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What to do in Baton Rouge?
We've got the best 225 ways to pass a good time
from the people who know best, the locals.

1. Downtown Farmer's Market

"We're so lucky to have such a great farmers market downtown every weekend. Nothing beats actually meeting the people who make that goat cheese ravioli by hand, cultivate those exquisite herbs and houseplants, and grow the freshest sweet potatoes and oranges." —Emily Erickson, assistant professor, LSU Manship School of Mass Communication <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Red-Stick-Farmers-Market>

2. The Wearin' of the Green Parade

"The St. Patrick's Day Parade, The Wearin' of the Green, that we began in 1986. Our day begins with breakfast with dignitaries from Ireland. The parade runs until 1 p.m. and we head to Ivar's after that." —Pat Shingleton, chief forecaster, WBRZ. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Ivars-Sports-Bar-Grill>

3. Old State Capitol

Don't go all the way to Europe to see a castle; Baton Rouge boasts its own version of a medieval fortress in the Old State Capitol. Decide for yourself if Mark Twain was unfair to scoff at its architecture, and why international tourists seek it out. And don't miss the new Ghost of Sarah Morgan exhibit! <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisianas-Old-State-Capitol>

4. LSU Rural Life Museum

Stop and smell the roses at the LSU Rural Life Museum off Essen Lane, where you'll see everything from creepy antique dental hardware to re-enactments of daily life in centuries past. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Rural-Life-Museum-Windrush-Gardens>

5. Shaw Center for the Arts

The Shaw Center for the Arts offers a feast for stomachs, eyes and ears, and as lagniappe, The Shaw Center offers one of the best Mississippi River views in town. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Shaw-Center-for-the-Arts>

6. Tsunami at the Shaw Center for the Arts

Tsunami at the Shaw Center for the Arts serves sushi on the roof. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Tsunami-Sushi-at-The-Shaw-Center>

7. Manship Theater at the Shaw Center for the Arts

Top-notch entertainers perform in the intimate and modern Manship Theatre at The Shaw Center for the Arts. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Manship-Theatre>

8. Pastime Restaurant and Lounge

Try to eavesdrop on legislators over lunch at the Pastime Restaurant and Lounge. May we recommend the roast beef or oyster po-boy, or the zesty boudin pizza. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Pastime-Restaurant-and-Lounge>

9. LSU Tailgate Parties

Tailgate all day before an LSU football game, literally. Wake up early for ESPN's Gameday broadcast, barbecue around the Indian Mounds. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Indian-Mounds>

10. Pub Crawl: Wine Loft

Pub crawl through downtown, hitting spots such as the Wine Loft. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Wine-Loft>

11. Pub Crawl: Happy's Irish Pub

Pub Crawl Downtown: Happy's Irish Pub. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Happys-Irish-Pub>

12. Pub Crawl: Red Star

Pub Crawl Downtown: Red Star. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Red-Star>

13. Pub Crawl: The Office

Pub Crawl Downtown: The Office.

14. Pub Crawl: The M Bar

Pub Crawl Downtown: The M Bar. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-M-Bar>

15. Pub Crawl: Boudreaux & Thibodeaux

Pub Crawl Downtown: Boudreaux & Thibodeaux. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Boudreaux-Thibodeaux>

16. Pub Crawl: the Roux House

Pub Crawl Downtown: the Roux House. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Roux-House>

17. Pub Crawl: Hound Dog's

Pub Crawl Downtown: Hound Dog's. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Houndogs-Bar>

18. Chelsea's Café

Get to Chelsea's Café before 10 p.m. on a Wednesday, order their decadent chicken-fried chicken and groove to the Michael Foster Project. Chelsea's remains true to its humble promise, "Good food, good music, good beer."

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Chelseas-Cafe>

19. Live Music: Michael Foster Project

The Michael Foster Project plays at Chelsea's and other local spots.

20. Nottoway Historic Inn

Visit the largest plantation home in the South - Nottoway, just a short drive down LA 1 from Baton Rouge in White Castle. A recent, multi-million-dollar renovation has returned this White Castle to its former splendor complete with a spa and B&B. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Nottoway-Plantation-Inn>

21. The Chimes Bar

Stake out a stool at the bar at LSU institution The Chimes, order a tall beer on tap from the nation of your choice, feed your hunger with their unique blackened alligator and a cup of duck and sausage gumbo. The benediction served for brunch on Sunday mornings is a true blessing. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Chimes>

22. Highland Road Park

Looking for an adventure? Explore the rambling, rolling hills of Highland Road Park. Watch out for unidentified flying objects (courtesy of the Frisbee golfers), and the occasional cross-country runner in training.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/BRECs-Highland-Road-Park>

23. Sports at Highland Road Park

At Highland Road Park you'll also find regular pick-up soccer games, and Baton Rouge's adult kickball league dusts up the diamonds on weeknights. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/BRECs-Highland-Road-Park>

24. Louisiana State Museum

The Louisiana State Museum downtown highlights the state's unique culture and heritage.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-State-Museum>

25. Pennington Balloon Championships

For high-flying family fun, visit the annual Pennington Balloon Championships in August.

http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/visitorslocals/hotairballoon_championship/

