



# Walking With History

As you stroll along New Iberia's historic Main Street, centuries-old live oaks and lush landscapes lining the streets create a beautiful backdrop for historic buildings and stately homes. For its successful revitalization efforts, New Iberia's Historic Commercial District won a Great American Main Street Award and has been nationally accredited as a Main Street America program for two years in a row. Street signs are in Spanish, French and English, while 21 trilingual markers designate significant historic buildings and celebrate the town's unique heritage.

In addition to historic architecture, antique shops, specialty boutiques, art galleries, museums, music and restaurants, New Iberia's Main Street also offers events throughout the year, ranging from a farmers market to festivals, performances, art and holiday activities. Keep an eye out for interpretive kiosks along Main Street to learn more about the city's rich history and culture. Brochures and maps for the New Iberia Historic District Trail and Trilingual Markers New Iberia Historic Tour are available at [IberiaTravel.com](http://IberiaTravel.com) and the Iberia Parish Welcome Center.

## MORNING

**Breakfast at Victor's Cafeteria**  
Start the day with a big Southern breakfast fit for James Lee Burke's hometown character Dave Robicheaux. This Main Street spot serves up bacon and eggs, grits, waffles, biscuits and coffee cafeteria-style starting at 6 a.m. daily and has also been locally dubbed the "Breakfast Club" for its French conversations on Thursday mornings.

**Welcome, Bienvenue, Bienvenido**  
Walk off breakfast with a trip down Main Street. You'll pass shops, galleries, restaurants, historic

buildings and, of course, the Bayou Teche. Pop into A&E Gallery to see work by more than 20 artists or Sweet Interiors for a mix of old and new decor. Get a copy of the latest James Lee Burke novel *Robicheaux* or other bestsellers at Books Along the Teche or pick up a gift at The Blue Butterfly Boutique. Keep an eye out for trilingual markers to learn more about historic buildings.

**Tensas Tower & a National Register Shipwreck**  
Wandering through P.J. Allain Waterfront Park and Sculptural Garden

along the bayou boardwalk, you'll see Tensas Tower, which represents the transformation of an old Ford radiator repair shop into a modern bed and breakfast. Rising approximately 60 feet in the air from the water's edge, Tensas Tower is also located adjacent to the Nationally Registered Civil War shipwreck of the U.S.S. Tensas, which was once named Teche. The ruins of this 1860 steamship were discovered in 2004 and have been preserved on site. Learn more about New Iberia's shipwreck through an interpretive kiosk and exhibit at Bayou Teche Museum.



**Lunch at A Spot For Tea** This full service tea room in the heart of New Iberia's Historic District is the perfect spot to grab a soup, salad, or sandwich along with a selection of locally made cheeses.

## AFTERNOON

### Shadows-on-the-Teche, Bayou Teche Museum & Conrad Rice Mill

Set among live oaks draped with Spanish moss, Shadows-on-the-Teche was built in 1834 by sugar planter David Weeks. Today, the classic Revival-style home and its gardens are open for guided tours year-round.

Discover more Iberia Parish history at Bayou Teche Museum, where interactive exhibits on everything from the Civil War to James Lee Burke, Mardi Gras, music, politics, sugar, the U.S.S. Tensas and more welcome visitors. Check out an exhibit on jazz trumpeter Bunk Johnson, along with George Rodrigue's Blue Dog in a selection of mixed media and a replica of the late artist's original studio from California.

The oldest rice mill in America, Conrad is also one of the area's leading tourist attractions just off St. Peter Street. P.A. Conrad founded Conrad Rice Mill and Planting Company in 1912, and in the 1950s, KONRIKO® was trademarked as an acronym for the company. Tours include a slide presentation on the history of the Acadians, a look at the mill and shopping the KONRIKO® store for more than seven different varieties of rice.

*The Shadows is open year-round, with guided tours offered Mon.-Sat. from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; tours begin 15 minutes past the hour with the first tour at 10:15 a.m. and the last tour at 3:15 p.m. Guided and self-guided tours of Bayou Teche Museum are available Thurs.-Sat. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

*Tours of KONRIKO are at 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Mon. through Sat.*

## EVENING

**Bed and breakfast**  
A range of bed and breakfast lodging in the Main Street Historic District is available at [IberiaTravel.com](http://IberiaTravel.com).

**Sunset Paddle**  
As the sun goes down, experience Main Street by water via the Duperier Street Bridge floating dock. Kayak down Bayou Teche and take in views of historic homes, architecture and moss-draped oaks before docking at Pelicans on the Bayou for dinner.

*Visit [BayouTecheExperience.com](http://BayouTecheExperience.com) to plan your paddle trip.*

**Dinner at Pelicans on the Bayou**  
Take in a view of the bayou while dining outside at the new Pelicans. Menu items include fresh seafood, po'boys and plate lunches, all served on the banks of Bayou Teche Mon. through Sat.

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