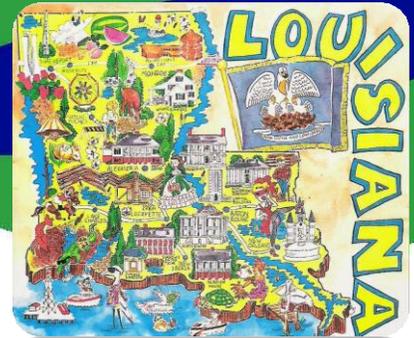


LOUISIANA



GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS



For more information about LOUISIANA, click here: <http://www.la.gov/>

MAJOR CITIES:

New Orleans	Baton Rouge
Shreveport	Metairie
Lafayette	Lake Charles
Bossier City	Kenner

LOUISIANA – CLIMATE

Louisiana has a semi-tropical climate, which remains relatively constant. The amount of rainfall and humidity in the state depends on a region's distance from the Gulf of Mexico. Areas closer to the Gulf tend to be far more humid, with little variation between temperatures.

New Orleans is usually hot and humid, with sunshine occurring for 60% of the year. Average temperatures in the city range from 52°F (11°C) in January to 82°F (28°C) in July, with an average daily temperature of 68°F (20°C). Some snowfall occurs in the north of the state, but southern Louisiana very rarely experiences any.

June marks the beginning of the hurricane season, usually lasting until September, and the state has been hit repeatedly by severe hurricanes throughout recent decades, the most severe being Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 and Hurricane Rita in September 2005. Most hit the southeastern and southwestern parts of Louisiana respectively, with devastating effect.

Read more:

<http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Provinces/Louisiana/Climate#ixzz6LhDzdGzC>

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas:

<https://www.inspirock.com/United-states/cultural-activities-in-louisiana>



Cajun Country

What is it: Region in southwest Louisiana, home to Acadian French culture

Why go: Just a few hours west of New Orleans, you can explore Cajun music, food, and culture in places like Eunice, Mamou, and Lafayette. The unique culture of this region descends from Acadians, French-speakers expelled from Canada by the British in 1755. You'll find plenty of spicy Cajun food, from crawfish to boudin, throughout the region. Check out a fais-do-do at Fred's Lounge. Spend a night in Lafayette at the Blue Moon Saloon. Or make a point to visit during the Festivals Acadiens et Créoles (dedicated to Acadian and Creole culture) or Festival International de Louisiane (celebrating connections to the Francophone world).

Website: <https://www.lafayettetravel.com/louisianas-cajun-country/>



- Plantation Country

What is it: A collection of historic plantations along the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

Why go: Follow the Great River Road and explore the history of Louisiana from centuries ago. Amidst the beautiful natural scenery, learn about early plantation life, slavery, and how the plantations fit into the history of the state. Three of the most popular plantations are Oak Alley (with its spectacular row of oaks more than 300 years old), Laura (beautifully restored and the first historic attraction in Louisiana to include stories of enslaved Africans), and Whitney (a newly-

restored plantation that is a museum of slavery in the South). Take a drive to visit the plantations or choose a guided tour that will arrange transportation and entry.

Website: <https://www.visittheusa.com/experience/new-orleans-plantation-country-louisiana-history-and-culture>



- **Boudin**

What is it: A regional specialty sausage typically consisting of pork, rice, and seasonings.

Why go: Trying boudin is a must when visiting Louisiana. Whether it's smoked, fried as a boudin ball, or made from seafood rather than pork, there are many worthy variations. The best versions are found at gas stations and markets, like Best Stop or Billy's, both in the town of Scott. Specialty meat markets like Don's in Carencro offer a heart-stopping range of other meaty treats. And of course you'll find high-end versions in restaurants like Cochon in New Orleans, but do yourself a favor and check out the real deal at some of the old-school joints throughout Cajun Country.

Website: <https://www.lafayettetravel.com/discover-lafayette/boudin-trail/>



- **LSU Tigers**

What is it: Louisiana State University's college football team, in Baton Rouge.

Why go: College football is huge in the South, and LSU has one of the biggest fan bases in the region. Tailgating on campus is a spectacle, as a sea of purple and gold takes over before games. Being in one of Tiger Stadium's 102,000 seats provides quite the thrill, hearing the crowds roar as LSU (usually) dominates their opponents. Try to catch a night game for a lengthier tailgating experience, and make time to visit mascot Mike the Tiger's habitat.

Website: <https://lsusports.net/sports/football>



- **Natchitoches**

What is it: A charming Northwest Louisiana town, the oldest permanent settlement in the region.