26. The Bulldog

For late night cocktails or an afternoon outing with Fido, the Bulldog is the perfect getaway with their pub fare and extensive beer offerings. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Bulldog>

27. LSU Museum of Art

Art galleries and the world-class LSU museum offer rotating glimpses of art and history. LSU Art Gallery

LSU Art Gallery, Brunner Gallery, LSU Museum of Art. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Museum-of-Art>

28. Breakfast at Frank's

Breakfast at Frank's on Airline Highway ought to be an Olympic event. It's worth the trip just for the biscuits.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Franks-Restaurant>

29. Zeeland Street Market

Steal away for lunch at Zeeland Street Market and order Mama's pot roast.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Zeeland-Street-Market-Deli>

30. Vinh Phat Oriental Market

Spice up your pantry with a visit to Vinh Phat Oriental Market on Florida Boulevard, offering everything from Asian snacks to exotic produce, fish and meats.

31. Pho Quynh Vietnamese Restaurant

If you're looking for some authentic and surprisingly inexpensive Asian gourmet cuisine, take a ride out Florida Boulevard for a steaming bowl of pho at Pho Quynh Vietnamese Restaurant.

32. Perkins Road dining & shopping

Shop, eat and be merry at the mom-and-pop businesses around the Perkins Road area.

33. Cottonwood Books

Browse first editions at Cottonwood Books. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Cottonwood-Books>

34. Dine at Pinetta's

Dine in romantic seclusion at Pinetta's.

35. Bolton's and Living Foods

Pick up your prescription at one of the last local drug stores, Bolton's. Also grab some health food at Living Foods.

36. Martinis at Duvic's

Cap off the evening with a chocolate martini at Duvic's.

37. Battle of Jackson Crossroads

Ride the historic train—but watch out for Yankee spies—and behold more than 500 volunteers reenacting the Battle of Jackson Crossroads. Held the last weekend of April in Jackson, the annual Civil War weekend includes cavalry and infantry competitions plus an interactive 1860s camp and market.

38. Shopping at Time Warp and Honeymoon Bungalow

Government Street offers the chance to rediscover forgotten fashions at Time Warp Time Warp and classic house wares at Honeymoon Bungalow. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Time-Warp-Boutique>
<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Honeymoon-Bungalow>

39. Crawfish Boil

Spread a bunch of newspaper across a picnic table, get a large pot, the "right" seasoning, several bags of crawfish and an ice-chest of beer and cold drinks, and you have the makings of a great spring party. There are many different opinions of the exact seasonings and what vegetables to throw in the pot, but throughout the spring there are a lot of opportunities to try out the different methods.

40. Southern University Museum of Art

Brush up on your knowledge of African and African-American art with a visit to the Southern University Museum of Art. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Southern-University-Museum-of-Art>

41. Southern University

If it's late in the afternoon, treat yourself to sunset on Scott's Bluff, the best natural view of the Mississippi River in all of Baton Rouge.

42. Bistro Byronz

Shake up your dinner routine and order decadent blue cheese chips and a bottle of Bordeaux at Bistro Byronz. If you can snag seats on the patio, you've got it made in the shade. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Bistro-Byronz>

43. Radio jazz show

It's the longest-running jazz show in Baton Rouge for a reason. Zia "The Cat" Tammami's Spontaneous Combustion on KLSU 91.1 FM is the perfect soundtrack to easy Sunday mornings, since 1975.

44. St. Francisville

Explore St. Francisville. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/St-Francisville-Tours>

45. Haunted Myrtles Plantation

Take the edge off a trip to the uber-haunted Myrtles Plantation with a sandwich from Magnolia Café.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Myrtles-Plantation>

46. Downtown holiday festivities

Join in on the holiday festivities downtown. Watch Mayor Kip Holden light the city's Christmas tree during the annual Festival of Lights, and enjoy the parade.

47. The Nutcracker at the River Center

Catch the Baton Rouge Ballet's performance of The Nutcracker at the River Center.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Baton-Rouge-River-Center>

48. Shopping at Imelda's

Behold as grown women wrangle over leather sling backs at the semi-annual tent sales at Imelda's Fine Shoes. Deep discounts on designer shoes always attract a crowd.

49. Greek and Lebanese dining

Baton Rouge is a veritable mecca of Greek and Lebanese restaurants. So if you're jonesing for gyros and hummus, your choices abound: Albasha, Atcha, Akasha, Almaza, Arzi's, Serop's, to name a few.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Albasha-Greek-Lebanese-Restaurant>

50. BREC Baton Rouge Zoo

The BREC Baton Rouge Zoo offers seasonal family packages and hosts special events such as Halloween's Boo at the Zoo.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/BRECs-Baton-Rouge-Zoo>

51. Live After 5

Skip out early from work on Friday afternoon and head downtown for Baton Rouge's official street party, Live After Five. These fall and spring concerts are free and feature some of the area's best live music.

http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/visitorslocals/live_after_five/

52. Highland Cemetery

Just outside the south gates of LSU on Oxford Street lies Highland Cemetery, the city's oldest resting place. Don't get spooked. It's a great place to practice your photography skills and pay your respects to those lost in the war—the Revolutionary War, that is.

