

LOUISIANA'S FESTIVALS

month	festival's name	city	category	description	web site
April	May Festival	Abbeville	life style		
April	Vermilion Carousel of Arts Celebration	Abbeville	arts&crafts		
December	Les Lumieres de Village	Abbeville	christmas		
November	Giant Omelette Celebration	Abbeville	food	Annual Celebration is a French cultural exchange program which includes the cooking of a 5,000 egg omelette in the middle of Concord Street in Downtown Abbeville, Louisiana, using a 12 foot skillet on an open fire. Celebration includes an art & craft show, antique car show, tour of homes, Cajun bands, food and	http://www.giantomelette.org/
September	Louisiana Cattle Festival and Fair	Abbeville	life style	Another one of Louisiana festivals offering food, music and fun. This festival has beauty parents, a fais-do-do and more! Western cattle culture Cajun style!	http://www.louisianacattlefestival.org/
September	Annual Louisiana Wetlands Fair and Festival	Abbeville	life style	The newly organized Louisiana Wetlands Association, Inc. has officially set Saturday and Sunday, September 3-4, 2005 as the first Annual Louisiana Wetlands Fair and Festival	http://www.vermilion.org
April	Abita Springs Opry	Abita Springs	music	Broadcast live from the Abita Springs Town Hall monthly every spring and fall, the Abita Springs Opry features old time country, bluegrass and gospel performances. Audiences delight to the sounds of guitar, mandolin, Dobro, banjo and electric bass. The show is broadcast	http://www.abitaopry.com/
September	Abita Springs Water Festival	Abita Springs	life style	The yearly Abita Spring Water Festival in October brings the town's many organizations, clubs, the two schools and the residents of Abita together for a day-long celebration, and visitors are welcome.	
February	Mardi Gras Parade	Alexandria	Mardi Gras		
July	Uncle Sam Jam	Alexandria	Independence day	This celebration of Independence Day features live entertainment, children's activities, a street dance, food, fun, and a fireworks display on the river	
September	Cotile Trade Days	Alexandria	arts&crafts	Two day arts and crafts event that features "old fashioned trading" including swapping of antiques, arts, crafts, farm machinery, and animals.	
March	Oyster Festival	Amite	food	Rides, arts and crafts, honors the oyster industry; fun for the whole family.	
September	TANGIFEST	Amite	life style	Second annual car show, poker run, arts and crafts show, lawnmower pull, music, food and more.	

September	TANGIPAOA PARISH FAIR	Amite	life style	Agricultural events, crafts, live entertainment, carnival rides and contests, beauty contests, rodeo and a	
October	BON APPETIT FESTIVAL	Amite	food		
September	Bluegrass Festival	Anacoco	music	The Bluegrass Festival offers bluegrass musicians from across Louisiana	
September	GREAT SOUTHERN RV BLUEGRASS EVENT	Angie	music	Three days of continuous bluegrass music.	
April	Angola Prison Rodeo & Arts and Crafts Festival	Angola	life style	Annual festival featuring professional rodeo events including convict poker, wild cow milking, bull-dogging, guts and glory, and more. The Angola Prison Rodeo is a professionally produced rodeo and the longest running prison rodeo in the nation, starting in 1965.	
April	United Methodist Fun Festival	Arabi	life style		
April	St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Fair	Arabi	life style		
April	ETOUFFEE FESTIVAL	Arnaudville	life style	Étouffées of all kinds can be found at this yearly festival for the family. Live music, parade, entertainment for the children, a crawfish boil, and the exciting Mayor's Étouffée Cookoff. Activities take place on Main Street.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
November	AVANT NOEL	Arnaudville	life style	This benefit gumbo with entertainment is held at the Little Flower Auditorium	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
April	ZIPPITY ZOO DAZE	Baker	life style	This annual spring event brings thousands of visitors to see the animals, enjoy music and children's crafts, sample dishes from the food court, listen to live music, and participate in animal encounters. Musical	
March	BAKER BUFFALO FESTIVAL	Baker	life style	Highlights include a rodeo Friday and Saturday night. Food, music, rides and pageants also are planned.	
November	Louisiana Swine Festival	Basile	life style	The festival, originally established to promote a large feeder pig industry in the area, continues to promote the pork industry despite the closing of the feeder pig sale barn in Basile in the early 1970s. The festival includes a carnival, beauty pageants, a parade, and a variety of live music performances. Unique to the festival are events centered around the festival's namesake such as the Greasy Pig Chase, the Pork Cook off, the Boudin Eating Contest and the Hog Calling Contest.	/www.evangelinetourism.com
April	BATON ROUGE EARTH DAY	Baton Rouge	nature	Celebrate the Earth! Live music, All Species parade, educational exhibits, children's activities, "pulp fashion" show, information on recycling and environmental concerns, hands-on activities, food and drink.	http://www.earthdaybr.org .
April	BATON ROUGE BLUES WEEK	Baton Rouge	music	Famous performers	http://www.louisianasmusic.com .
April	Magnolia Mound Market Days Festival	Baton Rouge	heritage	Theme: "Our French Colonial Heritage" Portrays the lifestyle of a French planter in Colonial Louisiana. Cooking demonstrations, music and dance.	

December	Rural Life Christmas	Baton Rouge	Christmas	The LSU Rural Life Museum takes visitors back in time to Christmas of the 19th century with costumed re-enactors, musicians performing period music, caroling, hay rides, tent sale of handmade crafts and a visit by Papa Noel. The night ends with live music accompany	
February	Queen of Queens Pageant	Baton Rouge	Mardi Gras		
July	STAR-SPANGLED CELEBRATION	Baton Rouge	Independence day	Live music, food and events for the kids attract thousands downtown each year. Highlights are an airshow and the 9 p.m. fireworks show lighting up the	
March	Holy Family Catholic Church "Bear Fair"	Baton Rouge	life style	The annual school fair features rides, games, food, and fun.	http://westbatonrouge.net/festivalevents.php
March	Bonne Fête	Baton Rouge	music	Five stages of music from Louisiana and national recording artists, plus cuisine from some of Baton Rouge's best restaurants.	
May	FestForAll	Baton Rouge	life style	FestForAll takes place the first weekend in May and features live music (from blues to classical), performing arts, crafts demonstrations, a variety of Louisiana cuisines, the Children's Village, and of course an exceptional representation of fine arts and crafts, which make this arts festival one of the region's finest.	www.artsBR.org
May	LOUISIANA SNAKE FESTIVAL	Baton Rouge	nature	Snake demonstrations, educational programs, such as the pros and cons of pet snake ownership, live snake encounters, children's activities and games.	
October	Greater Baton Rouge State Fair	Baton Rouge	life style	The Greater Baton Rouge State Fair is operated by an all-volunteer Fair Board with the help of a number of dedicated volunteers. Monies raised by the Fair are used to fund youth-oriented Worthy Causes in the	http://www.gbrsf.com/
October	CROSSROADS FOR A CURE	Baton Rouge	life style	Live music, jambalaya, Coke products, etc. This fundraiser for the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center features one man walking 24 hours non-stop through the streets of Baton Rouge.	
October	INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE CELEBRATION	Baton Rouge	heritage	Entertainment, exhibits, food and visitors from around the globe will take center stage. Enjoy the colorful Parade of Nations and other events, including live music, food, dance, storytelling, native dress, flags, educational booths and cultural performances.	

