



**Live the good life
in Acadiana**

Welcome Home

Acadiana /ə-kā'dē-ă'na/ n. a constellation of communities, offering everything from urban living to country retreats. Sitting at the crossroads of I-10 and I-49 and served by the Lafayette Regional Airport, our region is easy to navigate. Ask why people call this place home, and you will begin to understand.

Acadiana offers work-life balance, with an accent on life.

Acadiana is a dinner table with friends. A corner of the country that breathes with its passions and captivates the imagination. It's a people with deep roots in the new world French experience. It's music with an overture of accordion and a southern melody. It's food filled with stories of heritage and hope.

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A cornucopia of cultural curiosities found nowhere else on the planet.

Condé Nast
Traveler



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This may well be the last cohesive cultural enclave in the United States, having preserved... its own language, its own music, a celebrated cuisine and a proud and welcoming temperament that is immediately evident.

The New York Times



Let Our Culture Shape Your Lifestyle

Acadiana Living



Downtown Living



Classic Main Streets



Country Living



650,000+

Population within nine parishes (counties)

5TH



LOWEST IN TOTAL TAX BURDEN

Louisiana's total individual tax burden ranks as one of the country's best.

\$75,000

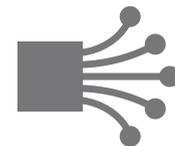
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Louisiana's homestead exemption means less money spent on taxes for your home and more money that stays in your pocket.

8TH

LOWEST IN PROPERTY TAXES

Louisiana is one of the most affordable states in the country to own a home.



2 GIGS

PER SECOND

Citywide Fiber- Optic System

ACADIANA VS CITIES AROUND THE NATION

TOTAL COST OF LIVING

Relative to the average of all other metropolitan/non-metropolitan areas that comprise the Cost of Living Index (average equals 100)



*Metro-area includes: Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, and Vermilion Parishes.



Outdoors

Welcome to a sportsman's paradise for outdoor adventure. Home to both the **Atchafalaya Basin** (the largest wetland in the U.S.) and the **Bayou Teche** (Louisiana's largest bayou), Acadiana is nationally recognized for its outdoor activities. Explore parks and quaint downtowns, walk through Lafayette's 100-acre urban park, or visit the South's largest health club with over 195,000 square feet of amenities.



Shopping

Here, you can choose from top-flight shopping hubs featuring national brands, big box retailers, **hip boutiques, farmers markets, and shops with a distinctly local flare.** Whether you're an antique hunter in search of the perfect piece or a connoisseur of classic American Main Streets, you will feel right at home shopping in Acadiana.

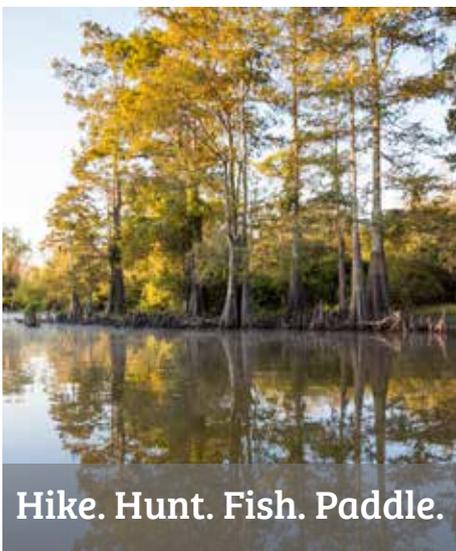


"Tastiest Town in the South"

– Southern Living



It's easy to define Acadiana by food, music, and culture, but it's the people that call Acadiana home that sets it apart.



Hike. Hunt. Fish. Paddle.



Education

Here you will find Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, more than 80 "A" and "B" rated schools, charter and magnet-style options, exceptional private schools, a nationally recognized university, and thriving community colleges. In addition, many districts support Schools of Choice and/or gifted programs with specialized academies that allow **families to select the right fit for their child.** Many public schools also provide language immersion programs.



Healthcare

As a regional medical center, Acadiana offers first-class comprehensive healthcare with ever expanding specialized medical services and state-of-the-art facilities. The cutting-edge high-speed fiber optic network has supported a medical sector boom in Lafayette, with **Lafayette General Health, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, and Women's and Children's Hospital** anchoring the region's healthcare and hospital options.

What are people saying about Acadiana?



Happiest City – Lafayette residents are the happiest in the U.S. according to a study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Researchers measured life satisfaction of each city's residents based on data collected from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey.



First National Water Trail in Louisiana – The Bayou Teche has been added to the National Water Trails System by the National Park Service, a first for Louisiana and 17th in the U.S. The Bayou Teche has 13 established access points for paddle trips as short as 7 miles and as long as 135.



Best Cities for Jobs – Lafayette is ranked 27th in the 2014 Best Cities for Jobs by Forbes. Lafayette ranked fifth in mid-sized communities.



Best College Town – Travel & Leisure named Lafayette the 17th Best College Town in America. Towns were nominated via social media, then voted on in 55 categories. Lafayette beat out more than 700 towns to secure its spot on the list. According to the magazine, if there was a “most well-rounded” category, Lafayette would have swept the competition.



Historic and Hip – ConventionSouth cited Lafayette, home of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in its “South’s Historic College Towns with Hip Group Appeal” list. After researching news articles and talking with local tourism bureaus, the magazine editors picked one city in each of the 15 states it covers.



Fastest Internet – Lafayette was named as having the fastest home Internet in the world, according to the Open Technology Institute's report, “2014 Speed Leaders for Home Broadband.” Lafayette's Gig connection, with equal upload and download speeds, puts the Hub City on par with world cities like Seoul, Tokyo, and Hong Kong.



Most Beautiful Towns and Small Cities – Acadiana is home to four of Louisiana's top 10 beautiful towns and small cities according to the Culture Trip. Breaux Bridge, St. Martinville, Henderson, and Opelousas.



Top 100 Farmers Market in the Country – The Daily Meal named the Delcambre Seafood and Farmers Market one of the best farmers markets in the country to get fresh local produce.





— ACADIANA —

— EXPLORE OUR REGION —

ACADIA | EVANGELINE | IBERIA | JEFF DAVIS
LAFAYETTE | ST. LANDRY | ST. MARTIN | ST. MARY | VERMILION