53. Raising Cane's

Order a box of Raising Cane's chicken fingers, no slaw, extra toast with an ice-cold Barq's root beer at the site that started it all on Highland Road just outside the north gates of LSU.

54. Great Wall of China

Test the limits of a Styrofoam container by cramming in as much sweet and sour chicken and fried rice as you possibly can at Great Wall Chinese Restaurant. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Great-Wall-Chinese-Restaurant>

55. Cake Palace

Eat a sweet and inexpensive breakfast or have a piece of the signature strawberry cake at the Cake Palace. Click here for more.

56. Dining at George's

Order a burger at George's under the Perkins Road Overpass, and spend an hour counting the dollar bills on the ceiling. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Georges-Southside>

57. State Capitol Dragway

Catch the exciting drag races at State Capitol Dragway in Port Allen.

58. Amusement Parks

Douse the summer's heat at Blue Bayou Water Park, or brave the roller coasters at Dixie Landing. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Blue-Bayou-Dixie-Landin>

59. Old and New State Capitol

"For things to do and see there is the spiral staircase in the Old State Capitol, the huge Chambered Nautilus fossil in the new State Capitol, the old doctor's building where Carl Weiss—alleged assassin of Huey Long— had his office on Third Street." —Terry Kennedy, professor of mass communication, Southern University
<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisianas-Old-State-Capitol>,
<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-State-Capitol>

60. Tin Roof Brewing

Head over to Baton Rouge's newest craft brewery for an afternoon tour and tasting! <http://www.tinroofbeer.com/>

61. BREC's Liberty Landing and Extreme Park

Enjoy an afternoon outdoors at one of BREC's newest parks. Cool off at Liberty Landing water park (add link to libertylanding.com) or take in the thrills of BREC's Perkins Road Extreme Park on bike, skateboard or the climbing wall.

62. Live Music: David St. Romain

Catch Baton Rouge's own "Nashville Star," David St. Romain.

63. Live Music at The Varsity

The Varsity hosts a variety of local and regional music favorites. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Varsity>

64. Local Chef - Holly Clegg

Pick up an award-winning cookbook by local chef Holly Clegg. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Holly-B-Clegg-Cookbook-Author-and-Spokesperson>

65. Local Chef - John Folse

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66. Thee Heavenly Donut

For the most decadent donuts south of the Pearly Gates, take the sojourn to Thee Heavenly Donut for a chocolate-filled. But get there early because they will sell out of these babies.

67. Dining at Louis DeAngelo's

The 24 handmade, oven-baked calzones at Louis DeAngelo's restaurants are legendary. Be a "Picasso" and create your own, too. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louis-DeAngelos-Casual-Italian-Dining>

68. Mid City shopping

Shop with the merchants of Mid City and check out some great local art during the annual Art Hop or White Light Night. Well-known artists and newcomers offer the perfect blend of local talent.

69. Dining at Heads and Tails

Sample some of the best gumbo at Heads and Tails. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Heads-And-Tails-Seafood-Market-Deli>

70. Dining at Mike Anderson's

Go old school with the fresh and crispy fried seafood platter at Mike Anderson's. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Mike-Andersons-Seafood-Oyster-Bar>

71. Laser Light Show - Irene W. Pennington Planetarium

Check out the Cosmic Rock Hall of Fame laser light show at the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium at LASM. Totally far out, man.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-Art-and-Science-Museum-and-Irene-W-Pennington-Pla>

72. Now & Then Museum

Get a refresher on how far we've come at the Odell S. Williams Now & Then Museum.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Odell-S-Williams-Now-and-Then-Museum-of-African-American-H>

73. Dance - Of Moving Colors Productions

Watch some modern dance performances by Of Moving Colors Productions.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Of-Moving-Colors-Productions>

74. Dance - Cangelosi Dance Project

Watch some modern dance performances by the Cangelosi Dance Project.

75. History at Port Hudson

Site of the longest siege in American history, Port Hudson pays homage to the 7,500 Confederate soldiers who held off some 40,000 Union soldiers for more than two months. Learn about the siege at the Port Hudson Commemorative Area.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Port-Hudson-State-Historic-Site>

76. Baton Rouge Beach

Watch the waves come in or skip rocks at Baton Rouge Beach on the LSU lakes. Or if you're in the mood for a workout, it's the perfect urban spot to portage your kayak.

77. WordPlay Teen Poetry

Teens, stop telling your muse to be quiet and get in on the WordPlay Teen Poetry Slam Festival at the Shaw Center.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Shaw-Center-for-the-Arts>

78. Soccer

Soccer, you know that game the rest of the world is crazy about? Baton Rouge has its own competitive adult team now, the Capitals. Drop by a game at Olympia Stadium in the summer and watch tomorrow's stars. And join in the chant: Caaaaaaaa-pitals!

79. BREC Perkins Rd. Extreme Park

Grab a Mountain Dew and your blades and hit the Extreme Park for an extreme afternoon.

80. Louisiana Book Festival

Put on your tweed jacket and get literary at the annual Louisiana Book Festival on the grounds of the State Capitol. Talk to authors about their works, and stop by the 225 tent. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-Book-Festival>

81. Highland Coffees

Take your laptop along for an afternoon of Web surfing, people watching and java sipping at Highland Coffees. For a change of scenery step out onto the patio. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Highland-Coffees>

82. Sunday in the Park

"I love to go to Sunday in the Park. It's Baton Rouge at its finest." —Heather Day, owner, Red Cake Event Planning.

