

## Welcome to the Sugar City

Take a leisurely walk down Jeanerette's Historic Main Street to see visions of the past in our beautiful homes and ornate business establishments that give a sense of the rich history of the sugarcane industry that has been at the heart of our families for more than 200 years. Along with the booming cypress lumber industry, the arrival of the railroad, the oil industry, and the native beauty of the area, Jeanerette became a place where inhabitants arrived and stayed to work and raise their families. All of this combines with the scenic views of the waterways of the Bayou Teche and the ever growing sugarcane fields for a truly amazing cultural experience.



## Moresi Foundry

Established by Switzerland native Antoine Moresi in 1885, Moresi Foundry has long developed machinery and other items used by sugar mills. The current building was constructed in 1890. The company still maintains traditions of the past while looking to the future.



## Jeanerette Bicentennial Museum

Built in 1902, the Jeanerette Museum is a small, artistically done sampling of life along the Bayou Teche. The museum features exhibits on the sugarcane industry including a pictorial exhibit, *Green Fields 200 Years of Louisiana Sugar* and the cypress lumber industry. The swamp exhibit displays many species of animals, including reptiles and birds. The museum also maintains the community's local history and presents a large antique sewing collection from the 1890s.



## LeJeune's Bakery

There is nothing better than the smell and taste of freshly baked bread. Savor the flavor of delicious French bread and ginger cakes with a visit to LeJeune's Bakery. Lejeune family members have used the same recipes at their bakery in Jeanerette since it began in 1884.

## The Cypress Lumber Industry

Lumber has played an important part in shaping Jeanerette. Because of the city's location near the Atchafalaya Basin and Bayou Teche, a rich supply of cypress was available along with transportation provided by the railroad. Three major cypress lumber mills were once located in Jeanerette, including Provost Lumber Company, Planters' Lumber Company and Jeanerette Lumber and Shingle. Remnants of the industry can still be found today.



## Harry B. Hewes Home

This historic residence was the home of Harry Hewes, one of the founders of Jeanerette Lumber and Cypress, which harvested lumber from 1894 to 1925. The mill was located nearby on the site of Jeanerette's City Park along the Bayou Teche. Hewes also built the local paddlewheel steamboat, the *Amy Hewes*, which was named after his daughter and traveled on the bayou until the late 1940s.



## Additional historic sites of interest:

### 217 LEWIS STREET – FAYE HOME

This is considered the oldest home in Jeanerette. It was built in 1850 by Theodore Faye, a native of France. The home, once located on Adeline Plantation in St. Mary Parish, was moved to its current location in Jeanerette in the 1890s by A.L. Monnot. The home features a nice front gallery supported by large turned cypress columns and fan shaped brackets. The home is currently occupied by the Larroque family.

### 335 ST. NICHOLAS STREET – MINVILLE HOME

Harry Hewes built this home as his first residence in Jeanerette between 1890 and 1897. The story and a half frame structure is embellished by Eastlake circle and quatrefoil designs along with a variety of decorative touches.

### 1315 CHURCH STREET – MCGOWEN METHODIST CHURCH

McGowen Methodist Church was destroyed in 1880 by a hurricane. After a larger facility was built, a weakened structure caused the church to be closed in 1951. The current church was built in 1953 with stained glass windows memorializing members of the Richardson and Bussey families. The church cemetery has historic graves dating back to the late 1800s.

### 1405 RAILROAD AVENUE – ST. PAUL METHODIST

The St. Paul Methodist Church was originally founded in 1871 with the present structure rebuilt in 1907. The side windows feature Gothic arches and cathedral glass windows.

### 120 CHURCH STREET - LEO FRANK HOME

This is an example of a very elaborate two storied Victorian home built around 1890. The home was owned by the Frank family until the 1930s. Leo Frank established a store in 1896 on Main Street in Jeanerette where he sold school supplies, jewelry and stationery. In 1933, the store became Gomez's Army Surplus Store.

### HIGHWAY 87 NEAR BAYSIDE BRIDGE

The Richardson Family graveyard is an old private gravesite located on property near Bayou Teche. The family owned a sugar plantation and their descendants played an important role in Louisiana's government.

