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Under vibrant sunsets over the Mississippi River in southern Louisiana lies [Baton Rouge](#), where a lively culture, delicious restaurants, and a fascinating history combine to create the perfect microcosm of the Bayou State. Louisiana's capital city is home to Louisiana State University, the [Old State Capitol](#), upscale shops, and exciting attractions like the [Baton Rouge Zoo](#) and the [Rural Life Museum](#). Needless to say, this is the kind of place you want to take your time to explore. Given all there is to see and do here, you'll be at it for a while.

Start with getting the lay of the land at the [Louisiana State Capitol and Welcome Center](#), where you'll take in a stellar view of the Mississippi River, the Governor's Mansion, and much of Baton Rouge from the 27th-floor observation deck. Then uncover the histories and admire the architectural brilliance of the many plantations close to town, including [Nottoway Plantation & Resort](#) (home to the largest Antebellum mansion in the South) and the breathtaking Houmas House Plantation and Gardens.

Baton Rouge is just as much a place for the arts as it is the hub of all things Louisiana. The [Shaw Center of the Arts](#) is the heart of the local arts scene. Admire the paintings, illustrations, sculptures, and mixed media masterpieces of artists from around the world in the [LSU Museum of Art](#) and Glassell Gallery and catch a theatrical performance at the [Manship Theatre](#). There's even more art to be found at the many [galleries throughout town](#) that feature the inspiring works of local artists.

Food is a big part of Louisiana's culture, and Baton Rouge has some of the best of the best. Creole chicken, dirty rice, shrimp and grits ... if you have a craving for it, you'll find it at one of the [hundreds of restaurants](#) here. Make sure you're here for crawfish season (mid-January through early July), when dozens of local eateries serve up their takes on this Louisiana delicacy. Don't leave town without a visit to the [Louisiana Praline Company](#), purveyors of the finest caramel and chocolate fudge pralines and glazed pecan candies.

When evening arrives, dress up and hit the slots and place your bets at the poker table at one of Baton Rouge's four [casinos](#). For a taste of the Louisiana-style nightlife, listen to sultry sounds of blues and jazz at the many [live music venues in Baton Rouge](#).

Plan your trip to Baton Rouge to fully immerse yourself in Louisiana's vibrant culture, dine on its decadent cuisine, and uncover its many adventures.