October	A SENSE OF TASTE	Baton Rouge	arts&crafts	The members of the Louisiana Crafts Guild and juried non-member craftsmen from Louisiana and neighboring states will be showcasing their artwork. Artwork available for purchase will include jewelry, pottery, glass, woodwork, fiber art, mixed media, and basketry. Master craftsmen will be demonstrating their craft, allowing the public to learn first-hand how such media as ceramics, wood, fiber and metal are produced. In addition, youngsters will enjoy the fun art activities at the	
September	HUNTING AND FISHING DAY	Baton Rouge	life style	Activities include clinics on hunting, fishing, canoeing and target shooting with BB guns and bows and arrows. There will also be a fishing contest, as well as demonstrations by experts in several fields. Louisiana	
February	Krewe of Good Friends of the Oaks Mardi Gras Parade-	Baton Rouge	Mardi Gras	Held on the Sunday before Mardis Gras in Port Allen	http://westbatonrouge.net/festivalevents.php
March	Louisiana Book Festival	Baton Rouge	literary	The Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana and the Louisiana Library Foundation are delighted to announce another Louisiana Book Festival. Booklovers of all ages won't want to miss this.	http://www.louisianabookfestival.org/
May	Ronald McDonald House Family Festival	Baton Rouge	life style	Live music, performing arts, crafts demonstrations, a variety of Louisiana cuisines, the Children's Village and of course an exceptional representation of fine arts and	www.artsbr.org
November	Festival of Trees	Baton Rouge	Christmas	Christmas in the Big House and Christmas in the Cabin - The West Baton Rouge Museum puts on its holiday best, complete with candlelit grounds, for special tours and holiday treats.	http://westbatonrouge.net/festivalevents.php
October	Sugarfest	Baton Rouge	food	An annual celebration of the importance of sugar in West Baton Rouge's history, this event was voted a Top 20 Event in the Southeast in 2001 and 2002. It includes living history demonstration, food and mule-driven grinding. Held at the West Baton Rouge Museum.	http://westbatonrouge.net/festivalevents.php
May	Annual Spring Arts Festival	Bayou Barataria	life style		www.neworleansgateway.com
September	Pork and Chitterlings Festival	Bayou Chicot	food	The menu for those days will consist of backbone stew, crackling, chitterlings, pig feet, bar-b-que, boudin, mustard greens, sweet potato, hamburgers, nachos, hot dogs, pies, pecan candy, popcorn balls, sodas and many more goodies. Please dress casual, bring your lawn chairs, and come out to fellowship with us.	www.evangelinetourism.com
April	Crawfish Etoufee Cookoff	Belaire Cove	food	Family fun, raffles, food and refreshments, crawfish dinners. Cajun French music, man's horseshoe tournament 8:00 a.m., face painting and clowns.	www.evangelinetourism.com

April	ALLONS MANGER (LET'S EAT)	Belle Rose	food	This giant food festival will offer Cajun delicacies such as crawfish, oysters, turtle, shrimp and fish in etouffees, sauce piquantes and jambalayas. Hamburgers and sweets will also be on sale. Activities include arts and crafts, children's games and live entertainment	
December	Corney Creek Country Christmas Festival	Bernice	christmas	Parade, music, carols, pictures with Santa, food, sidewalk sales, decorating contest, tree lighting, French	
May	Poke Salad Festival	Blanchard	life style	A parade, craft booths, food, carnival, and	
May	BOGALUSA FESTIVAL IN THE PARK	Bogalusa	life style	Arts, crafts, music, children's activities, food, commercial exhibits, antique car and motorcycle show,	
September	FESTIVAL IN THE PARK	Bogalusa	life style	Packed into the weekend are arts, crafts, music, children's activities, food, commercial exhibits, entertainers and a carnival.	
June	Black Eyed Pea Festival	Bossier city	life style	Held in June in Bossier City with food, arts, crafts, music and children's activities.	
September	Super Derby Festival of Racing	Bossier City	life style	Horses, trainers, and riders come from around the country to compete at Louisiana Downs during the festival, which culminates in the Grade I Super Derby.	
April	Swamp Pop Music Festival	Bourg	music		
March	CALLING OF THE TRIBES POWWOW	Bourg	heritage	Three days of dancing competitions, Native American arts and crafts, food and drums are planned.	http://www.biloxi-chitimacha.com/powows.htm
May	Crawfish Festival	Breaux Bridge	food	During the festival weekend, thousands of pounds of crawfish will be cooked anyway and every way you can imagine - boiled, fried, étouffée, jambalaya, boudin, pies, bisque, gumbo, fettuccine, stew and even crawfish dogs! Other great and fun-filled activities to experience during the festival weekend are the Crawfish races, Crawfish Eating Contest, Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off, and Cajun Dance contests. Visitors can also enjoy the Traditional Rural Crafts/Folklore exhibitions, such as the Cajun Dance demonstrations, music workshops, cooking demonstrations and the bourre exhibition. The Festival also will have an Arts and Crafts show, souvenir booths,	http://www.bbcrawfest.com/
November	Bridge City Gumbo Festival	Bridge City	food	Bridge City's "world famous" Gumbo is cooked daily at the festival grounds and over 2000 gallons of both seafood and chicken/sausage gumbo will be prepared for our visitors during the festival. A variety of other native Louisiana cooking such as jambalaya, New Orleans style red beans and rice with sausage as well as hamburgers, hot dogs, onion mums, homemade cakes and candies, funnel cakes and many other	
September	LATIN FESTIVAL	Brightside Drive near River Road.	ethnic	Latin foods, folk dances, pageants, raffles, Latin music, silent auction, games and more	

November	BROADMOOR ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR	Broadmoor	arts&crafts	The annual fair features food, music, and more than 200 arts and crafts booths.	
October	ROCKTOBER MUSIC HERITAGE FEST	Buddy Stewart	music	It its sixth year, this year's family event will honor blues pianist Henry Gray with a retrospective exhibit and performance. Other famous performers	
June	LOUISIANA CORN FESTIVAL	Bunkie	agricultural	Attractions include a Cajun rock climbing wall, along with the usual lizard and pirogue races, corn-eating, -shucking and -cooking contests, live music, street dance, carnival, talent contest and Saturday morning 5K	http://www.bunkie.org .
December	Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival	Buras	life style	Held at historic Fort Jackson in Buras, LA, the Plaquemines Parish Fair & Orange Festival has many activities to offer the entire family. We invite you to take the scenic trip to South Louisiana and experience our wonderful food, entertainment and hospitality.	http://orangefestival.com/
May	Jazz'n the Vines	Bush	life style		www.pontchartrainvineyards.com
January	LA Fur and Wildlife Festival	Cameron	nature	This local festival is dedicated to the natural resources of the parish.	www.furfestival.com
June	Family Festival (Fishing)	Cameron	life style	Families are invited to share the joy of fishing by learning how to tie fishing knots, bait hooks, cast into a target or the pond. Relay races and fish printing will also take place. Lots of givaways and lots of fun. Snacks will	
May	CANKTON WAGON FESTIVAL & TRAIL RIDE	Cankton	life style	Sponsored by the Cankton Volunteer Fire Department, this festival kicks off with music on Friday night. Trail rides Saturday and Sunday.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
February	Boudin & Cracklin Festival	Carencro	life style		
September	LAFAYETTE REGGAE & CULTURAL FESTIVAL	Carencro	music	The three-day musical event mixes reggae and world beat, and also throws in some jazz, ska and funk.	http://www.lafayettereggae.com/
September	Catahoula Lake Festival	Catahoula Lake	life style	Folklife demonstrations and activities centered around waterfowl and wildlife are the features of this festival that includes a variety of activities and games for the whole family to enjoy.	
April	Chackbay Music Festival	Chackbay	music	Music, food and fun	
August	Swamp Pop Fest	Chackbay	music	Music, car show, Aaron Foret	http://www.lagumbofest.com/
October	La Gumbo Festival	Chackbay	life style	Sponsored by the Chackbay Volunteer Fire Dept. We are an organization made up of volunteers from our community which has 5,000 to 6,000 residents. Cajun cooking, music, dancing, and Amusement Rides for all	http://www.lagumbofest.com/
April	Art in April's Art & Garden Festival	Chalmette	life style		
April	Tomato Festival	Chalmette	agricultural		
May	Boat Blessing	Chalmette	tradition's		