83. Baton Rouge Symphony

Splurge on good tickets so you sit close to the stage for a rousing performance by the Baton Rouge Symphony. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Baton-Rouge-Symphony>

84. Skate Galaxy

Skate Galaxy on Old Jefferson has skating, laser tag, rock climbing and an arcade—the perfect place for a birthday party. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Skate-Galaxy>

85. Radio Show - Murphy, Sam & Jodi

Tune into a morning show that the whole family can listen to without earmuffs with the Murphy, Sam and Jodi show on The River 96.1 FM.

86. USS Kidd & Veterans Memorial

Pay your respects to the American armed forces at the USS Kidd & Veterans Memorial. You can explore the ship from bow to stern and learn about the men who served on the ship, including a handful who gave their lives in a deadly attack on the ship. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/USS-Kidd-Veterans-Memorial-and-Museum>

87. Fourth of July Fireworks

Ring in the Fourth of July by watching fireworks on the levee. When they reflect off the river, it's like getting two shows in one.

88. Cigars

Choose from Havana House of Cigars, Churchill's or Don Juan Cigar Co., all within a few miles on Jefferson and puff a super-premium Davidoff or Arturo Fuente.

89. North Gate Tavern

Mosey down Chimes Street for campus counter-culture and rock out to local noise at North Gate Tavern.

90. Louisiana Art & Science Museum

Take the kids to the LASM for a blast touring the Discovery Depot and go for a stroll through the latest exhibits. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-Art-and-Science-Museum-and-Irene-W-Pennington-Pla>

91. Dining at Louie's Café

Do late night at Louie's Café, the venerable LSU short-order all-night grill. A decadent omelet at 1 a.m., washed down with an ice-cold longneck, and super hash browns for dessert! <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louies-Cafe>

92. Louisiana State Capitol and Grounds

Stick your finger in the bullet holes in the wall of the State Capitol where Huey P. Long was shot. For a more serene experience, stroll the hedged gardens or explore Armory Park. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-State-Capitol>

93. Radio Show - Tabby Thomas

Take a Saturday afternoon drive toward Plank Road and tune your radio to Tabby Thomas' blues show on WBRH 90.3 FM.

94. Krispy Kreme donuts

Grab some freshly made Krispy Kreme donuts at the Plank Road bakery.

95. Tony's Seafood

Finish up your afternoon drive picking up some spicy boiled crawfish for dinner at Tony's Seafood. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Tonys-Seafood>

96. Downtown Hotels

With new hotels in the area, taking in events and exploring downtown is even easier. Check out a bike at Hotel Indigo and enjoy a cycling tour of downtown!

97. Abita Brewery

Mark the passing of the seasons with a tall, frosty Abita seasonal brew-

98. Superior Grill

Mingle with some singles Thursday nights at Superior Grill. People watching with one of the best margaritas in town adds to the fiesta. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Superior-Grill>

99. Baton Rouge Gallery

On the first Wednesday of every month the Baton Rouge Gallery holds its opening receptions, a good chance to enjoy great local art with free food and wine.

100. Old Governor's Mansion Tour

Tour the Old Governor's Mansion, the "house that Huey built."

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Old-Governors-Mansion-Foundation-for-Historical-Louisiana>

101. Dining at Fleur de Lis Pizza

It may take more than an hour if they're busy, but a pie at Fleur de Lis Pizza is a tradition worth the wait. Pass the time by sipping a beer from the tiny glasses that accompany every bottle. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Fleur-de-Lis>

102. Walking around the LSU lakes

"Walking the dogs around the LSU lakes." —Leanne McClurg Cambric, artist

103. Hiking at Tunica Hills

Dust off your hiking boots and give your legs a good stretch on the Tunica Hills' hiking trails, 45 minutes north of the city. If you go in the rainy months you can see a half-dozen natural waterfalls.

104. Baton Rouge Observatory

Get starry-eyed at the Baton Rouge observatory off Highland Road on clear Friday nights with an expert on hand to answer all your galactic questions. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Highland-Road-Park-Observatory>

105. Dining at Poor Boy Lloyd's

Tuck in to Poor Boy Lloyd's downtown for a shrimp po-boy. They'll fix you right up.

106. Spanish Town Mardi Gras parade

Get in touch with your inner "flamingeaux" at the Spanish Town Mardi Gras parade.

107. Picnic on the Levee

Head south on River Road at sunset with your sweetheart, set up a picnic and watch the cows on the levee doing whatever it is that cows do.

108. Horseback Riding at Farr Park

Saddle up for a horseback ride at Farr Park on River Road. Yee-haw! <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/BRECS-Farr-Park-Horse-Activity-Center>

109. Dining and live music at Teddy's Juke Joint

Head to Teddy's Juke Joint on a Sunday afternoon for a little soul food and a lot of live blues music. You never know who might show up. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Teddys-Juke-Joint>

110. Baton Rouge Blues Week

Baton Rouge Blues Week is the real deal. With legends like Buddy Guy and Henry Gray getting their start in local clubs across the Capital City, its no surprise Baton Rouge is still singing the blues.