### 9217 OLD JEANERETTE ROAD – ALICE PLANTATION

The Alice Plantation Home was built by Agricole Fuselier de Claire around 1790. He was a local sugarcane planter and the cousin of Louisiana Gov. Andre B. Roman. The home was floated down the Bayou Teche from Baldwin to its present site by a descendant of the family.

### 9805 OLD JEANERETTE ROAD – BAYSIDE PLANTATION

The Roane Home, known as Bayside, was built around 1850 by Francis Richardson who owned a sugar plantation. Richardson was elected to the Louisiana Senate and helped establish the Louisiana School for the Blind.

### 1842 LA 182 EAST – ALBANIA PLANTATION

Charles A. Grevemberg, who operated a large sugar plantation in the area, built this home between 1837 and 1842. The plantation house was sold to Emily Cyr Bridges who restored it and opened it for public viewing. Affectionately known as Miss Emily, she was the daughter of Paul N. Cyr, the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana from 1928 to 1931. The home is now privately owned by artist Hunt Slonem.

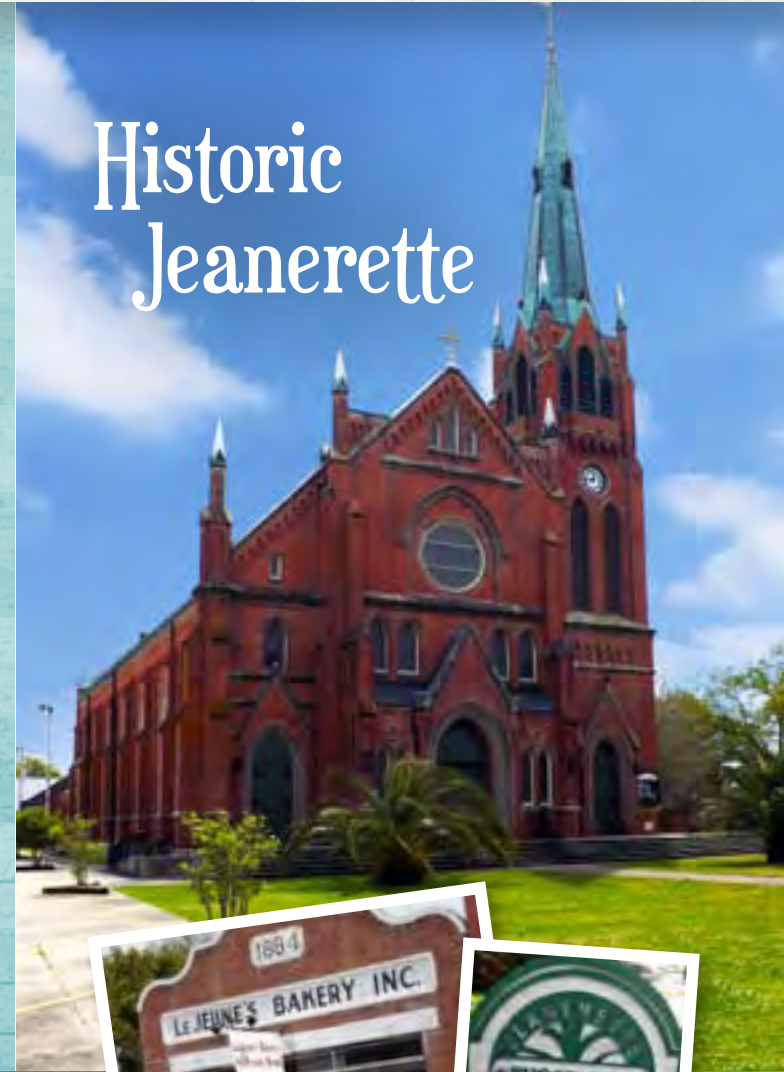
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- 500 EAST MAIN STREET – JEANERETTE BICENTENNIAL MUSEUM**  
Built in 1902, this Victorian home is a sampling of life along Bayou Teche. The museum focuses on the sugarcane and cypress industry of the city of Jeanerette and hosts many local collections. The home is also the location of the oldest graveyard in Jeanerette with members of its founding family buried on the site.
- 506 MAIN STREET – MORESI FOUNDRY**  
The A. Moresi Company Ltd. was founded on July 3, 1852. Antoine Moresi worked as a blacksmith and wheelwright on the Sorrel Plantation outside of Jeanerette. He built the current foundry in 1890 with bricks from his brick yard. The foundry still serves the sugarcane industry both locally and internationally maintaining and manufacturing machinery for the harvest.
- 622 MAIN STREET – BEAULLIEU HOME**  
Mediterranean influences have added to the appeal of this turn-of-the-century home built in 1897 for William F. Hudson. The home is the only one known in Jeanerette to feature a cellar. Hudson was a well-known businessman who established one of the first stores in Jeanerette in 1859. Unfortunately, Hudson died before ever living in his home. His son-in-law, A. L. Monnot, inherited both the home and store. Monnot later sold the store to F. J. DeGravelle who ran it with his son from 1889-1975. The business later became Williams Hardware when purchased by a new owner. The home became known as the Beaulieu Home when it was purchased by the Beaulieu family.
- 214 COOPER STREET – LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE CO.**  
