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Because Baton Rouge is such a rich fabric of food, history, music and the arts, the best way to get the whole experience is to follow a culture trail: a single path that takes you to the best our city has to offer. For example, history collides with modern architecture and authentic Louisiana cuisine on a drive through South Baton Rouge, where trendy lifestyle centers emerge from land that once belonged to plantations and ancient swamps. Use the listings on the following pages to build your own culture trails, and find authentic Louisiana at every turn!

1 Mall of Louisiana

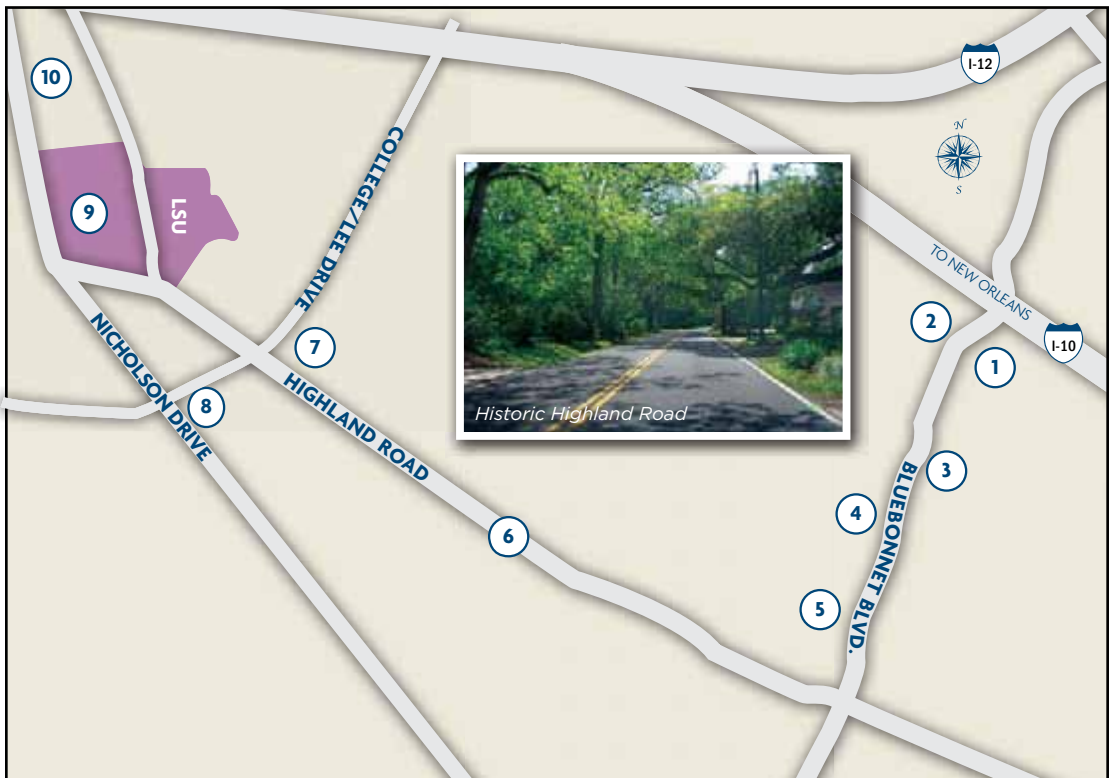
www.malloflouisiana.com • 225.761.7228

Known for its upscale and unique shopping selection that includes Abercrombie & Fitch, Ann Taylor, Caché, Gap, Godiva Chocolatier, Solstice, Swarovski, Talbots, Williams-Sonoma and much more, plus a carousel for the kids and The Boulevard, a pedestrian-friendly lifestyle center featuring Louisiana's first Apple store.

2 Ralph & Kacoo's

www.ralphandkacoos.com • 225.766-2113

First opened in 1969 on a marshy bend of the old Mississippi called False River, this classic Cajun and seafood restaurant has been voted "The Best Cajun Seafood in Louisiana" and listed in "Top 100 Places to Dine in America." Look for the big pink building!



3 Perkins Rowe

www.perkinsrowe.com • 225.761.6905

Boutiques, condos and palm trees line the streets in one of the South's most sophisticated and innovative commercial developments. Whether you're catching a movie or enjoying a glass of wine, you'll never run out of things to do at Perkins Rowe. More than 60 stores and restaurants to choose from.

4 Boutin's

www.boutins.com • 225.819.9862

Another taste of South Louisiana steeped in Cajun tradition. Local favorites like crawfish etouffee and shrimp and oysters en brochette are complemented by a blending of classic cuisine with a nouveau twist. Authentic ambience, oak dance floor and live Cajun music six nights a week.

5 BREC Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center

www.brec.org • 225.757.8905

Have an adventure in a pristine 65-acre cypress-tupelo swamp and an upland hardwood forest with dramatic ravines. The two ecosystems are linked by a series of walking trails and boardwalks for exploration and magnificent views. Wildlife includes yellow-crowned night herons, owls, hawks, raccoons, foxes, bobcats, snakes, turtles and alligators.



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6 Historic Highland Road

Aside from being extraordinarily scenic with its canopy of aging live oaks and dramatic Spanish Moss, Highland Road is rife with popular restaurants, hang-outs, shops and boutiques—and lined with some of the most magnificent homes in Baton Rouge.

7 Enchanted Mansion Doll Museum

225.769.0005 • www.enchantedmansion.org

A different kind of trip back in time, with antique dolls, animations of historical figures, a life-size Victorian doll house and other unique exhibits. Proceeds benefit a special foundation for the handicapped.

8 Mike Anderson's Seafood Restaurant

225.766-7823 • www.mikeandersonsbr.com

A Baton Rouge and LSU tradition, locals swear by its preparations of shrimp, lump crab meat, crawfish, fresh fish and—of course—its gumbo.

Famous for serving generous portions.

9 Louisiana State University

225.578.5030

www.lsu.edu/visitors

From the red-tiled rooftops of its stucco buildings to moss-draped oak trees and towering magnolias, it's no wonder this campus was listed as one of the nation's 20 most beautiful campuses in Thomas Gaines' *The Campus as a Work of Art*. Visit Mike the Tiger in his new habitat in the shadow of Tiger Stadium, and don't miss the Andonie Museum, a treasure trove of LSU sports memories. (Note: The LSU campus is closed to vehicle traffic on weekdays.)



Louisiana State University

10 Magnolia Mound Plantation

225.343.4955 • www.magnoliamount.org

With regular educational programs, festivals and other special events, this historical treasure provides a truly detailed look at early South Louisiana's French Creole culture. The main house was built ca. 1791 and now contains furnishings spanning the colonial era and early statehood, including locally made furniture from Louisiana's colonial period.

CULINARY EXTRAS

Authentic Louisiana eateries abound along this trail, from the LSU campus area to South Baton Rouge along Highland and Perkins roads. Here are a few more to try:

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