Mrach	Crescent City Depression Glass Society Annual Glass Show	Chalmette	arts&crafts	The show features an exhibition of depression glass, a glass identification booth, a raffle of collectible glass tableware and door prizes.	www.crescentcityglass.org
Mrach	Los Islenos Fiesta	Chalmette	historical	Fiesta 2005 takes place along scenic Bayou Terraux-Boeufs in the historic district of St. Bernard Village. The festival site is the Isleños Village which includes the beautiful 18th century Isleños and Ducros museums, a 1910 vintage barroom, the 17th century Estopinal House (living history presentations will be held about these structures) and its separate kitchen, the Esteves House	eunice-la.com
Mrach	Louisiana Crawfish Festival	Chalmette	food	The festival will offer over sixty amusement rides for children of all ages, forty booths of games and attractions of all kinds will be there for your pleasure as well as a large selection of arts and crafts vendors. And of course the Louisiana Crawfish Festival will have plenty of what it is most famous for...CRAWFISH! The festival will feature over 25 different crawfish dishes.	http://www.st-bernard.la.us/tourism/LCF/lcf.htm
April	Blessing of the Fleet	Chauvin	tradition's	Religious celebration begins the shrimp season	
Mrach	Choctaw Firemen's Fair	Choctaw	life style		
February	Le Courir du Mardi Gras	Church Point	Mardi Gras		www.churchpointcourirdemardigras.com
June	Back to the Beach	Church Point	life style		www.churchpointbuggyfestival.com
June	Church Point Buggy Festival	Church Point	life style	Fun for the children and adults, contests, music, food and more. The Church Point Buggy Festival was originally organized by The Acadia St. Landry Medical Foundation, a non-profit organization, as a fundraiser in support of the Acadia St. Landry Hospital.	
May	Volkfest	Clearview Mall	life style	Carnival Rides-Food-Live Entertainment. Entertainment by Bucktown All-Stars - Amanda Shaw.	www.family-festival.com
April	EASTER FAIR	Clinton	life style	Easter egg hunt, prizes, face painting, art display and much more	
December	Clinton Christmas Tree & Main Street Lighting Celebration	Clinton	Christmas		http://www.felicianatourism.org
July	Red White and Blueberry Festival.	Clinton	agricultural		http://www.felicianatourism.org
September	Annual Woodland Fall Festival	Clinton	life style	Art & Crafts Vendors; auto & motorcycle show; arcade;	http://www.felicianatourism.org

November	Louisiana Pecan Festival	Colfax	agricultural	The festival board and the Town of Colfax play hosts to 60,000 to 75,000 visitors each year, who come from all over the parish, central Louisiana, the state and throughout the U.S. for three days of fun, great food, live musical entertainment and much more.	http://www.louisianapecanfestival.com/
October	COMITE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FAIR	Comite	life style	Rides, food, music, arts and crafts, general store.	
March	Laotian New Years Festival	Coteau	life style	Laotian New Year's Celebration, food, music, carnival, parade, arts & crafts.	
December	Cottonport Christmas Festival on the Bayou:	Cottonport	Christmas	10,000 average attendance...one of the largest Christmas parades in the state...followed by fireworks and and festival along beautiful Bayou Rouge.	
April	Art in the Park	Covington	arts&crafts		
December	Christmas Extravaganza	Covington	Christmas	All Booths Under Covered Metal Pavilion & Festival	
June	Northshore Bluesberry & Jazz Festival	Covington	music	The event offers several blues and traditional and contemporary jazz acts as it celebrates the local blueberry farming industry.	
June	Blueberry	Covington	agricultural		
May	Three Rivers Art Festival	Covington	arts&crafts	Another of the many Louisiana arts festivals for art and fine crafts which is held in historic downtown Covington.	http://www.threeriversartfestival.com/
Mrach	Chef Soiree	Covington	food	The Chef Soiree' is the primary fundraiser for the Youth Service Bureau. Over 100 restaurants will again participate. Entertainment will be provided throughout the evening, and the celebration will be capped off by a spectacular fireworks display.	http://www.chefsoiree.com/sponsors.php
September	ST. TAMMANY PARISH FAIR	Covington	life style	Event includes carnival rides, a rodeo, two days of livestock shows, agricultural exhibits and live	
February	Carnival d'Acadie	Crowley	Mardi Gras		
January	Gumbo Cook-off	Crowley	food		
July	JULY FETE	Crowley	life style	Lots of family fun at this festival, which brings the town together for food, music, old-fashioned kids' activities such as sack races and a balloon toss. Parade, live music and fireworks at 9 p.m.	
March	CROWLEY ART ASSOCIATION SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW	Crowley	arts&crafts	Assortment of artists with crafts, artwork and more.	
October	International Rice Festival	Crowley	agricultural	One of many Louisiana festivals it is one of the largest, filling the streets of Crowley with festival goers. It's also one of the oldest Agricultural Festivals in the US dating	http://www.ricefestival.com/
April	Cracklin Cookoff	Cut Off	food		
September	CUT OFF YOUTH CENTER FAIR	Cut Off	life style	Carnival rides, games, music and Cajun dishes such as shrimp po-boys and jambalaya. Saturday's events include a car and bike show. Sunday's events include a	

August	Delcambre Shrimp Festival and Fair Association	Delcambre	food	Catch this festival the third full weekend in August. Fais-do-do (street dances), fair, pageants, Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, shrimp cook-off and cajun rides.	http://www.shrimpfestival.net/
May	DENHAM SPRINGFEST	Denham Springs	life style	Denham's SpringFest is one of two street festivals held the first Saturday of May in Denham Springs' downtown antique district. During these festivals, Range Avenue from Florida Blvd. to Centerville Street is closed to automobile traffic, as booths, food vendors and	http://www.livingstonparish.com/springfest2004.htm
October	OLDE DOWNTOWN ANTIQUE FESTIVAL	Denham Springs	antique	The Olde Downtown Antique Festival is the other annual street festival in Denham Springs. Held the first Saturday in October, this street fair features a wide variety of wares and continuous free entertainment	http://www.livingstonparish.com/festival.htm
October	PUMPKIN PATCH FESTIVAL	Denham Springs	agricultural	Pumpkins galore go on sale Oct. 4 and will be sold through Oct. 31. On festival day there will be music, crafts, entertainment, a children's village and food for the entire family.	
April	LOUISIANA RAILROAD DAYS FESTIVAL	DeQuincy	life style	Three-day festival features food booths, carnival rides, talent show, pageant, 5K run, diaper derby, model train show, domino and chess tournaments, parent-child lookalike contest, live music, street dance, bike parade, children's activities, scavenger hunt.	
February	Battle at Hickory Creek	DeRidder	historical		
May	LOUISIANA DOLL SHOW AND FESTIVAL	DeRidder	arts&crafts	A weekly treasure hunt will lead up to festival day. More than 3,000 dolls on display, food, music, arts and crafts, train rides, games.	
July	Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo	Des Allemonds	life style		
April	SPRING HERITAGE FESTIVAL	Destrehan	heritage	Theme is "Back of the Big House." The festival features demonstrations of weaving, spinning, blacksmithing, candle-making, open hearth cooking and other folklife traditions. Visitors will also enjoy performances of slave songs and spirituals, Civil War era music, period dancing, skits and monologues that depict life of the	
May	Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet	Destrehan	tradition's		www.stcharlesgov.net
November	DESTREHAN PLANTATION ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL	Destrehan	arts&crafts	Over 175 Artists and Craft Vendors from throughout Louisiana and a nine-state area will be on hand to sell hand crafted items. A variety of wood crafts, pottery, jewelry, clothing, dolls and other items will be available throughout the weekend. The Cajun and Creole Food Tent will offer an assortment of items to satisfy all. Seafood, Jambalaya, Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Etouffee, Onion Mums, Barbecue, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries and assorted desserts are just a few	http://www.destrehanplantation.org/fallfest.htm