Built in 1925 for Louisiana Public Service Company, this masonry structure is a great example of buildings constructed during the 1920s. The company was an early electric generating plant, first generating DC current. The plant was later sold to Gulf Public Service Company who converted the plant to an alternating current generator. The company merged with CLECO, Central Louisiana Electric Company, in the 1940s.
- 125 COOPER STREET – SALINGER HOME**  
Built in 1865, the Salinger Home has a rich history. The home was originally built before the Civil War and burned during the war. It was rebuilt by Joseph Salinger who was a cooper. Salinger arrived in Jeanerette during the great lumber boom. His cooperage shop was located near the home and gave the street its name.
- 910 MAIN STREET – BEAULLIEU MOTOR COMPANY**  
Built in the early 1900s, this building was home to Beaulieu Motor Company. The business was sold to Robin Motor Company, a Ford dealership, in 1928. The company remained in the building until relocating to its new site on the corner of Main and Bayside Streets in 1952. The building became Beaulieu Refrigeration until it was sold around 1971.
- 1320 MAIN STREET – CITIZENS BANK**  
Built in 1898, the Citizens Bank building features arches of ornamental brickwork and metal scrollwork. The building was operated as a bank until 1933. The site once housed a telephone exchange that was operated on the second floor. The building also housed an optometry business operated by Dr. Francis Bonin and later became the office of Bourgeois and Patout Insurance Company until the 1980s. This location features a United States Geological Survey elevation marker.
- 1414 MAIN STREET – MANNINA BUILDING**  
This two-storied masonry building, built in 1900, features vertical brick banding across the top and large arched windows. It became known as the Mannina building. The site became home to Veazey's Restaurant, which was operated until Noe Myers opened a grocery store in 1940. The grocery store was operated by his son, Curtis Myers until the 1980s. The upstairs of the building served as a residence, with the Hebert family residing in it for more than 20 years.
- 1424 MAIN STREET – MCGOWEN BUILDING**  
Built in 1897 by Dr. Charles Alfred McGowen, a dentist from Mississippi, this historic commercial building once housed several dentists and doctors offices, and was the site of Weill's Department Store and Vee's 5 & 10. The current building, being restored by the Jeanerette Historic Preservation Foundation, features ornamental brickwork in a simple design, recessed frames above the arched windows and ceramic tile covering part of the front facade.
- 1440 MAIN STREET – JEANERETTE LUMBER & SHINGLE**  
Built in the early 1900s and moved to this location, Jeanerette Lumber and Shingle's office is now the site of the Jeanerette Chamber of Commerce. It retains its original Eastlake door at the entrance and the original built-in-wall safe in the front room.

