



Preserve Louisiana – Cajun Land - New Iberia, Louisiana Tour Agenda – Feb. 16-18, 2018

Friday, February 16, 2018

9:30 AM Group Departs by Bus from the Old Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge to New Iberia, Louisiana, the heart of Cajun Country

11:30 AM Lunch – Little River Inn (www.poorboysriversideinn.com)

Enjoy a fabulous lunch hosted by the delightful owner Lori Hurst who will share her food journey with a little bit of history. Originally the BF Trappey office building, it overlooks the famous Bernard F. Trappey Oak estimated to have been planted in 1630.

1:00 PM Arrive to Tabasco - Tour Museum & Factory

Begin your Avery Island adventure at our Visitors Center. The self-guided, 10-stop TABASCO® Tour will take you through the TABASCO® Museum, the greenhouse, the barrel warehouse and the factory building. Save your appetite and be ready to shop and taste your way through the last two stops on the tour, the TABASCO® Country Store and Restaurant 1868.



2:15 PM Drive Thru Jungle Garden & Stop Along The Way
Jungle Gardens is a 170-acre garden with semitropical foliage, abundant wildlife and a centuries-old Buddha statue. The garden's rolling landscape stretches along Bayou Petite Anse on the northwest side of the Island.



3:00 PM Check-into Hampton Inn

Welcome to the Hampton Inn and Suites New Iberia hotel 25 minutes from Lafayette Regional Airport located less than a half mile from the Port of Iberia. The famed Tabasco sauce factory is nearby and the hotel is convenient for tours of the stately Shadows-on-the-Teche antebellum plantation estate. Corporations like Chevron USA and Petroleum Helicopters are close by. Visit 25 acres of bayou landscape with colorful irises, azaleas and magnolias at Rip Van Winkle Gardens minutes away on the Jefferson Island salt dome. Enjoy great value amenities in our spacious guestrooms and suites like a clean and fresh Hampton bed®, free high-speed internet access, also available in all public areas, 32-inch LCD HDTV and coffee maker.

4:00 PM Happy Hour with Architect Paul J. Allain and tour his award winning historic office building on the Bayou Teche.

5:15 PM Return to Hotel

6:15 PM Leave for **Landrys – Not the Chain** (www.landryscajunrestaurant.com)
Home of Cajun Camp Cooking, Local, Fresh and Wild Seafood, USDA Choice Heavy Beef and New Iberia's own renowned chef, Alex Patout

6:30 PM Enjoy a delicious Cajun Seafood Dinner Buffet & Cajun Dancing –
Put on your dancing shoes! We will pass a good time y'all!

Dave and Grace Landry and Elaine Buteau welcome you to Landry's Seafood & Steakhouse ~ home of fine Cajun dining since 1969. The restaurant is a large, rustic Acadian- style home with a charming gazebo overlooking the pond in the front. Checkered tablecloths adorn the tables and there is ample seating. You'll be tappin' your toes and tempting your taste buds.



8:30 PM Depart for Hotel

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet at The Hampton Inn & Suites Hotel

9:30 AM Meet in Lobby & Depart for Shadows On The Teche Plantation



10:00 AM Tour Shadows On The Teche Plantation & Gardens
Located in New Iberia's Main Street District, set among towering live oak trees draped with Spanish moss on the banks of Bayou Teche, The Shadows, built in 1834 for sugar planter David Weeks, paints a vivid picture of life for the four generations that made this property their home. The first National Trust for Historic Preservation site in the Gulf South, The Shadows is a Classic Revival-style home with a Louisiana Colonial floor plan and a garden that is as breathtaking as the history preserved here.
(<http://www.shadowsontheteche.org/>)

11:00 PM Bayou Teche Museum in Downtown New Iberia –
Step into the Bayou Teche Museum to explore one of the country's most colorful, bountiful and historically significant areas. Fun for the whole family, interactive exhibits showcase the spicy blend of cultures, artists, industries and lore that sprang from the land surrounding the snake-like curves of the peaceful South Louisiana bayou.

The Bayou Teche Museum is located on Main Street in charming downtown New Iberia, recognized by Forbes Magazine as America's Prettiest Town and immortalized as the home town of James Lee Burke's Dave Robicheaux. New Iberia is also the hometown of the late Blue Dog artist, George Rodrigue.