November	Donaldsonville Sunshine Festival	Donaldsonville	life style	Family fun, midway games, rides, food, crafts, live music, dance teams, beauty pageant, seafood cookoff, political hot & spicy cookoff with local politicians	
July	DONALDSONVILLE JULY 3RD CELEBRATION	Donaldsonville	Independence day	A down-home style American picnic, a children's activity booth, street dancing and fireworks	
June	Juneteenth	Donaldsonville	heritage	Celebrating African-American culture and history	
March	HERITAGE DAY	Donaldsonville	heritage	A salute to the Isleños of Valenzuela and Galveztown with live demonstrations, literary discussions, artist visits, historical skits, storytelling, song and dance performances. Look for a Saturday open-air crafts market and wine tastings. 225-746-0004. or	
May	RUE DE LA ROUX	Donaldsonville	life style	Games, auction, food	
September	LOUISIANA CHICKEN FESTIVAL	Dubach	food	Street dance, live music, arts and crafts, carnival rides, beauty pageants, car and tractor show, bingo games. Great food includes chicken dinners, barbecue chicken dishes and a chicken cook-off	
April	Blessing of the Fleet	Dulac	tradition's	Religious celebration begins the shrimp season	
October	RURAL LIFE HARVEST DAYS	Essen Lane	heritage	Living history demonstrations will take visitors back to 19th century life on Louisiana farms and plantations. Watch syrup making, candlemaking, plowing and corn	
April	Eunice Festival of Arts and LSUE Community Day	Eunice	arts&crafts	Arts and Crafts Shows take place both indoors at the Acadian Center and outdoors on the campus grounds. The festival promotes the exposure of the arts, especially for children of all ages. This event is unique in the way the children's section is devoted to hand's on art	http://www.eunice-la.com/festivals.html
April	Cajun French Music Association Cajun Music Festival	Eunice	music	The festival is a day of music and dancing, cooking and eating, and fellowship with Cajuns and non - Cajuns alike. People from all over the world attend these festivals. An average of 1500 to 2000 people attend the annual Eunice event. Foods served include jambalaya, boudin, red beans and rice, and cracklings.	http://www.eunice-la.com/festivals.html
December	NOEL ON THE PRAIRIE	Eunice	Christmas	Activities held throughout the month of December. Exhibits at Jean Lafitte Cultural Center and Eunice Depot Museum featuring Cajun Christmas tradition. Parade and "Les Lumieres de Noel" for all to enjoy.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
February	Liberty Theatre Mardi Gras Show & Mardi Gras Dance	Eunice	Mardi Gras	Costumed participants ride on horseback and on flatbeds through the countryside. The downtown crowds can listen and dance to continuous music from two stages and eat all of the traditional Cajun foods. Throughout Mardi Gras Day, downtown Eunice features Cajun and Zydeco bands, food vendors, a children's parade and costume contest, plus traditional crafts and	http://www.eunice-la.com/festivals.html
February	Old Time Boucherie	Eunice	life style		http://www.eunice-la.com/festivals.html

July	FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION	Eunice	Independence day	A traditional celebration of our nation's birthday with a Cajun twist. Cajun music begins at 6 p.m. followed at 9 p.m. by one of the largest fireworks displays in	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
June	UN CELEBRATION DE CAJUN-LEUR CULTURE AVEC LEUR MUSIQUE	Eunice	music	This one-day event offers great Cajun music and dancing.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
March	Crawfish Etouffée Cook-off	Eunice	food	The Cook-off is an activity for the entire family. About 100 teams compete to see who can cook the best crawfish etouffee (smothered crawfish usually served	st-bernard.la.us
October	Louisiana Prairie Cajun Capital Folklife Festival	Eunice	heritage	This two-day festival features Louisiana's rich cultural traditions, including musicians, craftspeople, storytellers, and cooks representing a wide diversity of groups: Cajun, Creole, Anglo, African American, Indian, Italian, Vietnamese, and others. Visitors from around the state and across the nation come to the festival to see cultural	http://www.eunice-la.com/festivals.html
October	Tri-Parish Fair and Festival	Eunice	life style	Planned events range from livestock shows and pie contests to Ferris wheels and carnival rides, concerts, music, petting zoo, music stages, antique cars and motorcycles, kids games, school competitions, crafts, rodeo events, museums & culture center, arts & craft	http://www.eunice-la.com/tpf.html
July	Watermelon Festival	Farmerville	agricultural	Parade, street dance, pageant, treasure hunt, food, music, family fun, watermelon auction, eating contest, seed-spitting, French cooking, more	
April	Annual Food & Wine Festival	Feliciana Parish	food	Gourmet Foods and Wine Tasting.	http://www.felicianatourism.org
June	Pecan Ridge Bluegrass Festival	Feliciana Parish	music	Bluegrass bands from throughout the Southeast United States perform.	http://www.felicianatourism.org
April	DELTA MUSIC FESTIVAL	Ferriday	music	Famous performers.	
May	Fisher Sawmill Days	Fisher	heritage	It recaptures the flavor of life in a sawmill village with a wide variety of events. Featured are an old fashioned jamboree of country, western, bluegrass, and gospel music, a flea market, folk arts and crafts, horse and wagon rides, square dancing, food, horse shoe pitching, fiddlin', and numerous other games and contests with	http://www.sabineparish.com/fest/sawmill.asp
November	Florien Free State Festival	Florien	historical	The Sabine Free State Festival celebrates the period in Western Louisiana's history when, in 1806, this region was declared a "neutral ground" pending settlement of a dispute between Spain and the U. S. as to the location of the western boundary of the Louisiana Purchase. Activities include a western shoot-out, games, Annual Bar-B-Q Cook Off, woodsmen contest, auto demonstrations, lye soap making, a parade, treasure	http://www.sabineparish.com/fest/freestate.asp
April	STARRY SAFARI	Folsom	nature		

May	LOUISIANA INDIAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING POWWOW	Folsom	heritage	Children's activities, drum and flute competitions, Native American foods, dancing, lodges and exhibits.	
Mrach	Annual Gospel Music Fest	Folsom	music	Lots and plants, and experts available to answer your questions	
March	FOREST HILL NURSERY FESTIVAL	Forest Hill	life style	Rides, food booths, arts and crafts and a 10 a.m. Saturday parade are planned as daytime activities. At night music and dances.	http://www.foresthillgrowers.org/festival.htm
September	ANNUAL FOREST HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW	Forest Hill	life style	Parade, games, arts and crafts, food, auction, firefighter softball tournaments and more.	
December	Parish Orange Festival	Fort Jackson	agricultural	with educational and commercial booths, agricultural exhibits and mini industry displays, local seafood delicacies, citrus exhibits and the crowning of the Orange Queen.	http://www.plaquemineparish.com/Tourism/fortjackson.php
April	Bayou Teche Bear Festival	Franklin	nature	The Festival, an outreach program to educate the residents of St. Mary Parish on the Louisiana Black Bear, will feature live music, food, education activities, field trips and children's activities in true Louisiana style.	http://www.bayoutechebearfest.org/
October	International Alligator Festival	Franklin	life style		
July	Watermelon Festival	Franklinton	agricultural	Features Washington Parish melons, games, contests, food & crafts	
October	Washington Parish Free Fair & Rodeo	Franklinton	life style	Possibly the largest county/parish free fair in the nation. Live concerts, carnival rides, an authentic historical pioneer village: the Mile Branch	www.freefair.com
October	CREOLE FESTIVAL	French Settlement	heritage	This French heritage festival is held in October at the Creole House Museum on LA Hwy 16 in French Settlement. Sponsored by the French Settlement Historical Society, the festival presents live	http://www.livingstonparish.com/creol_house.htm
August	South Lafourche Seafood Festival	Galliano	food	Food, entertainment, rides, pageants, dance contest & hot pepper eating contest.	
June	Miss Louisiana Pageant	Gheens	life style		
July	Gheens Bon Mange Festival	Gheens	life style	Food, live entertainment, rides, pageants	
June	Sunflower Trail & Festival	Gilliam	agricultural	Enjoy the sunflower blooms	
April	Blessing of the Fleet	Golden Meadow	tradition's	Religious celebration begins the shrimp season	
April	SWAMP CELTS' FESTIVAL & GAMES	Gonzales	ethnic	Highland games, Celtic canine exhibit, bagpipe demonstration, Irish currach boat demonstration, music stage, Harley Davidson motor parade, children's	http://www.jambalayafestival.org/
July	CFMA Awards	Gonzales	music		www.johnfolse.com
June	Tomato & Herb Festival	Gonzales	agricultural		www.swamppopmusicfest.com