Why go: If you’ve seen Steel Magnolias, you know why people visit Natchitoches, where it was filmed. This magnolia- and moss-drenched Southern town exudes hospitality. Downtown is a National Historic Landmark District with buildings dating back to the 1700s, including beautiful French Creole townhouses. The Cane River flows through the town and leads to the Oakland, Magnolia, and Melrose plantations. Be sure to grab a meat pie from Lasyone’s and stop in the Kaffie-Frederick General Mercantile, a 19th century general store still run by the same family. In December, the town is lit up with more than 300,000 holiday lights, a nearly century-old tradition.

Website: <https://www.natchitochesla.gov/>

GROCERY SHOPPING

Albertsons Breaux Mart Supermarket Brookshire Brothers Kroger Market Basket	Piggly Wiggly Rouse’s Supermarket Super 1 Foods Walmart Supercenter
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Click on this site for more grocery stores in Louisiana:

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/LA/>

SHOPPING

Malls in Louisiana

	Acadiana Mall	Lafayette, LA (Southwest Louisiana)	92 stores
	Alexandria Mall	Alexandria, LA (Central LA)	79 stores
	Clearview Mall	Metairie, LA (New Orleans area)	29 stores
	Cortana Mall	Baton Rouge, LA (Baton Rouge area)	20 stores

5	Lakeside Shopping Center	Metairie, LA (New Orleans area)	144 stores
6	Louisiana Boardwalk	Bossier City, LA (North Louisiana)	58 stores
7	Mall of Louisiana	Baton Rouge, LA (Baton Rouge area)	160 stores
8	Mall St. Vincent	Shreveport, LA (North Louisiana)	44 stores
9	Oakwood Center	Gretna, LA (New Orleans area)	70 stores
10	Pecanland Mall	Monroe, LA (North Louisiana)	78 stores
11	Perkins Rowe	Baton Rouge, LA (Baton Rouge area)	54 stores
12	Pierre Bossier Mall	Bossier City, LA (North Louisiana)	64 stores
13	Prien Lake Mall	Lake Charles, LA (Southwest Louisiana)	86 stores
14	Riverlands Shopping Center	LaPlace, LA (New Orleans area)	
15	Tanger Outlets of Gonzales Louisiana	Gonzales, LA (Baton Rouge area)	65 stores
16	The Esplanade	Kenner, LA (New Orleans area)	84 stores
17	The Shops at Canal Place	New Orleans, LA (New Orleans area)	33 stores
18	Towne Center at Cedar Lodge	Baton Rouge, LA (Baton Rouge area)	73 stores

Click here for more information on shopping:

<http://www.mallseeker.com/louisianamalls.aspx>

PHARMACIES

Walgreens
 CVS Pharmacy
 Winn-Dixie
 Costco
 Wal-Mart

Click here for locating other pharmacies in Louisiana:

<https://www.goodrx.com/pharmacy-near-me/all/la>

POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



Click here for more information:

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/LA.html>



Click here for more information:

<http://local.fedex.com/la/>



Click here for more information:

https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US

TIME ZONES

Louisiana Time Zone - Louisiana Current Local Time – Central Daylight Time

Louisiana is in Central Time Zone

Click here for more information:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/louisiana>

COST OF LIVING IN LOUISIANA



Click here for more information:

<https://www.eriery.com/cost-of-living/united-states/louisiana>

MINIMUM WAGE

State	2021 Minimum Wage	2021 Tipped Wage
LA	\$7.25	\$2.13

Click here for more information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#la> or

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#Louisiana>

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Click here for more information:

https://www.laworks.net/workerscomp/owc_mainmenu.asp

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Shreveport	-	SporTran (Shreveport Transport System)
Lake Charles	-	LCTS (Lake Charles Transport System)
Enterprise	-	DEF (Duty-Enterprise Ferry, Louisiana Dept. of Transp. & Development)
Cameron	-	CF (Cameron & Monkey Island Ferries)
Baton Rouge	-	CATS (Capital Area Transit System) BRACS (Baton Rouge Area Commuter Services Program)
Metairie	-	JeT (Jefferson Transit)
New Orleans	-	CCC (Crescent City Connection Ferry) RTA (New Orleans Regional Transit Authority) EWCTS (East-West Corridor Transit Study)
Lafayette	-	LTS (Lafayette Transit System)
Monroe	-	MTS (Monroe Transit System)

Click here for more information:

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/louisiana/>