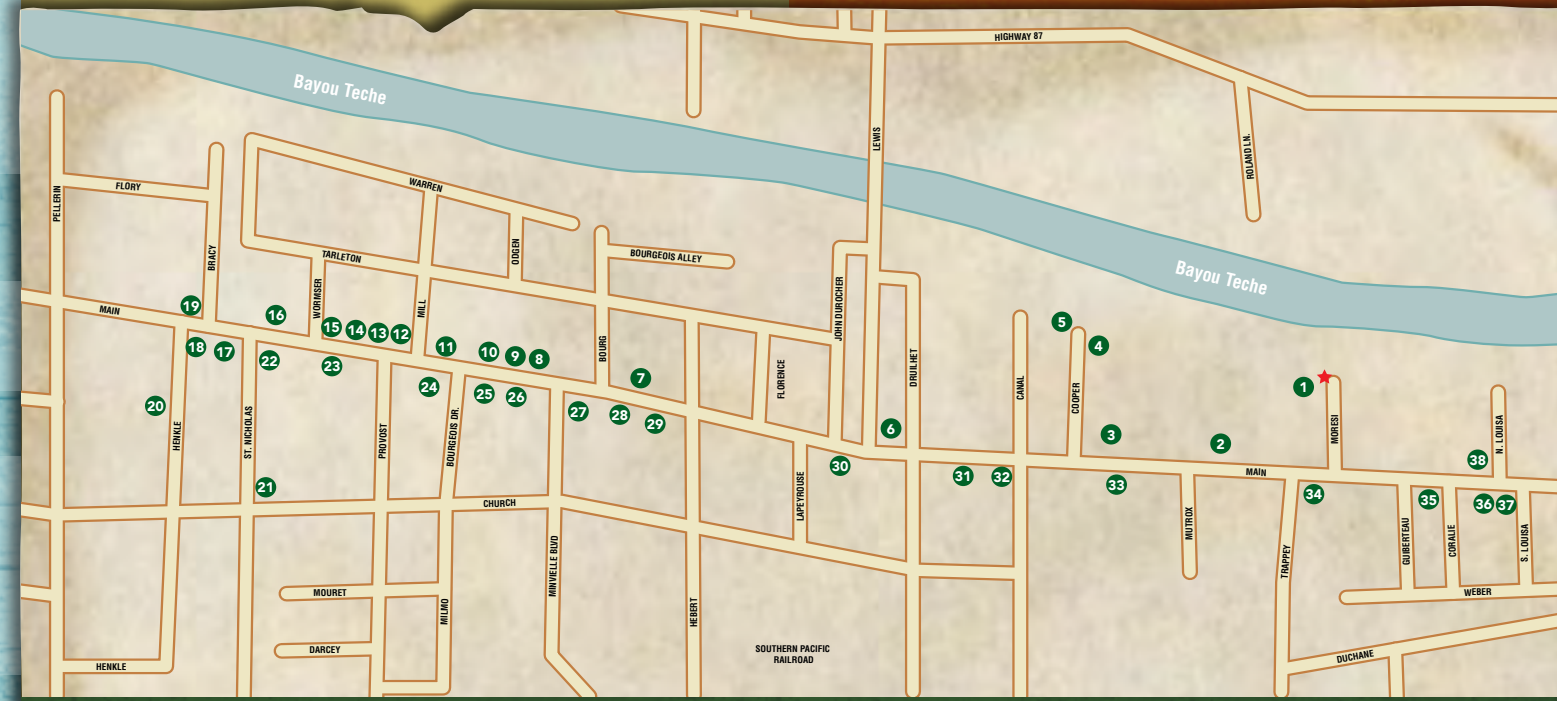
- 1460 MAIN STREET - WALKER STATION**  
Unique mission revival architecture is the highlight of this 1920s building that operated as the Walker Family Gas Station. It became Fernand Landry's Gas Station in the 1940s and 1950s. The business remained a gas station for many years and was later owned and operated under Leslie Landry, Charles Landry, Joe Muffoletto and Glenn Landry.
- 1503 MAIN STREET – JACQUES CAMILLE BUILDING**  
Built in 1904, this once commercial building has retained its original design with decorative brick extending across the main entrance doorway and windows, as well as the side doors and windows. For a short time, the building served as a public library and in later years became home to Roy Walker's Real Estate. The upstairs served as a residence in the 1950s and 1960s.
- 1510 MAIN STREET - LEJEUNE'S BAKERY**  
Established in 1884 by Oscar LeJeune as the "Old Reliable Bakery," LeJeune's continues to produce a legendary French bread prized near and far. Named to the National Register of Historic Places in September 2003, the first bakery in Louisiana to be so honored, LeJeune's is managed by the fifth generation of the LeJeune family.
- 1520 MAIN STREET**  
This home was built in the 1920s for Ozine LeJeune. Following his death, the building remained empty until Wilbur Allain purchased it for his law office. It remained the site of Allain Law Office for many years until it was sold as a home when the law office relocated.
- 1522 MAIN STREET – MASONIC LODGE**  
This building, constructed in 1924, has been home to the F&AM Lodge #255. The Georgian Revival style building features elaborate brickwork in a weave pattern and an elaborate front entrance. Be sure to note the marble cornerstones placed on the lower front of the building.
- 1608 MAIN STREET – JEANERETTE POST OFFICE**  
The post office, built in 1939 as part of the WPA program, features a historic mural, "Sugar Cane Mill," painted by Hollis Holbrook in 1941 through either the Section of Fine Arts or the Treasury Relief Art Project (TRAP), both New Deal public arts programs administered through the U.S. Treasury Department.
- 1603 MAIN STREET**  
This beautiful two story cypress home built in 1890 features very elaborate shingling on the gable ends. The home is also enhanced by turned cypress colonnades and large ornamental arched windows.
- 1609 MAIN STREET**  
Built before 1890, this home features three gable end dormers and a front porch supported by six slender Doric columns. The property was once owned by the Vanhaverbeke family. The home was originally owned by Nicholas Provost who sold it to Zenon Lejeune in 1892.
- 1617 MAIN STREET – HEWES HOME**  
This East Lake Victorian home, built in 1897, was the home of Harry Bertram Hewes until his death in 1953. Hewes, descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was a founder and co-owner of the Jeanerette Lumber and Shingle Company. The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.
- 1702 MAIN STREET – DR. BOYKIN'S HOME**  
Dr. Phares A. Boykin served as Jeanerette's doctor from 1900 to the time of his death in 1932. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and also a charter member of the Iberia Parish Medical Society. He had this home built for his bride, Charlotte Duval Boykin, between 1902 and 1920.
- 345 HENKLE STREET**  
This beautiful example of southern architecture was built for Lionel Delcambre. The Delcambre's faced tragedy when their only son, Lionel Delcambre Jr., was reported missing in action during the Korean War in 1953. After the death of Mrs. Delcambre, the home was purchased by her nephew and became the Bourgeois home.
- 1510 CHURCH STREET – ST. JOHN CHURCH**  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church was established on January 12, 1879 by Rev. John D. Flanagan. Services were conducted in private homes until the original wooden structure was completed in the early 1880s. The church, as it stands today, was constructed in 1908.
- 1533 MAIN STREET**  
The Mena Wormser Home was built between 1890 and 1910. The home features corbelled chimneys and a gallery extending across the front of the home supported by Roman Doric columns. This home features carved swag decorations along the front and elaborate shingling.

