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# **Events in Shreveport-Bossier**

With its mild weather, friendly people, and endless sense of adventure, Shreveport-Bossier is loaded with fun things to do. Take advantage of a full calendar of live outdoor music, Cajun and Creole fare, eclectic arts and crafts, and rich culture. There are more than 60 gatherings to choose from.

#### **February**

#### Krewe of Highland Mardi Gras Parade

Watch out for flying ramen! You've never seen a Mardi Gras parade quite like this one, which rolls through Shreveport's charming Highland Historic District every year during Carnival season. Bring the kids or grab your friends and prepare to catch hot dogs, packs of ramen noodles, moon pies, and more as zany floats with outlandishly costumed riders remind you just how much Louisiana likes to have fun.

Highland Historic District Gilbert Drive and Ockley Drive Shreveport, LA 71101	
	March
	Barksdale Air Force Base Defenders of Liberty Air Show Witness the incredible talent of some of the country's top fliers at the annual Barksdale Air Force Base Airshow. The military installation is the premier strategic bomber base in the U.S. and its annual event features spectacular displays of talent in historic, military, and civilian aircraft. You'll gasp at the aerial acrobatics and learn why Louisiana is considered the home of the B-52.  Barksdale Air Force Base Enter through North and Main Gates. Buses transport spectators to showgrounds.  Bossier City, LA 71110
Battle of the Gumbo Gladiators  This springtime cook-off and charitable fundraiser shows the many delicious interpretations of one of Louisiana's most emblematic dishes. Sample gumbo with chicken and sausage, fresh seafood, wild game, and more. Held at Shreveport's Festival Plaza.  101 Crockett Street  Shreveport, LA 71101	
Paddy in the Plaza Get your green on with a St. Patrick's Day celebration held at the Shreveport Festival Plaza. Sample tasty cuisine from food trucks, sip green beer, and dance to live music as the sun goes down. The party starts at 3 pm and rolls until 11 pm.  101 Crockett Street Shreveport, LA 71101	
	May

	318 Restaurant Week Since 2016, 318 Restaurant Week is a tasty opportunity for food lovers to experience Shreveport- Bossier's many eateries, from the casual to the upscale. Enjoy promotional pricing, special menu items, and one-night-only dining experiences that showcase the culinary talents of the region's chefs. Various Locations
Mudbug Madness	
Louisiana is synonymous with crawfish, and there's no better place to experience this cultural phenomenon than Mudbug Madness. Shreveport-Bossier's annual crawfish festival takes place over four days every Memorial Day weekend, serving up plenty of hot and spicy mudbugs, along with other Cajun and Creole fare. Enjoy numerous live bands, kids' activities, and much more.  101 Crockett Street Shreveport, LA 71101	
ASEANA Festival Celebrate the diverse cultures of Shreveport-Bossier at the annual ASEANA Festival. The Spring festival highlights the region's Asian populations with dancing, music, art, games, martial arts, and authentic cuisine, including Vietnamese pho and Filipino-style whole hog barbecue.  Milam Street at Texas Avenue Shreveport, LA 71101	
	June
	Let the Good Times Roll Festival Prepare to be blown away by the high-energy music and tempting eats served at this weekend's Juneteenth celebration, named a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event. From hip-hop to R&B, and from gospel to blues, you'll be swinging and swaying to some of the best music around. The event also includes inspiring speakers and wellness booths.  101 Crockett Street Shreveport, LA 71101

# **September**

### **Highland Jazz and Blues Festival**

Hear the soulful sounds of live jazz and blues at this beloved outdoor gathering in beautiful Columbia Park. The festival takes place every year on the third Saturday of September, bringing together visitors, music lovers, neighbors, and friends for a celebration of great music and good times. There's plenty of local artwork and delicious cuisine to enjoy on-site, too.

Columbia Park 600 Columbia Street Shreveport, LA 71104

#### Red River Revel Arts Festival

There's so much to *revel in* at Shreveport's biggest community arts festival, a nine-day gathering featuring multiple stages of music, more than 80 artists showcasing fine art and handmade artisan goods, and food vendors serving everything from funnel cakes to Natchitoches meat pies. Don't miss the seafood macaroni. It's a great place to see Shreveport's rich arts and culture scene first-hand.

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#### October

#### State Fair of Louisiana

Part carnival, part livestock show, and 100% old-fashioned fun, the State Fair of Louisiana is a beloved family event that draws thousands of visitors every year. Enjoy games of chance, carnival eats, thrilling midway rides, and crisp fall weather. Check out the largest livestock show in the state, chockfull of adorable cows, pigs, goats, and much more.

State Fair of Louisiana Agricultural Building 3701 Hudson Street Shreveport, LA 71109

#### **November**

#### Christmas in Roseland

Starting the Friday after Thanksgiving, America's largest rose park becomes a winter wonderland! Shreveport's American Rose Center is transformed into a Christmas paradise with thousands of twinkling lights, festive displays, giant Christmas cards to the community, visits with Santa, train rides on the Roseland Express, and plenty of sweet and savory treats. Held on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until Christmas. American Rose Center 8877 Jefferson Paige Road

Shreveport, LA 71119

#### December

#### Christmas in Roseland

Held on weekends in December, the beloved Christmas in Roseland is a walkable Christmas lights experience that puts the 'wonder' in Winter Wonderland. Enjoy a festive jaunt through thousands of twinkling starlights and holly jolly displays as you prepare for Santa's big arrival. In fact, he's on-site to hear your Christmas list. Little ones will love a ride on the Roseland Express and a visit to the gift shop. Concessions are available.

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## Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival

North Louisiana's only Christmas fireworks display takes place over beautiful Caddo Lake. The free, family event kicks off in the mid-afternoon with live music, concessions, and arts and crafts vendors that make for great last-minute Christmas shopping. When the sun goes down, settle into a lawn chair or on a blanket and watch colorful fireworks explode over the lake's glassy surface. Merry Christmas, everyone! Earl G. Williamson Park

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