111. Angola Prison Rodeo

Scratch your honky-tonk itch and watch inmates nearly kill themselves at the Angola Prison Rodeo, just an hour from Baton Rouge.

112. Kenilworth Neighborhood Luminaires

Pile the family into the car and take a slow tour at dusk of the glowing luminaires in the Kenilworth neighborhood. It's a long-standing Christmas season tradition.

113. BabelCon

Dress in costume at the BabelCon science fiction convention across the river in West Baton Rouge Parish.

114. Baton Rouge Azaleas

Stop and smell the flowers—literally. Few blossoms are more resplendent than Baton Rouge's azaleas in spring.

115. Baton Rouge Casinos

Roll the dice at one of Baton Rouge's riverboat casinos. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/casinos>

116. American Market

Eat what the students eat—pop in to American Market on Nicholson (LSU students call it “AM Mart”) for the closest thing to an official Tiger sandwich, AM Mart’s spicy Cajun turkey sandwich.

117. Dining at Brandt's Maisonette

For some upscale French cuisine, duck into the cozy cottage on Government Street known as Brandt’s Maisonette. Speaking of duck, theirs is divine, as are the sweetbreads. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Brandts-Maisonette-Restaurant>

118. Juban's Bar

Meet that special someone after work at Juban’s for romantic conversation over a key lime martini in the atrium bar. If you stick around for dinner try a bison rib eye topped with anything from crawfish to lobster tail, or Juban’s new dish, “two birds,” roasted muscovy duck and boneless, stuffed quail. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Jubans-Restaurant>

119. Baton Rouge Little Theater

Buy season tickets for the Baton Rouge Little Theater, and you’ll always have plans. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Baton-Rouge-Little-Theater>

120. Dining at The Cabin

Head out to Burnside and have dinner at The Cabin. Sample some traditional River Road fare and fun Cajun kitsch. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Cabin-Restaurant>

121. Calandro's Market

Before Whole Foods, Fresh or Maxwell’s markets, Calandro’s brought gourmet groceries to Baton Rouge. They still offer an impressive selection of fine wines, imported cheeses and gourmet items.

122. LSU Parade Grounds

Grab your Frisbee and a bottle of water and stake out a spot on the LSU Parade Grounds for a great afternoon. Bring a friend, unless you plan to toss a boomerang.

123. Magnolia Mound

“Learn a little Baton Rouge history while strolling through the exquisite historic grounds at Magnolia Mound Plantation. It’s a great place with a lot of history.” —Mary Frey Eaton, philanthropist.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com//visitorslocals/Plantations/magnoliamound/index.cfm>

124. Dining at Coffee Call

Warning to out-of-towners: Leave your black shirt at home if you plan on biting into one of Coffee Call's powdered sugar-dusted beignets. Oh, and don’t inhale. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Coffee-Call>

125. Inga's Subs

Inga's subs are an LSU North Gate legend, serving students and the rest of the community for the past 25 years. Go by for lunch at Inga's on Chimes Street, and you are likely to have your sub made by Inga herself.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Ingas-Subs-Salads>

126. Ambrosia Bakery

Be the hero of any birthday party by showing up with a strawberry cake from Ambrosia Bakery.

127. Zapp's Beerfest

Love beer, then you definitely want to be one of the early one's to get a coveted ticket to Zapp's Beerfest at LSU Rural Life Museum. Attendance is limited, so get this spring event on your calendar early.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com//visitorslocals/Plantations/lzurallifemuseum/index.cfm>

128. Art Melt

A feast for the senses and the city's most popular art show, the annual Art Melt has everything from music to food to visual and performance art.

129. Dining - TJ Ribs

The countless LSU memorabilia at TJ Ribs will keep the kiddies busy while you savor succulent ribs. And the wait staff is so smart they can write upside down. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/T-J-Ribs-Inc>

130. LSU Swine Palace

Take in a play or performance at LSU Swine Palace for a little culture in an old pig barn.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Swine-Palace-Productions-Reilly-Theatre>

131. Monjunis Italian Café & Grocery

The lasagna at Monjunis Italian Café & Grocery is to die for. The meatballs are full of flavor and come in one size: large.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Monjunis-Italian-Cafe-and-Grocery>

132. Garden District

Take a leisurely drive through the Garden District and enjoy the cool old homes beneath the stately oaks.

133. Downtown

"I definitely couldn't pass on bringing out-of-town guests to George's for a shrimp po-boy, to CC's Coffee House for their coffee, or to Frostop for one of their root beer floats and some onion rings. As for nightlife, '80s night at Spanish Moon is a must, and Red Star for its inviting jukebox and eclectic patrons, or Duvic's for the stiff drinks and relaxing atmosphere." —Chris Culotta (aka DJ Bird), host, Star 80 at Spanish Moon.

134. Houmas House

A mint julep and a promenade through the grounds of Houmas House along the banks of the Mississippi in Ascension Parish are enough to make anyone feel classic Southern. The plantation's renovation is tasteful and beautifully done, and the food is even better. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com//visitorslocals/Plantations/houmashouse/index.cfm>

135. Live Music - Southern University

Catch a performance by some of Southern University music students. It doesn't cost much, if anything.