- 1513 MAIN STREET**  
Built in 1890 for L. Wormser, this home features elements of Victorian styling with a beautiful front gallery. Greek influenced Ionic columns and decorative trim add to the charm of the front entrance.
- 1437 MAIN STREET – CITY HALL**  
The old City Hall was the second city hall to serve Jeanerette. The building was constructed in 1936. It was operated as Jeanerette City Hall and later the city's police station and jail until the new City Hall was built in 1967. The building now serves as the Jeanerette City Marshall's headquarters.
- 1433 MAIN STREET – MACOINE'S**  
Many local residents have fond memories of Macoine's and the family that ran it. Macoine's first began as a fruit stand when Carlos Macoine arrived from Italy with his family. Following his death in 1932, Mrs. Macoine and her 12 children took over the family business. The business sold fresh oysters, shucked by hand and a small amount of groceries, but was best known for its large selection of candy. Although the original building was constructed around 1904, it was rebuilt in the early 1950s. The business was last run by sisters Marie and Therese Macoine.
- 1411 MAIN STREET – CITY PHARMACY**  
Established in the 1880s by Dr. George Minvielle as a site for his office, the current building was constructed after 1896, following a fire that destroyed most of the buildings on Main Street from Mill Street to Hebert Street. The current building has been continuously occupied for more than 100 years. It has served as pharmacies, doctor offices and even a saloon. The building's lower floor features an art deco style.
- 1331 MAIN STREET – FROMET PROPERTY**  
Once the site of McGowens Opera house, Fair Department Store and Wormser Clothing, this two story structure was built in 1901. It features heavy square columns, large archways and acorn finials above the roof top. The site is now home to First National Bank.
- 1309 MAIN STREET – PAUL'S LOUNGE**  
Originally built in the early 1920s, this building has been host to local entertainment including famous bands and singers. Paul's Lounge was opened after WWII by Paul and Anna Grace Sherville. The building was damaged in a fire in 1959. When the Woodmen of the World Hall, another popular entertainment spot, located next door, became available for purchase, Paul's Lounge tripled its size. The original bricks from the hall were used for the walls, a patio and to create a fountain and planters. Paul's Lounge closed in the 1980s.
- 1305 MAIN STREET – LARROQUE PHARMACY**  
This historic site was built in 1956 for Aimee and Adolph Larroque whose former business was Dr. Tarleton's Pharmacy. This pharmacy was built on the land that was Mrs. Fromet's yard.
- 1017 MAIN STREET – POIRSON HOME**  
This artistically crafted Victorian home was built in the 1800s, complete with fan shaped gingerbread designs and ornamental spindles. The home was built by the Poirson family who came from France.
- 817 MAIN STREET – OLLIE DEGRAVELLE HOME**  
This home was built in early 1912 by the Bonvillain family.
- 807 MAIN STREET – F.L. DEROUEN BUILDING**  
Built in 1895 by F. L. Derouen, this Italian Renaissance Revival building features wrought iron columns, stamped metal and other unique details. Following the death of Mr. Derouen, Earl Hebert owned the building and operated it as the Jeanerette Food Market in the 1940s. He leased the front of the building to Tony Grisiassi who operated it as a bus stop and Tony's Café through the 1950s and 1960s. The rear of the building housed Toe's Bar. Like many business establishments in Jeanerette, the top floor of the building was used as a residence. The Earl "Toe" Hebert family lived there for many years.
- 609 MAIN STREET**  
Built for Albert Moresi in the early 1900s by Aristide L. Monnot as a single floor residence, this home was later renovated in 1928 by owner, Agricole P. Moresi, to add a second floor. The home features six bedrooms, three baths, a parlor, dining room, breakfast room, sitting room, kitchen, two large hallways and a stately stairway. The home is now owned by Annette and Roland Stansbury Jr.
- 601 MAIN STREET**  
Built for George Robicheaux in 1920, this home is a Spanish Colonial Revival bungalow featuring a Spanish tile roof and nice archways.

