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Walk in famed French explorer Robert de La Salle's footsteps, savor foods from around the world, and experience Louisiana culture at its finest as you explore a 16-block historic district. Welcome to [Kenner](#), an inviting destination on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain less than 15 miles west of downtown New Orleans. Whether you're exploring Rivertown or you're trying your luck at the Treasure Chest Casino, you'll find many ways to enjoy a getaway here.

Kenner's heart and soul are found in historic Rivertown, a sprawling area with a story to tell. French explorer Robert Cavalier de La Salle discovered what is modern-day Kenner in 1682 and erected a cypress cross here when he claimed this land as property of King Louis XIV. Now, Rivertown is a place for families, foodies, and fun seekers. Take in a laser astronomy show on the 50-foot domed screen at the [Kenner Planetarium & MegaDome Cinema](#) and explore a NASA International Space Station prototype at the Rivertown Space Science Complex. Check out the lineup at the [Rivertown Theaters for the Performing Arts](#) and attend an artist talk sponsored by the [Rivertown Arts Council](#).

When it's your turn to win big, play for keeps at the [Treasure Chest Casino](#). Take your pick from the baccarat, craps, poker, and roulette tables, and line up the sevens at the slot machines. When your appetite catches up with you, stop by the Vista Buffet or Café Pontchartrain, where you can feast on crab legs, po'boys, and ribeye steaks.

Speaking of food, Kenner is a must visit for foodies thanks to its globe-spanning selection of [restaurants](#). Dig into Brazilian fare *feijoada*, *picanha*, and *pao de queijo* at the Brazilian Market & Café and enjoy the many flavors of NOLA Desi Kitchen's Indian cuisine. For classic Cajun dishes, check out Copeland's or Williams Seafood & Poboy, while the enticing aromas of slow-roasted brisket, chicken, and pulled pork will draw you to VooDoo BBQ & Grill. The many tantalizing tastes of the world are all yours to be had in Kenner, so make sure to bring your appetite.

Kenner may not be on the beach, but you can still dip your toes into the sand. Head to the [Coconut Beach Sand Sports Complex](#) for all-day recreation at the largest sand volleyball complex in the country. Sign your team up for a tournament and order piña coladas and burgers from Coconut Beach Bar & Grill, where you can dine on the patio while you watch the matches.

The abundance of festivals and [events in Kenner](#) throughout the year provide even more immersive cultural experiences you'll only find here. Plan to stay a while next time you fly in to the New Orleans area and discover this family-friendly destination in Louisiana.