SAVOR IBERIA PARISH

JAMES LEE BURKE’S MAIN STREET

Century-old oaks surround stately homes in the National Register Historic District. New Iberia’s Historic commercial district won the 2005 Great American Main Street Award®, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation®. Take a self-guided walking tour and enjoy beautiful architecture, antique shops, specialty shops, art, museums, music and restaurants. James Lee Burke entranced readers with visions of New Iberia’s Main Street in his famous Det. Dave Robicheaux series, which the town celebrates during the Books Along the Teche Literary Festival every spring. Follow in the footsteps of Robicheaux and pick up a self-guided walking tour at the Iberia Parish Visitors Center or download it at IberiaTravel.com.

JEANERETTE 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. Pick up a Historic Jeanerette Trail map and explore Sugar City. JeaneretteMuseum.com

CONRAD RICE MILL

The oldest operating rice mill in the U.S. celebrated a century of operation in 2012. Discover the history of the Acadians and tour the mill. The KONRIKO® Company Store features a selection of KONRIKO® products and other local food products, arts and crafts. ConradRice.com

JEFFERSON ISLAND RIP VAN WINKLE GARDENS

Jefferson Island is located on a coastal salt dome and flanked by beautiful Rip Van Winkle Gardens and scenic Lake Peigneur. Lush semi-tropical gardens (25 acres) envelop the island’s centerpiece, the Joseph Jefferson Home, built in 1870 by acclaimed American actor Joseph Jefferson and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors can view a documentary on the drilling disaster and the property’s unique history, stroll the exquisitely restored gardens, tour the Joseph Jefferson Home and watch birds at Rip’s Rookery. Cafe Jefferson is open daily for lunch. RipVanWinkleGardens.com

AYEYRY ISLAND EXPERIENCE

See the factory where world-famous TABASCO® brand Pepper Sauce is made. Spend time in the TABASCO® Museum and the original TABASCO® Country Store to check out a wide array of products and souvenirs for sale. Eat at TABASCO® Restaurant 1868. Visit Jungle Gardens, home of “Bird City” (ask about birding tours), 170 acres of plants and wildlife and a centuries-old Buddha statue. TABASCO.com • JungleGardens.org

BAYOU TECHE MUSEUM

Explore the area’s food industry, from the history and early artifacts of TABASCO® to Louisiana seafood and various local food products, including KONRIKO®. See a scale model of a working sugar factory and retrace the history of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival. Discover the salt industry and take a ride in an elevator replicating your descent into a salt mine. Take in the Blue Dog at the permanent George Rodrigue exhibit and adjacent park. BayouTecheMuseum.org

SHADOWS-ON-THE-TECHE

The first National Trust for Historic Preservation® property in the Gulf South and one of the most famous antebellum homes in the South! Majestically overlooking Bayou Teche, the Shadows is located in New Iberia’s historic district. Wealthy planter David Weeks built the elegant sugar plantation home in 1834. This unique architectural treasure is filled with original furnishings, textiles, paintings, books and toys. Celebrities such as Walt Disney, Cecil B. DeMille, and Tex Ritter have all been guests at the Shadows-on-the-Teche. ShadowsOnTheTeche.org

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