- 427 MAIN STREET**  
Built in 1915 by B.F. Trappey, the front porch is supported by square tapered columns, a small hipped roof and two large corbelled chimneys. The home was once owned by Dr. Monty Rizzio.
- 221 MAIN STREET – MCGOWEN HOME**  
Built between 1910 and 1915 by George Albert and Mary T. Moresi, this home features Corinthian columns, a beautiful front porch and an elaborate entranceway. The Louisiana style home sits on a lot surrounded by six large live oaks. It was inherited by their daughter, Rena M. McGowen and then by Mona and Roland Stansbury Sr.
- 205 MAIN STREET – ALBERT MORESI HOME**  
Albert Moresi built this triple bay Victorian cottage in 1898 at the time of his marriage. The home features cypress weatherboard that was prevalent during the lumber boom in the community. A small ornamental window features a jigsaw-cut triangular motif. The home still retains a single corbelled chimney.
- 202 MAIN STREET – RED TOP STORE**  
A lingering example of neighborhood country stores, this building once served as a store and residence. The store received its name when the top was painted red after the owner purchased a large quantity of paint on sale.

NOTE: The numbers take visitors on a tour of the right side of Main Street coming from the museum. After the post office, it will have points on both the right and left side of Main Street. When visitors cross the street and walk back to the museum, the numbers of the locations are again on their right, beginning near the post office.

Also note that #17 has two home descriptions listed. The houses are next to each other and it would be difficult to place an additional marker in this section.



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## Historic Jeanerette Trail

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The Jeanerette Museum Historic Jeanerette Trail is about 2.5 miles long. Shorter distances can be determined by those exploring the trail. The trail begins and ends at the Jeanerette Museum located at 500 East Main Street. For a full historic experience, be sure to tour the museum before or following your tour.