136. Cycle the City

Hit the streets—even the busy ones—and cycle the city the last Friday of every month with fellow cyclists as they raise awareness and teach others how to share the road during the city's version of Critical Mass. Listen for shouts of "Yeah bike!"

137. Red Stick Thunder Competition

Cheer on your favorite local high school marching band as the best in Baton Rouge battle it out for bragging rights at the annual Red Stick Thunder competition.

138. Ann Connelly Fine Art

Ann Connelly Fine Art is a great place to see the best in contemporary art by some of the city's more progressive artists.

139. LSU School of Art Gallery

See various student exhibits at the LSU School of Art Gallery at Foster Hall. These budding artists put on a heck of a show, and it's free. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-School-of-Art-Gallery>

140. Hill Memorial Library

Delve into first-hand accounts of the state's history at Hill Memorial Library on the LSU campus.

141. Varsity Sports

Show off your outdoor prowess with a "Run Hard, Live Easy" T-shirt from Varsity Sports and join a running group.

142. Botanic Gardens

Let your love of flowers blossom at Independence Park's botanic gardens.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Botanic-Gardens-at-BRECs-Independence-Park>

143. Leo's Iceland Skating

Strap on a pair of ice skates at Leo's Iceland.

144. Oak Alley Plantation

Step back in time at Oak Alley Plantation in St. James Parish. You can even rent a cabin and stay the night.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Oak-Alley-Plantation>

145. Music Treasure Chest

Stop in to the Music Treasure Chest on Acadian at Government. Be sure your turntable and needle are in good shape because with thousands of albums to choose from, you're going home with something.

146. Downtown Arts Market

Peruse local art outside at the downtown Arts Market, the first Saturday of every month next to the Red Stick Farmers Market.

147. Baum's Fine Pastries

Bite into LSU pride with some purple and gold petit fours from Baum's Fine Pastries.

148. Dining - Voodoo BBQ

It's hard to get excited about eating your greens, but the bewitching mustard greens at Voodoo BBQ are out of this world. The tender, smoked meats aren't bad either. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Voodoo-BBQ-Grill>

149. Pentagon Barracks

See what drew historic figures like Robert E. Lee, George Custer, Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln to visit the historic Pentagon Barracks on State Capitol Drive.

150. BREC Golf Courses

Hit the links at one of BREC's many public courses such as Webb Park Golf Course, which underwent a major overhaul.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/BRECs-City-Park-Golf-Course>

151. Mellow Mushroom Trivia Night

Put those useless facts you picked up from Seinfeld to good use at trivia night Wednesdays at Mellow Mushroom.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Mellow-Mushroom>

152. Happy's Running Club

Lace up your running shoes and head downtown on Tuesdays for a group run with Happy's Running Club. They host 3 annual races all accompanied by plenty of beer and live music. <http://www.happysrunningclub.com/>

153. Daiquiri Café

Knock that chip off your shoulder with an icy attitude adjustment from Daiquiri Café. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Daiquiri-Cafe>

154. Santa Maria Golf Course

"A solitary round of golf at Santa Maria near dusk in autumn. I actually prefer to play alone." —Brace Godfrey Jr., chairman, Cyntreniks Santa Maria. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Santa-Maria-Park-Golf-Course>

155. The Happy Note

Start the evening off on the right note with a stiff drink from the Happy Note.

156. Live Music - Phil Brady's

They've heard of the blues jam at Phil Brady's in Europe. It's featured the likes of Oscar Davis, James Johnson, Larry Garner, Elvin Killerbee and Rudy Richard. Come on—it's world famous. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Phil-Bradys>

157. Live Music - Benjy Davis Project

See local Southern rock outfit Benjy Davis Project live.

158. Paris Parker's Aveda Salon

Relax after a tough week with a massage from Paris Parker's Aveda salon. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Paris-Parker-Salon-Spa>

159. Radio Show - Walton & Johnson

Listen to unabashed LSU fans Walton & Johnson during your morning commute on Eagle 98.1 FM.

160. Laser Tag of Baton Rouge

Remember laser tag? Heck yes, you do. Laser Tag of Baton Rouge is still rocking, baby. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Laser-Tag-of-Baton-Rouge>

161. Race for the Cure

Get a workout for a good cause at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

162. Dining - Mestizo Louisiana-Mexican Restaurant

Whatever they do at Mestizo Louisiana-Mexican Restaurant seems to be working. Order either of their twin seafood quesos and you'll see what we mean. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Mestizos-Restaurant>

163. River Center Broadway Shows

Get a taste of Broadway without traveling to the Big Apple by catching one of the touring shows at the River Center Theatre for Performing Arts. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Baton-Rouge-River-Center>

164. Bonfires on the Levee

Watch the bonfires on the levee in St. James Parish, a Christmastime family tradition.

<http://www.stjamesparish.com/local/localinfo/BONFIRES/Bonfir1.htm>

165. Dining - DiGiulio Brothers

Join your friends for a bottle of Chianti and make sure one of you orders the veal avezzano at DiGiulio Brothers, one of our original authentic neighborhood Italian restaurants. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/DiGiulio-Brothers-Italian-Cafe>

166. Outdoor Film Viewing

The way silent films were always meant to be viewed—outdoors on a giant screen in City Park with an accompanying band. We think so, at least.