March	LOUISIANA STATE CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST	Gonzales	food	The open cook-off begins with a 9 a.m. meeting, followed by the chili cooking and culminating with the 1 p.m. turn-in and judging. Winner of this state championship travels to Reno for the World Chili Cookoff. There will also be wagon rides for kids and	
May	Jambalaya Festival	Gonzales	food	one of the Louisiana festivals where you can enjoy the vast variety of food, fun, music and activities. Great food, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, cooking contests, a variety of food and so much fun it	
October	ST. THERESA OF AVILA FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS	Gonzales	life style	Friday night seafood dinner, live entertainment, champion cooks, food, country store, handcrafted items, games, silent auction, fun run/walk.	
October	OKTOBERFEST	Gonzales	ethnic	This popular event has taken place in Ponchatoula for the past 12 years, and now moves to Gonzales. Large German beer garden, live music, traditional Octoberfest foods such as bratwurst, knockwurst, wienerschnitzel, red cabbage, sauerkraut, German potato salad and Warsteiner beer. Music by Stratton Mountain Boys and	http://www.oktoberfestla.com
June	Centennial Celebration	Grand Cane	life style	Booths, crafts, games, contests, drama presentation & fireworks	
April	ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART CONGE	Grand Coteau	life style	Sacred Heart. It's a festival of Cajun music, good food and games in a family atmosphere held on the historic	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
April	GRAND ISLE MIGRATORY BIRD CELEBRATION	Grand Isle	nature	Meet other birders, take a birdwatching tour, enjoy local seafood. Experienced guides will lead birding tours and cover the history of the island and its first families.	http://grandisle.btneq.org .
July	Oktoberfest	Grand Isle	ethnic		www.grand-isle.com
May	Antiques Appraisal Fair	Grand Isle	antique		www.neworleansgateway.com
August	St Helena Forest Festival	Greensburg	agricultural	Celebrates the local forest industry	
September	Pioneer Days	Greenwood	life style	Arts and crafts, concessions, games, entertainment, parade, and contests.	
Mrach	St. Joseph's Days Altars	Gretna	life style		
October	Gretna Heritage Festival	Gretna	ethnic	Featuring Food, Live Music, Crafts, Carnival Rides, Games, Family Entertainment in Gretna, Louisiana. Also celebrates Italian and German culture with ethnic food,	http://www.gretnafest.com/
August	Gueydan Duck Festival	Gueydan	nature	Duck and Goose Calling contest, Skeet Shooting, Hunting Dog Trials, and Decoy Carving. This is in addition to great food, nightly bands, Junior and Senior Queen's Pageants, a Grand Parade, Outdoor and Indoor Cooking Contests, Auction, arts and crafts, One Mile and 5 K runs (Duck Dash), and to top it all off, a	
June	Pirogue Races	Hall Summit	food		

April	Antiques Festival and Tour	Hammond	antique	Proceeds benefit TARC	www.hammondbluesandbbq.com
March	ROCK 'N' ROAR FESTIVAL	Hammond	life style	Campus festival with children's sports camps, space walk, fingerprinting for kids, petting zoo, food, music, plant sale, cooking contest, health fair, arts and crafts and educational displays.	http://www.selu.edu/roarfest
March	AZALEA FESTIVAL	Hammond	life style	The festival kicks off with the Hammond Art Awards Luncheon at noon Friday, with an artists reception from 4-7 p.m. at the Hammond Cultural Foundation, 217 E. Thomas. Saturday's events include an azalea farmers market next to the depot, a plant sale and garden tours. A tour of Shadow Creek Gardens is offered on Sunday.	
May	ANNUAL SWAMP POP MUSIC FESTIVAL	Hammond	music	music all weekend, craft booths, more activities	www.hiddenoaksfamilycampground.com
November	Louisiana Renaissance Festival	Hammond	heritage	Open for six festive weekends. It's an English village & festive market place, mixed with a little bit of Louisiana spice. Come experience the exciting romantic renaissance and the most unique gift selections in	http://www.la-renfest.com/
October	HAMMOND FEST	Hammond	ethnic		www.hammondfest2005.com
September	FANFARE	Hammond	life style	A sprawling festival of the arts, humanities and sciences featuring dance performances a variety of musical groups and styles, theater, a film series, exhibits and	http://www.selu.edu/fanfare .
September	KLIEBERT'S ANNUAL ALLIGATOR DAY	Hammond	life style		
May	Cajun Heartland State Fair	Hammond	life style	Come dance to the music all weekend! DJ Friday and Sunday night. Bands all day Saturday! Craft booths and activities all weekend!	www.tangi-cvb.org
November	St. Rita Pecan Festival	Harahan	agricultural	This Louisiana festival has rides, booths, music, performances and much more.	http://www.stritaharahan.com/church/pecanfest.html
March	Oilfield Chili Cookoff	Harvey	food	20th annual cookoff kicks off with live Music, Food, Drinks, and a Jalapeno Pepper eating contest	www.oilfieldchili.com
September	Annual Haynesville Celebration of Butterflies	Haynesville	nature	Beginning with the Butterfly Parade. The day's activities will include a number of activities including several educational workshops, musical entertainment, creative fun for kids and a nature	http://www.claiborneonline.org/butterfly1.html
September	The Claiborne Parish Fair	Haynesville	life style	Day time activities include: School Group Day; Cooking Show with Rand and Nancy Killgore; and Bingo. Night time activities include: a youth variety show, gospel singing and livestock judging.	http://www.claiborneonline.org/fair1.html
October	HILLTOP PLANTFEST!	Hilltop	nature	Plantfest! will feature the largest collection of native and hard-to-find plants in the Gulf Coast region.	http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop .

December	The Claiborne Parish Christmas Festival	Homer	Christmas	Christmas Parade, lots of arts and crafts, food, and all-day entertainment.	http://www.claiborneonline.org/xmas1.html
May	Claiborne Parish Jubilee	Homer	life style	In addition to the traditional sidewalk art show, children's art activities, a quilt show, flower arranging demonstrations, musical performances, and cloggers	http://www.claiborneonline.org/jubilee1.html
July	Louisiana Freedom Festival	Houma	Independence day	This annual 4th of July Christian Celebration combines drama production, food and fireworks, and gospel preaching into a 3 day freedom celebration.	http://www.harvestcm.org/festival.htm
July	LOUISIANA GOSPEL & SOUL ON THE BAYOU FREEDOM FESTIVAL	Houma	music	Family-oriented fair features carnival rides, family-type games, food (but no alcohol), live gospel and other kinds of music, and fireworks.	http://www.harvestcm.org ;
March	Southdown Marketplace Arts & Crafts Festival	Houma	arts&crafts	More than 300 booths of arts, crafts, antiques, and more; Cajun cuisine food court; museum tours. Family-friendly festival.	http://www.southdownmuseum.org/
October	Downtown on the Bayou Fest	Houma	heritage	Terrebonne's Annual Cultural, Heritage & Industrial Festival. From every variety the Cajun chef has to offer to some of the most unique crafts in South Louisiana, the Downtown on the Bayou Festival has something for every member of the family.	http://www.tpcg.org/eco_dev/downtown.asp
October	LAUREL VALLEY FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL	Houma	heritage	Arts and crafts booths, antique cars and machines, Cajun lunch, sweet shop, cannoneers, quilting, chair caning, Cajun costume contest, Cajun skirts and more.	
October	ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL	Houma	life style	Hayrides, silent auction, crafts, cakewalk, children's games and amusements, plate lunch, snacks	
September	SLECA FARMER'S MARKET AND CRAFT FESTIVAL	Houma	arts&crafts	Fresh produce, more than 200 crafts booths featuring woodwork, floral arrangements, sewn items, jewelry, preserves and other home-canning goods, food, a 4-H seafood cooking contest and live music.	
October	JUST KIDS AT ART	Houma	arts&crafts	Sponsored by St. Matthew's Episcopal School, the art festival is designed to stimulate the imagination of children through the arts in interesting and fun ways.	
October	HUNGARIAN FESTIVAL	Hungarian Settlement	ethnic	Each year in October, the Arpadhon Hungarian Settlement Cultural Association presents a traditional heritage celebration and Hungarian Harvest Dance, with traditional Hungarian food, dance and other traditions.	http://www.livingstonparish.com/hungarian_settlement.htm
April	Italian Festival	Independence	ethnic		
November	MATER DOLOROSA FALL FAIR	Independence	life style		
February	Women's Courir du Mardi GRas	Iota	Mardi Gras		
February	Mardi Gras Folklife Festival	Iota	Mardi Gras		
March	Rabbit Festival	Iowa	life style	Cajun country, French & Zydeco music fill the air during the weekend. The park streets are lined with food & craft	http://www.iowala.org/

