ON PROPERTY

Courtyard by Marriott



(985) 580-7289 | ROUGAROUFEST.ORG





THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKIN’

In Louisiana’s Bayou Country, the iconic white “shrimp boots” are everywhere. Known by many nicknames like Cajun Reeboks and Swamp Nikes, these boots are more than a fashion statement. Here are three things to know about South Louisiana’s official footwear.

WHY ARE THEY WHITE?

Well, that depends who you ask. Many say it’s a cooler choice for the warm weather we experience for the majority of the calendar year, some claim that the white boots don’t leave scuff marks on your boat, and some will tell you that the white boots show up better in murky waters making it more of a safety feature. But, no matter who you ask, one thing is for certain - white boots are always the pick of the litter.

WHAT ARE THEY USED FOR?

When your homeland is made up of over 2,200 square miles of coastal marsh and swamp land, things can get REAL messy REAL fast. Be it fishing or trawling on a boat, walking through the marsh, or just doing some yard work after a bit of rain, no one likes wet sloshy feet. They’re also quick to clean with a quick hosing down.

Insider tip - always tuck your pants into your boots for extra protection!

WHY ARE THEY A BIG DEAL IN BAYOU COUNTRY?

In these parts, many locals and residents still very much live off the land – hunting, trawling, fishing, exploring, and the white shrimp boot has accompanied many of us since we’re small children along the way through these ventures. Thus, the shrimp boot is as much a part of our culture and way of life as a sack of crawfish or Cajun music on a Friday night.



CAN'T MISS

Adventures



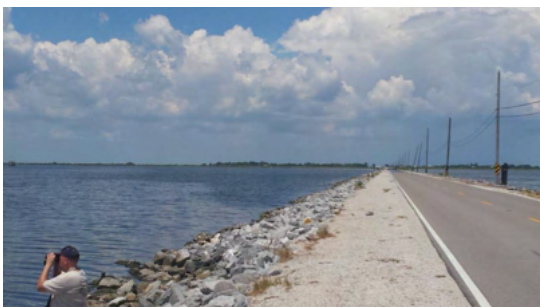
"Bayou Sale Rd, Chauvin, LA"

Explore **Bayou Sale Road**, a haunted Louisiana byway rich in history, where the legend of a ghostly hitchhiker adds thrills to its stunning marshland scenery.



Register at [Geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com) with GT4DE

Explore Houma with **Cache de Crawfish GeoTour**, one of only 50 GeoTours worldwide, and collect 35 of 40 caches to earn a signature geocoin.



571 Island Rd. | Montegut, LA 70377

Isle de Jean Charles is a historic tribal homeland in southern Terrebonne Parish, now disappearing due to erosion and rising seas, with some residents staying to maintain their deep connection to the land.



7850-7864 W Main St. | Houma, LA 70360

Experience **Downtown Houma**, from coffee and beignets at Downtown Jeaux's to colorful murals, the iconic bandstand, and streets featured in *Where the Crawdads Sing*.



7925 W Main St. | Houma, LA 70360

The **United Houma Nation Fountain** in downtown Houma honors the Houma people, celebrating their traditions, resilience, and deep ties to the land and waterways.



www.explorehouma.com/do/mardi-gras

Mardi Gras in Houma is a vibrant Cajun celebration with colorful parades, marching bands, and family-friendly fun. Enjoy throws, King Cake, and the region's famous hospitality as you let the good times roll.



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