167. Old Bogan Fire Station

Light your fire for local history by touring the Old Bogan Fire Station downtown on Laurel Street, home of the Arts Council community gallery. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Old-Bogan-Fire-Station>

168. State Archives

Climb your family tree among the records in the State Archives. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-State-Archives>

169. Amite River Tubing

Tubing along the Amite River is the ultimate way to chill out during the humid Louisiana summer.

170. LSU Dairy Store

Treat your sweet tooth with a cup of purple and gold-swirled “tigerbite” ice cream at the LSU Dairy Store. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Dairy-Store>

171. Fluker's Cricket Farm

Ever wonder where those crickets you use for bait come from? Tour Fluker’s Cricket Farm in Port Allen and find out.

172. Poplar Grove Plantation

Poplar Grove Plantation was moved 200 miles by barge on the Mississippi River. Once a pavilion at the World’s Fair, this stately home is furnished with museum-quality antiques and art. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Poplar-Grove-Plantation>

173. Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

Visit Huey Long’s old haunt the Hotel Heidelberg, now known as the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. Order a Ramos Gin Fizz and live as though every man were a king. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Hilton-Baton-Rouge-Capitol-Center>

174. Bowling at Don Carter's

Make like The Dude and head to Don Carter’s for a couple of frames of bowling. Wednesday nights offers low prices—perfect for a cheap date. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Don-Carters-All-Star-Lanes>

175. Greenwood Park Disc Golf

Pick up a few discs and make it out to Greenwood Park in Baker for 18 holes of disc golf. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/BRECs-Greenwood-Park>

176. Dining - Hello Sushi

Jump continents and step into the world of Japanese pop culture at Hello Sushi. Try a decadent paradise roll—avocado, coconut fried shrimp topped with mango. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Hello-Sushi>

177. Pick-Your-Own Produce

Pick your own vegetables and herbs at Port Hudson Organics in Zachary.

178. Dining: Jay's BBQ

A Baton Rouge institution, Jay's BBQ has been family-owned and operated since 1954.

179. Dining: Snowflake Bar-B-Que

“Walk up and order some ribs from Snowflake Bar-B-Que” —Julie Baxter, attorney, Moore, Walters & Thompson.

180. Kleinpeter Farm Dairy Tour

Tour the Kleinpeter Dairy and farm. You can probably milk them for some free samples, plus they're making ice cream now.

181. CC's Community Coffee House

Pick up a Mochasippi at CC's Community Coffee House and stick around while you read a magazine. Hey wait a minute—you could read 225! <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Community-Coffees-Gourmet-Coffee-House>

182. Dining - Parrain's

Order the thinly sliced catfish at Parrain's. Crisp, crunchy and delicious. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Parrains-Seafood-Restaurant>

183. Bouncing Tigers

Hop over to Bouncing Tigers and let the kids go wild on 11,000 square feet of inflatable fun. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Bouncing-Tigers>

184. Krewe of Orion Parade

Catch the Krewe of Orion, the first traditional nighttime Mardi Gras parade in the city, as it rolls through downtown.

185. Dining - Louisiana Lagniappe

Louisiana Lagniappe offers a little flair to classic Cajun food. Order the Louisianne. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-Lagniappe>

186. Dining - Maison Lacour

For a cozy atmosphere and fine French dining, make a reservation at Maison Lacour and savor Chef Michael Jetty's phenomenal Soupe Jacqueline, a velouté of brie cheese, jumbo lump crab and asparagus. Délicieux! <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Maison-LaCour-French-Restaurant>

187. Live Music - Tabby Thomas

Tabby's Blues Box may have closed, but if you're lucky you might get to see Tabby Thomas rockin' the local club scene.

188. Calvin's Bocage Supermarket

Pick up the popular chicken salad at Calvin's Bocage Supermarket.

189. Matherne's Supermarket

Wine dinners at Matherne's Supermarket are a well-kept secret. A gourmet meal, sumptuous wines at affordable prices. And it's locally owned.

190. Dining - Piccadilly

Hop in line at the Piccadilly on Sunday afternoons and join the dolled-up churchgoers for carrot souffle.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Piccadilly-Cafeterias>

191. Radio Show - Jim Engster

Hold your talk radio to a higher standard, the kind host Jim Engster can live up to with his morning show that airs on WRKF 89.3 FM. Call in and test his steel-trap memory for birthdates.

192. Bill Evans' grave

Play Live at the Village Vanguard in the car and make a peaceful pilgrimage to Roselawn Cemetery, the final resting place of jazz pianist Bill Evans. He was one of America's most original and important musicians, and his humble North Street grave is this city's small sliver of jazz greatness. While you're there you can pay your respects to the late U.S. Sen. Russell Long.

193. River Center Broadway Shows

Splurge on good seats for a big-name act at the River Center. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Baton-Rouge-River-Center>

194. Memorial Tower

Bring your sweetheart to Memorial Tower at midnight for a romantic kiss.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Memorial-Tower>

195. Story Time at the Library

Parents, give your kids' imagination a thorough workout during story time once a week at an East Baton Rouge Parish Library branch.