October	SWLA Christian Music Festival	Iowa	music	There is Christian Music provided by local churches and christian artists from the area all day. There are vendor booths & Food Booths.	
April	Annual Jackson Assembly Antiques Festival and Tour	Jackson	antique	Dealers from across the south show and sell fine antiques and collectibles. Home cooked food and walking tours of the historic district.	http://www.felicianatourism.org
April	LOUISIANA HIGHLANDS WINE FESTIVAL	Jackson	food	Celebrate the wine, food and music of the Bayou State. Wine tastings, wine competition, corvette show, live music by The River Band and the Delta Drifters	
November	Highland Games of Louisiana	Jackson	ethnic	Louisiana's own pageant of Scottish culture, heritage, tradition and athletic games, takes place on the Jackson (Louisiana) Museum grounds. Offers top name Scottish entertainment, music with bagpipes, of course, dancing, food, clan tents and all things Scottish.	http://www.lahighlandgames.com/
September	PECAN RIDGE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL	Jackson	music	Bluegrass musicians and bluegrass lovers from across Louisiana and the South flock to this festival	
April	CELEBRATION OF THE LOUISIANA IRIS	Jean Lafitte	arts&crafts	Tours of six area swamps and gardens, speaker series, lunch at Victoria Inn & Gardens, art exhibit, sale of iris plants, crafts displays and more.	
October	WINGS OVER WETLANDS BIRDING FESTIVAL	Jean Lafitte	nature	Birding field trips, guest speakers, demonstrations.	
April	Creole Festival	Jeanerette	life style		
June	Jambalaya Fete	Jeanerette	food	Food, music and great jambalaya, of course. Food booths, fais do do, and music by Hands of Time and Jr. Flores and the Bayou Boys.	
September	Old Country Fair	Jeanerette	life style		
December	Jennings Christmas Parade & Festival	Jennings	Christmas	Parade , The event includes Santa and Mrs. Claus making their arrival in Jennings high atop a City fire truck. Holiday activities begin at Founders' Park, with Santa, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph, and Christmas Bear, too.Christmas carols and good food	
December	Annual Christmas Festival Gumbo Cook Off	Jennings	food	Local Chefs compete for cash prizes and trophies. This is your opportunity to sample the best of local Cajun cuisine, enjoy a hot bowl of gumbo and enjoy the Christmas festivities on Main Street.	
October	JEFF DAVIS PARISH FAIR	Jennings	life style	Three-day event includes a parade, carnival rides and a queen's contest. Cooking, baking, art, photography contests and more.	
October	Jennings Alive Arts & Crafts Show and Festival	Jennings	arts&crafts	Annual arts fair and street festival. The open air market atmosphere welcomes shoppers and provides the perfect location for arts & crafts, children's art activities, clowns, food, live entertainment, and more. Bring your folding chair and come spend the day!	

October	Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Outdoor Concert	Jonesboro	music	This Jackson Parish gospel extravanza	
February	Chic-a-la Pie Parade	Kaplan	life style		
July	Bastille Day	Kaplan	historical	commemorating the storming of the Bastille Prison in France in 1789. Special events include a baby contest, queens pageant, a fais-do-do, a street fair and live	
January	Twilight at Twelfth Night	Kenner	Mardi Gras		www.kenner.la.us/12night.html
September	ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY	Kenner	ethnic	Musical entertainment, children's entertainment, Italian foods and desserts, exhibits on Italian history.	
June	Kentwood Dairy Festival	Kentwood	food	Showing French influence on community and dairy industry, talent contest, Queen's Pageant	
October	SWEET HOME FOLKLIFE DAYS FESTIVAL	Kentwood	heritage	"A celebration of African American folk life traditions"	
April	Annual "Migration Sensation" Birding Festiva	Lacassine	nature	Grab your best set of binoculars and a wide-brimmed hat and come to a great birding festival along the flora and fauna of the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge for three days of nature packed excitement.	
June	Bayou Lacombe Crab Festival	Lacombe	food	of the participants have created a warm and happy atmosphere. All of this is enjoyed in the shade of	m/taste_tent/festivals/crab.cfm
April	Festival Internatiional de Louisiane	Lafayette	heritage	Where the French from France meet the French from Louisiana. This festival is an annual community event drawing together approximately 1,000 volunteers from all segments of the community to work together to celebrate both our diversity and the common human	festivalinternational.com
April	Spring Garden Show	Lafayette	arts&crafts	A weekend symposium dedicated to the expansion of awareness of fire created art forms.	www.pyrocajun.com
April	Acadiana Migratory Bird Day	Lafayette	nature	celebrate the annual return of huge numbers of migratory birds and increase awareness of both birds	
August	"Le Cajun" Music Awards and Festival	Lafayette	music	held at Blackham Coliseum is a unique three day event that features an awards ceremony honoring the best in Cajun music and Cajun musicians and includes a three-day dance festival with award winning Cajun bands	http://www.cajunfrenchmusic.org/music/lecajun.htm
December	A Cajun & Creole Christmas	Lafayette	Christmas	Idlewild Plantation Christmas Lighting, Parade, Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and more	http://www.lafayettettravel.com/events/festivals/x_mas.cfm
February	Le Festival de Mardi Gras a' Lafayette	Lafayette	Mardi Gras	An exciting carnival mid-way, native Cajun foods, and an outstanding line-up of live music. To make the Festival a complete Mardi Gras experience, the route for all of Lafayette's parades will pass directly through the Festival grounds.	www.gomardigras.com
January	Mid-Winter Fair & Rodeo	Lafayette	life style		

June	Good Old Days	Lafayette	life style		www.cajundome.com
Mrach	Rice and Gravy Cookoff	Lafayette	food		acadianvillage.org
November	Louisiana Folk Root Heritage Day	Lafayette	heritage	is a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing the unique folkways and cultural resources. Both the Fall and Spring Dewey Balfa Cajun and Creole Heritage Weeks culminate in a full day of dances with music provided by top local bands and a range of workshops in Cajun and Creole music, crafts and culture.	http://www.lafolkroots.org/
October	COOKIN' ALIVE!	Lafayette	food	Annual cooking competition (anything over rice) with awards and cash prizes for non-professional and professional chefs, followed by live music from Terrance Simien and Zydeco Express.	
September	Festivals Acadiens	Lafayette	heritage	Dance to a traditional Cajun waltz. Two-step to the upbeat rhythms of accordions, fiddles and ti fers (triangles). Step back in time as traditional crafters demonstrate their artistry. Festivals Acadiens pays tribute to the Cajun culture with a combination of FREE	http://www.lafayettetour.com/events/festivals/fest_aca.cfm
September	Downtown Alive!	Lafayette	music	Downtown Alive! is the largest weekly outdoor concert series in Louisiana. Downtown Alive! schedules a wide variety of live music, free to the public. The line-up includes rock & roll, rhythm and blues, country, Cajun, Zydeco, reggae, blues, alternative rock and more.	http://www.lafayettetour.com/events/festivals/down_town.cfm
September	Deep South Festival of Writers	Lafayette	literary	The Deep South Festival of Writers, one of the oldest and most prestigious literary conferences in the United States, is a yearly event dedicated to affirming the value of culture and the arts by providing public performances, panel discussions, craft lectures, exhibitions and writing workshops by a wide range of prominent artists from	
January	Oyster Food Fest	Lafitte	food	Enjoy a treasure hunt along the bayou for the treasures of Jean Lafitte. Along the way sample oysters a dozen different ways, participate in oyster eating and oyster shucking contests.	www.jeanlafittetours.com
July	Jean Lafitte Seafood Festival	Lafitte	food	Seafood, entertainment, exhibits.	
June	Bayou Liberty Pirogue Races	Lafitte	life style		
May	Blessing of the Fleet	Lafitte	tradition's	Religious celebration begins the shrimp season	
December	Lake Arthur Christmas Festival and Gumbo Cook Off	Lake Arthur	Christmas	Annual Christmas parade with floats, gumbo cook off, music, Santa Claus, and fireworks.	
April	CONTRABAND DAYS FESTIVAL	Lake Charles	life style	Choral competitions, live music, tennis tournaments, contests, car show, a barbecue cook-off, pirate parade, ladies' golf tournament, fishing tournament, sailboat regatta, kids' activities and much more.	http://www.contrabanddays.co

