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6967 Highway 22, Sorrento, (225) 675-6550/(888) 775-7990, www.ascensiontourism.com. Mon.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Located 25 minutes from Baton Rouge. Plantation homes, multicultural museums, Civil War sites, swamp tours, great cuisine, accommodations, outlet and specialty shopping.



America's Best Inn & Suites

2412 Veteran Blvd., Gonzales, (225) 647-4515, www.bestsuites-gonzales.com. The beauty of a small town with the convenience of two large and famous cities, Baton Rouge and New Orleans. The hotel is located in

the middle of all major tourist attractions in the area. The hotel has become known for comfort, quality, value and friendly staff that care. MC, V, AE, D; HC

Ascension Community Theatre

823 Felicity St., Gonzales, 225-647-1230, www.ascensioncommunitytheatre.org.

The Historic Donaldsonville Museum

318 Mississippi St., Donaldsonville, (225) 746-0004, www.historicdonaldsonvillemuseum.org. Mon.- Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun., closed. Tour length: 1 hour.

Groups up to 50. Housed in the B. Lemann & Bro. Building, the oldest department store in the state of Louisiana, this museum provides insight into the rich history of Donaldsonville and surrounding areas with the Fort Butler/ Civil War Gallery, State Capitol Gallery, Old Donaldsonville Gallery, Grand Theatre Gallery, Lemann Store Gallery, Corner Grocery Gallery and revolving exhibits.

Louisiana Pottery

6470 Highway 22, Cajun Village, Sorrento, (225) 675-5572, www.louisianapottery.com. Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Largest selection of fine, hand-crafted wares made exclusively by Louisiana artisans. More than 100 artisans represented. Art and functional pottery. An easy 20-minute drive from the Mall of Louisiana. MC, V, AE; HC

River Road African American Museum

406 Charles St., Donaldsonville, (225) 474-5553, www.africanamericanmuseum.org. Wed.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Tour length: 30 min. Dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting artifacts, the River Road African American Museum and Gallery provides positive information about the history and culture of African-Americans who were enslaved in this region. Traditions that have been passed down through art, music, dance, storytelling, cooking and crafts are celebrated here.

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