196. Louisiana Earth Day

Actually, it is pretty easy—and fun—being green. Join the Louisiana Earth Day festivities.

197. Mount Hope Plantation

The only remaining farm house of its kind in the Baton Rouge area, Mount Hope Plantation is a superb example of 19th century architecture. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Memorial-Tower>

198. Casa De Sue Winery Tour

About 45 minutes out of Baton Rouge, Casa De Sue Winery and Vineyard offers a tour.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Casa-de-Sue-Winery-and-Vineyards>

199. Atchafalaya Basin Tour

In White Castle, take a tour of the Atchafalaya Basin from the comfort of a covered boat.

200. Louisiana Mud Paintings

Remember when Mom told you not to play in the dirt? Henry Neubig has turned playing with mud into an art form that captures the beauty of South Louisiana at Louisiana Mud Paintings. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Louisiana-Mud-Painting-Gallery>

201. Cat Island Bird Refuge

How ironic is it that there is a bird refuge area on a place called Cat Island? Check out the great wildlife and 1,000-year-old baldcypress-tupelo trees in the Feliciana.

202. Bike Trails

Do a little adventure riding on the Hooper Road and Comite Park bike trails.

203. Tickfaw State Park

See some of Louisiana's flora and fauna from the boardwalks of Tickfaw State Park in Livingston Parish. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Tickfaw-State-Park>

204. Dining - Brew-Bacher's

Hometown favorite Brew-Bacher's does sandwiches and fries well, especially the French dip. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Brew-Bachers-Grill>

205. Hilltop Arboretum

Tour the 14 serene, picturesque acres of Louisiana native trees and shrubs at the Hilltop Arboretum on Highland Road. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSUs-Hilltop-Arboretum>

206. Battle of Baton Rouge

See where the historic Battle of Baton Rouge was fought in what is now Magnolia Cemetery.

207. Fred's Bar & Grill

Chow down on a game-day steak from Fred's Bar & Grill in Tigerland. Stick around for live music under the big top tent.

208. Denham Springs Antiquing

Go antiquing in Denham Springs at the 25 antique stores packed into two blocks.

209. Dining - Roberto's River Road Restaurant

Roberto's River Road Restaurant is one of the best-kept secrets around. Leave the city limits and savor Creole cooking along historic River Road. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSUs-Hilltop-Arboretum>

210. Gonzales Splash Pads

Cool the kids off at the splash pads next to city hall in Gonzales. Watch out for your buddies because the water cannons don't all fire at once. Dry off, then go for a walk among hundreds of stuffed trophy animals at Cabela's.

211. Hollydays Holiday Market

Get your Christmas shopping done early while supporting the Baton Rouge Junior League at the annual Hollydays holiday market.

212. Mike the Tiger

Say hello to Mike the Tiger and gear up for Saturday night in Tiger Stadium. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/LSU-Tiger-Cage>

213. Compact Disc Store

The Compact Disc Store on Jefferson Highway is one of the last locally owned music stores with mellow, knowledgeable employees who'll patiently listen to you hum that song from the radio and track down hard-to-find records.

214. Radio Show - Clarence Buggs Show

Tune in to the Clarence Buggs talk radio show on WJBO 1150 AM for some spicy drive-time invective.

215. Mississippi River Bridge

Next time you get stuck in traffic on the new Mississippi River Bridge, just take a deep breath and enjoy because it's the best view of Baton Rouge's skyline.

216. American Indian Settlements

Drive through Plaquemine, which has American Indian settlements more than 1,000 years old. You'll see the magnificent architecture, the persimmon trees along the bayou and, if you look closely enough, a dressed-to-kill gorilla.

217. Bayou Shimmy

The hips don't lie at Bayou Shimmy. Take a belly dance class and tribal drumming lesson any day of the week.

218. Flea Market of Louisiana

Find the best offbeat gifts, have a beer and karaoke at the Flea Market of Louisiana in Prairieville.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/The-Flea-Market-of-Louisiana>

219. Metro Council Meeting

Experience the circus-like atmosphere of a Metro Council meeting. May it upset you enough to get more involved in the city's politics.

220. Music & Shopping at Bear Creek Saloon

Go Urban Cowboy at Bear Creek Saloon in Montpelier, northeast of Denham Springs, where you can buy western wear, eat a mighty steak and boot-scoot all night long to a live country band.

221. Mall of Louisiana

Take the kids for a ride on the food court's carousel at the Mall of Louisiana, where two bucks can still buy a kid a little taste of magic. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Mall-of-Louisiana>

222. Dining - Boutin's

Great food, cold beer and a Cajun dance party every night but Sunday, Boutin's is your Cajun connection.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Boutins-Cajun-Restaurant>

223. Vintage & antique shopping on Government Street

Government Street offers the ultimate in vintage and antique shopping. One of the highlights is rummaging through architectural gems at Circa 1857. <http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Circa-1857>

224. Dearman's

Grab an ice-cream float, a classic burger and fries at Dearman's, a 50-year tradition in Bocage Village.

<http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/listings/Dearmans>

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