April	Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival	Lake Charles	nature	The Southwest Louisiana Garden Festival began in 2000. The festival attracts local residents and regional visitors interested in different aspects of gardening.	www.agctr.lsu.edu/parish/calcasieu/calhort/horticulture/SW_LA_GardenFest.htm
April	The Wild Beast Feast	Lake Charles	food	This will be a festive occasion featuring teams of chefs cooking up all sorts of wild beasts. This will be a late afternoon of fun, food, drinks, bands and more fun!	
April	Temple Sinai Annual Book Fair	Lake Charles	literary	We have hundreds of books - both secondhand and new best sellers. We have cookbooks, self-help, children's books, reference books, non-fiction, mystery, history, & biography. We have a large section of video and audio tapes almost without exception	
August	Marshland Festival	Lake Charles	arts&crafts	Vendors and clubs are involved in selling arts and crafts in order to benefit children at local schools. Bands, dancing. For more information,	www.marshlandfestival.com
August	Family Festival	Lake Charles	life style	One day event for the whole family jam packed with hands on activities and live music. This event is our way of saying "thank you" to the community for their year	
February	Taste of Mardi Gras	Lake Charles	Mardi Gras		
February	Mardi Gras Royal Gala	Lake Charles	Mardi Gras		
January	Twelfth Night Revelry	Lake Charles	Mardi Gras		www.passagoodtime.org
July	Red, White, Blue, and You	Lake Charles	Independence day	Red, White, Blue and You is a festive 4th of July celebration. The star-spangled street parade will line up on Mill Street in downtown Lake Charles, followed by a program at the Lake Charles Civic Center Outdoor Pavilion, which features a salute to the ar	
July	The Cajun French Music & Food Festival	Lake Charles	heritage	A two-day celebration sponsored by the local Chapter of CFMA (Cajun-French Music Association) and features continuous Cajun music from the finest bands in the area. A variety of Cajun food booths, accordion contests and dancing competitions also flavor the celebration.	http://www.cityoflakecharles.com/festivals/cajun_french.asp
June	Juneteenth	Lake Charles	heritage	Celebrating African-American culture and history	
June	Downtown at Sundown #4	Lake Charles	life style	The shows feature a variety of music from Zydeco and Cajun to classic rock and swamp pop. Feed your body and soul with food and beverage booths, table top galleries, and art sales including colorful works by local	www.visitlakecharles.org
March	Lake Area Easter Festival	Lake Charles	life style	The community-wide celebration will feature an egg hunt, games, giant inflatables and much, much more! All children infants through fifth grade are invited to come and bring their baskets to collect some of the 25,000	

October	Country Club Arts and Crafts Fair	Lake Charles	arts&crafts	Handmade craft items of all kinds, painted wood, gourds, fire screens, rugs and glass, clothing, baskets and quilts, wall hangings and jewelry of all kinds are to be found at the Country Club Arts and Crafts Fair, going	
October	Arts Fest	Lake Charles	arts&crafts	Arts Fest is a unique event that brings a bit of color and spirit into your life. The festival includes face painting, watercolors, pottery, music, cartooning and caricatures. There is also spinning and weaving, puppet shows, storytelling, pirate and princess hats and much more.	www.artsandhumanitiessswla.org
September	Medieval Fair	Lake Charles	heritage	Friday night Elizabethan prayer service at 7 pm. Participants can come in medieval garb enjoy sermon in Elizabethan English reading from the Anglican Church's 1559 Book of Common Prayer. Medieval music throughout the service. Bell choir.	
September	La Familia Festival	Lake Charles	life style	This is a family fun filled day for all to come out and enjoy as a family. There will be a Christian music artist performing along with local Christian church choirs. There will also be clowns drama skits, puppet shows, popcorn, cotton candy, space walk	
September	Calca-Chew Festival	Lake Charles	food	The Calca-Chew festival highlights the famous southern cooking in Southwest Louisiana. Complete with fun activities for kids such as a petting zoo, games, and a train ride. This is an event for the whole family.	
May	Little Red Church Food & Fun Festival	Lake Charles	life style	The first two weekends of May are filled with swashbucklers and buccaneers as the pirates who sailed the waterways are celebrated.	www.contrabanddays.com
September	LES BON VIEUX TEMPS SUR LE CHENAL	Lakeland	food	The longtime church fair is in its 81st year. Food on Saturday runs the gamut from alligator sauce piquante to blooming onions, and there will be full dinners available on Sunday. Sandwiches and sweets will be available both days. Entertainers, a carnival, arts and	
October	Andouille Festival	LaPlace	life style	Andouille Festival - Like the ingredients that make the spicy smoked sausage celebrated each Fall for more than 30-years, the citizens, businesses and industry have come together to enrich the community with	http://www.sjbparish.com/andouille.htm
April	Family Fun Festival	LaRose	life style	Tournaments and kids casting provide great weekend for the sports enthusiast. Pirogue races on Bayou Lafourche are a highlight of the weekend.	
April	Louisiana Heritage Day at the Fest	LaRose	heritage	Mass Celebration, Louisiana Music, Folk Art Demonstrations, Lectures on Louisiana Foodways, a	
September	CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL	LaRose	heritage	Featuring state woodcarving competition with still lifes and decoys	

October	FRENCH FOOD FESTIVAL	LaRose	food	Featuring regional foods, music, art and historical lectures.	http://mobiletel2.mobiletel.com/~bayouciviclvhpl
April	CRAWFISH BOAT FESTIVAL	Lawtell	food	This unique festival features a crawfish boat parade, crawfish eating and boiling contests, plus great Cajun and Zydeco music.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
July	LEBEAU ZYDECO FESTIVAL	Lebeau	life style	Enjoy music, food, and games for the entire family at this annual festival on the grounds of the church. Noon-untill. Admission fee	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
October	Lecompte Pie Festival	Lecompte	food		
Mrach	Czech Heritage	Libuse	ethnic	patriotic songs by the Czechmates of Louisiana. Festivities include a play based on a Czech folktale, live music, entertainment by the Glory Bound Cloggers and	
October	LIVINGSTON PARISH FAIR	Livingston	life style	The fair features a parade, rodeo, midway, livestock show, school and crafts exhibits, beauty pageant, cheerleader competition, a spelling bee, Old Folks Day	http://www.livingstonparish.com/fairs.htm
October	OLD FARMERS' DAY	Loranger	heritage	A re-enactment of the way our forefathers lived, worked and played. Wagon train, hog butchering, fieldwork with horses, plowing, seed spreading, road grading, hay cutting and loading, cow milking, children's contests, sheep shearing, hay baling, rail fence splitting, log loading with oxen, corn and sugar cane grinding.	http://www.oldfarmersday.com .
April	Siege of Port Hudson Reenactment	Luling	historical		www.stcharlesgov.net
December	Festival of the Bonfires	Lutcher	Christmas	a unique Cajun Christmas celebration. Site has history, schedule of events, activities, maps and info. This is a spectacular tradition, folks, going way back before there was a festival, back to the early Cajun settlers. In more recent generations, Cajuns tell their children the fires are there to guide Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.	http://www.festivalofthebonfires.org/
February	Mardi Gras Parade - The Krewe "Save De Children"	Lutcher	Mardi Gras	The Parade will roll at 1 o'clock through the towns of Lutcher and Gramercy.	
September	HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL	Lutcher	heritage	Genealogy exhibit, live music, sugar cane grinding demonstrations, jambalaya, hot dogs, sweets and drinks for purchase. Festival-goers are encouraged to bring historical photos to be copied.	
October	Wooden boat festival	Madisonville	tradition's	Featuring a wide variety of family fun, food, artists, and children's activities, and of course, music. The popular Quick 'N Dirty Boat Building Contest, with teams competing to build a boat, with materials provided, in a day and a half, culminating with the Quick 'N Dirty Boat	http://lpbmaritimemuseum.org/wooden_boat_festival/wbf.html
February	Lundi Gras Street Party	Mamou	Mardi Gras	"Fat Tuesday", Cajun-style celebration with costumed men on horseback chasing chickens and collecting food items for the town's communal gumbo. Largest Cajun	

