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Story Ideas



Do the Bayou... Cruise the Bayou Teche

Sugar in the Land of TABASCO® - In the late 1800s, Mary Ann Patout led M. A. Patout & Son Ltd, the largest sugar cane mill in Louisiana and the oldest in the country. Explore the sugar industry and its history at the Jeanerette Sugar Museum; Bayou Teche Museum; and Shadows-on-the-Teche plantation home and gardens, the first National Trust for Historic Preservation® property in the Gulf South. Celebrate the harvest at the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair in September.



Rip Van Winkle Gardens of Jefferson Island - Taste seafood and pasta dishes, gumbo, salads and gourmet po-boys on Café Jefferson's glassed-in porch, which offers a breath-taking view of Rip Van Winkle Gardens and Lake Peigneur. End your meal with a decadent dessert, from bread-pudding to crème brûlée cheese cake and chocolate mousse. Take a stroll through the 25-acre exotic gardens, Joseph Jefferson Mansion and Rip's Rookery, a man-made wetland where 10 species of birds, including the roseate spoonbill, live in harmony with alligators. Pause to watch the stunning sunset on the lake and learn how an oil company punctured the salt dome below, sucking up a mansion, drilling rig, barges and a portion of the gardens.



Jazzin' It Up in Cajun Country - New Iberia honors international jazz trumpet legend William G. "Bunk" Johnson with Bunk Fest, a month-long celebration. The *New York Times* credits Bunk with teaching Louis Armstrong to play Jazz. A New Orleans native, Johnson spent the latter part of his life in New Iberia, where he worked at Shadows-on-the-Teche and KONRIKO®, and was buried in 1949 at St. Edwards Cemetery. Consult the Iberia Parish Library's special collections to learn more about Johnson and his music.



KONRIKO®. Company Store/Conrad Rice Mill - Built in 1912 in the heart of sugar and hot sauce country, the Conrad Rice Mill figures on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest operating rice mill in the United States. The factory still uses a substantial portion of its original equipment, including a turn-of-the-century belt-driven power transmission. See a slide presentation on the history of the Acadians and tour the mill and KONRIKO® Company Store, which offers a selection of KONRIKO® products and other local food products, arts and crafts.

James Lee Burke - Experience the setting captured in the Dave Robicheaux novels of James Lee Burke, New Iberia native and award-winning author. Burke has a cult following in London, according to Peter Davies of the *London Daily Telegraph*. Why is this Bayou Boy's storytelling so appealing, not only to the British, but to his large following in America as well? Tour Burke's literary landscape... New Iberia.

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New Iberia Main Street Historic District - New Iberia's historic commercial district won the 2005 Great American Main Street Award® sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation®. The Shadows-on-the-Teche plantation home divides the commercial and residential districts, which include over 50 National Register structures. The Bayou Teche Museum tells the story of a growing city, its people, culture and industry around the "snake-like" curves of the Bayou Teche. Author James Lee Burke drew inspiration from the district for his famed Robicheaux mystery novels.



Birder's Paradise - Spanish Lake's recently enhanced features make this little-known site a birder's paradise. This shallow lake counts 240 recorded species, according to New Iberia ornithologist Michael Musumeche. Other birding areas include Jungle Gardens on Avery Island, Rip's Rookery on Jefferson Island and Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. Birding guides are available at the Iberia Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Antique Rose Ville Tea Room & Gardens - Capture a glimpse of tranquility at the 1840 Renouet Cottage, once the overseer's house for Shadows-on-the-Teche. Native plants and more than 100 varieties of antique roses adorn the gardens and pond featured on the National Directory of Gardens in America, "Good Morning America," *Country Living* and *Southern Living*. The cottage is the second home restored by owners Linda and Simon Freyou. They transported by barge their 1904 home from Berwick, La., 50 miles down the Intracoastal Canal.

TABASCO® Factory & Jungle Gardens of Avery Island - This sauce has spiced up the sights and sounds on the hot and sweet side of Louisiana's Cajun Country since 1868. Labeled in 22 languages and dialects, it is sold in over 160 countries and territories. Visit the TABASCO® factory, country store and museum on Avery Island. Don't miss the lush Jungle Gardens with their Bird City, alligators, camellias, azaleas, bamboo, moss-draped oaks and centuries-old Buddha.



Shadows-on-the-Teche - Sugar planter David Weeks constructed this white column brick building surrounded by live oaks in the 1830s. This tangible link to the past is Louisiana's only National Trust for Historic Preservation® house, museum and garden. Family letters and furnishings present an authentic picture of life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Annual Civil War encampments and bi-annual arts and crafts festivals complement guided tours. The home stands in the center of New Iberia's national award-winning historic district.

Atchafalaya National Heritage Area: Bayou Teche Corridor - Tour America's largest fresh water swamp, the Atchafalaya Basin located in the heart of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area. From alligators to colorful banana spiders and majestic egrets, observe wildlife in its natural habitat.

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