12:00 PM Lunch – The Café Jefferson Restaurant

1:00 PM Rip Van Winkle Gardens & The Joseph Jefferson House (ripvanwinklegardens.com)
The Joseph Jefferson Mansion, built in 1870 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a charming twenty-two room Southern mansion, with a fourth-story cupola. Jefferson sited it among 350-year-old-oak trees high atop the salt dome, at an elevation of 75 feet above sea level - almost unheard of in the coastal areas of south Louisiana. (<http://www.ripvanwinklegardens.com/>)



The home is an architectural treasure reflecting Moorish, Steamboat Gothic, French and Southern Plantation styles, harking to the Victorian age of elegance and grandeur. It stands as the centerpiece of the Gardens, and its richly appointed with heirlooms, period paintings, rare Louisiana pieces and fine examples of American and French Empire furniture. Tours of the gardens and mansion begin on the hour from 9 a.m to 4 p.m seven days a week.

3:00 PM

St. Martinville – Evangeline Tree and Statue and The Museum of Acadian Memorial
The Museum tells the story and legacy of the Acadians who settled Louisiana.

<http://www.acadianmemorial.org/the-museum.php>



The ancient live oak tree on the Bayou Teche, the Evangeline Oak has been the most visited site in St. Martinville since the late 19th century. The tree is named for the heroine of the poem *Evangeline*, written and published by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1847. Because of the lack of historical research prior to that time, *Evangeline* was long believed to be a true account of the Acadians' exile from Nova Scotia by the British in 1755. The epic poem was immediately popular and read worldwide. Due to the poem's setting in South Louisiana and its inclusion of place names such as Atchafalaya, Bayou Teche, and "the towns of St. Martin and St. Maur", St. Martinville citizens claimed the legend as their own.

The *Evangeline* statue was donated by Dolores del Rio after she starred in the motion picture adaptation of Longfellow's *Evangeline*, filmed in this area in 1929. Sculptor Marcelle Rebecchini used del Rio as his model. Daprato Studios in Chicago, Illinois cast the statue. Del Rio herself inaugurated the work at a gala ceremony in St. Martinville in April, 1931.

4:30 PM

Return to Hotel

6:00 PM Depart for Antique Roseville

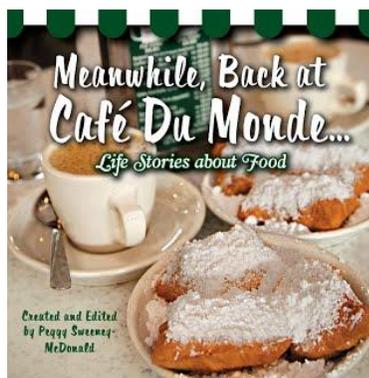
6:30 PM Dinner & Meanwhile, Back at Café Du Monde... show
(<http://antiqueroseville.com/>)

Antique Roseville has appeared on Good Morning America, and was featured in Country Living and Southern Living Magazines. It is featured in Plantation Homes of the Teche Country, and is listed in the National Directory of Gardens in America.

The home occupied by Antique Roseville's Restaurant and Tea Room is known as the Renoudet Cottage, named for its 20th century owners. As one of Iberia Parish's oldest homes, the first recorded date of its existence is 1840 when it was owned by a Picard family. It was later occupied by William Weeks II (son of David Weeks, builder of the Shadows-on-the-Teche) and it was used other times to house the overseers of the Weeks family's plantations.



Dinner with wine - Enjoy the hit foodie show, Meanwhile, Back at Café Du Monde... life stories about food, emcee'd by Peggy Sweeney-McDonald with local New Iberia foodies sharing their food stories. food including Bonnie Breaux - the 2017 Seafood Queen and Executive Chef of Café Sydnie Mae, Tuesday Sunshine - Pastry Chef of Indulge, Author Stanley Dry - the Louisiana Life Kitchen Gourmet columnist, former senior editor of Food & Wine magazine and cookbook author of *The Essential Louisiana Cookbook*, Linda Freyou - Former Opera singer and chef/owner of Antique Roseville.



These foodie monologues invoke your own special comfort foods, recalling tasty memories of life, love, family and friends to warm your heart, feed your soul and make you pause to savor the sweetness of life. (www.meanwhilebackatcafedumonde.com)

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:30 AM Breakfast at The Hampton Inn & Suites Hotel

10:00 AM Check-out & Depart Hampton Inn & Suites

Noon Arrive back in Baton Rouge – The Governor’s Mansion