October	Gospel Fest Jubilee	Mamou	music	A fun family day of worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ through songs, dance, skits, etc. sponsored by Jesus Is Lord Ministries.	http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Shores/8099/
September	Mamou Cajun Music Festival	Mamou	music	Different bands will be playing traditional Cajun music for your listening and dancing pleasure. A queens contest takes place but the contestants must be at least 65 years of age. There are plenty of attractions and food	www.evangelinetourism.com
April	GREAT LOUISIANA BIRDFEST	Mandeville	nature	Annual event held at the time when many species are migrating north through Louisiana from Mexico and South America. Southern food and hospitality, workshops, birding trips to swamps, wetlands, hardwood	http://www.northlakenture.org .
July	Mandeville Seafood Festival	Mandeville	food	The festival features food booths serving seafood dishes as well as alternative dishes, Arts & Craft booths, a Children's entertainment area, and live musical entertainment throughout the three day event. There is an annual fireworks show highlighted on the fourth of	http://www.seafoodfest.com/
June	Louisiana Blueberry Festival	Mansfield	agricultural		
May	COCHON DE LAIT FESTIVAL	Mansura	food	Roasted pork, street dancing, carnival, live music, contests including boudin eating and greased pig, arts and crafts, games for children. Music by John Fred and the Playboys, tribute bands for Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Rolling Stones, Junior Melancon,	http://www.cochondelait.com/
May	Marion Mayhaw Festival	Marion	life style	Street dance, crafts, food, quilt show.	
July	July 4th Festival	Marksville	Independence day	The oldest continuous Independence Day festival in the state of Louisiana. Started 1952. Street dance around the courthouse square, parade, fireworks.	
April	REBEL SPRING FEST	Marthaville	life style	A harmonica contest Friday headlines events for this year's fest. The big event Saturday is a hog calling contest at 1 p.m. Throughout the day, listen to live music and look for games, crafts and food.	
April	Louisiana State Fiddling Championship	Marthaville	music	Fiddle players compete in four age categories for the title of Louisiana's best.	
May	Starks Mayhaw Festival	Mayhaw Grounds	life style	Our festival is dedicated to family oriented activities. We enjoy having families return year after year to our festival. Thursday night is Talent Show Night.	
September	ATCHAFALAYA CATFISH FESTIVAL	Melville	food	celebrate life on the Atchafalaya River with their annual Catfish Festival. Food booths, arts and crafts, games, and music. Parade at 11 a.m. Cookoff competition	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
September	Louisiana Shrimp Festival	Meraux	food	Archbishop Hannan High School's Louisiana Shrimp Festival. Food, live music, carnival rides.	http://www.st-bernard.la.us/lashrimp.htm
April	Living History Heritage Festival	Merryville	heritage	Competitions include group gunfight, living history demonstrations, stunts and tent encampment. The festival celebrates a time when southwest Louisiana was a "no man's land" on the border of colonial France and	

March	Irish Italian Parade	Metairie	ethnic		
Mrach	Good Food Festival	Metairie	food		
October	BUCKTOWN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL	Metairie	food	Authentic Bucktown seafood, live entertainment, cultural arts, festival posters, games, raffle and more.	
October	Jeff Fest	Metairie	music		
April	Cultural Crossroads	Minden	arts&crafts	Spring Arts Festival - Non-profit arts organization based in Minden. Arts & Fun for the whole family! This festival is dedicated to preserving the arts and culture of Webster Parish.	http://www.artsinminden.com/
May	Grand Isle Speckled Trout Rodeo	Minden	arts&crafts	"Canned Culture: Focus on the '50s", Features arts & crafts vendors, live entertainment, The Great Talent Search, remembering the '50s exhibits, soda shoppe,	
February	Ark-La-Mis Rodeo	Monroe	life style		www.monroe.org
February	Black Heritage Parade	Monroe	heritage	A parade of seven high school bands, nine other marching units, five horse riding club caravans and 60 floats travels through mid-town Monroe.	www.monroe.org
January	Ag Expo	Monroe	agricultural	Annual trade show that serves to promote the agri-business industry and educate the region on the economical impact agriculture provides. More than 150	http://www.louisianafolkifest.org/
January	Twin Cities Krewe of Janus Mardi Gras Parade	Monroe	Mardi Gras	annual Krewe of Janus Mardi Gras Parade rolls through the Twin Cities	http://www.louisianafolkifest.org/
June	Juneteenth	Monroe	heritage	Celebrating African-American culture and history	www.misslouisiana.org
June	Essence Music Festival	Monroe	music		
September	Louisiana Folklife Festival	Monroe	heritage	Celebrate our heritage derived from many countries, cultures, and ethnic groups. This rich and varied mixture has resulted in a dynamic people who exhibit a	http://www.louisianafolkifest.org/
October	Moorings Port Fall Fest	Mooringsport	life style	This is a celebration of Fall's arrival with food, fun, and Cajun-style music, food, and fun for the entire family.	
September	Louisiana Shrimp & Petroleum Festival	Morgan City	life style	The Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival has cajun, gospel and zydeco music, food, events, entertainment, the blessing of the fleet, arts and crafts, fireworks, storytelling, a parade and cajun dancing.	http://www.shrimp-petrofest.org/
April	Madewood arts Festival	Napoleonville	arts&crafts		
December	Madewood Christmas Heritage Festival	Napoleonville	christmas		
April	NATCHITOCHE JAZZ/R&B FESTIVAL	Natchitoches	music	a day of music headlined by Felix Cavaliere's Rascals. Other performers include Earshot, The Hoodoo Papas, Doc 7, the Rio Creoles, and many others.	http://www.natchjazzfest.com .
December	Natchitoches Christmas Festival	Natchitoches	Christmas	offers a parade, live entertainment, food, carnival rides and a fireworks show. The finale is the turning on of over 300,000 Christmas lights and 77 lightdecorations in the historic district and along the scenic Cane River Lake.	http://www.christmasfestival.com/

July	Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival	Natchitoches	heritage	The Festival is held in cool, comfortable air-conditioned Prather Coliseum, on the campus of Northwestern State University of Louisiana in historic Natchitoches.	
June	MELROSE PLANTATION ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL	Natchitoches	arts&crafts	Handcrafted items, pottery, baskets, crafts, jewelry, dolls, sculptures, all displayed by more than 100 juried	
March	Bloomin' On The Bricks	Natchitoches	heritage	Experience the charm of the original French colong in Louisiana (1714) during the annual celebration of spring. This event includes arts, music, entertainment, home tours and gardening seminars. Held on the banks of the scenic Cane River Lake.	http://www.natchitoches.net/index.php
October	CREOLE HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION	Natchitoches	heritage	Book signings, exhibits, benefit/awards banquet and dance, Creole cuisine film, and more.	
October	ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH FAIR	Natchitoches	life style	Creole food, turkey shoot, motorcycle run, ROTC drill march, country store, music, raffles, dance, games.	
September	CANE RIVER ZYDECO FESTIVAL AND POKER RUN	Natchitoches	life style	The festival kicks off Friday night with music and registration for Saturday's poker run and motorcycle games. The zydeco dance-off	
September	MEAT PIE FESTIVAL & TRIATHLON	Natchitoches	food	MEATPIES, MUSIC & MORE!!! Celebrate our famous Natchitoches Meat Pie with cook-off, demonstrations, entertainment, eating contests and more. MEAT PIE TRI, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19: Run, swim and bike through the National Landmark Historic District.	http://www.meatpiefestival.com/
July	Hodges Gardens Independence Day Festival	Near Many	Independence day	Annual event held on July 4th with fireworks display, food, and arts and crafts booths., water ski show.	http://www.sabineparish.com/fest/hodges.asp
April	Cajun Hot Sauce Festival	New Iberia	food		sugarena.com
April	Cajun Fun Fest	New Iberia	heritage	New to the festival this year is the "Great Egg Scramble," a breakfast cook-off that starts bright and early at 6:30 a.m. Saturday. A carnival, food, crafts and	
March	Festival of Live Oaks	New Iberia	life style	Food, music, arts & crafts and Bar-B-Que Cook-off.	
March	LAOTIAN NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL	New Iberia	life style	Events include dancers, beauty pageant, food, fais do do, basketball and soccer tournaments, water fights and sand castle building.	
May	Bunk Johnson/New Iberia Jazz, Arts & Heritage Festival	New Iberia	music	A wide variety of music, flowers, arts, dance, food and entertainment for the entire family. This festival is named for a local jazz great, Bunk Johnson.	http://www.bunkjohnson.org/
November	THE GREAT CHILI CHALLENGE	New Iberia	food	Chili cook-off, games, music and food.	
September	Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival	New Iberia	food	food and craft booths and live entertainment	http://www.hisugar.org/
September	Sugar Fest	New Iberia	food	Buddy barrel pickup, poles, goat tying, calf roping, team roping	www.sugarena.com
September	CAJUN FOOD FEST	New Iberia	life style	Cook-off, food, music, fais dodo, arts and crafts, fun jumps and more.	

April	New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival	New Orleans	music	The most well known of all Louisiana and New Orleans music festivals. It showcases strong gospel, rhythm and blues, soul, and jazz acts. The New Orleans Jazzfest is internationally known and attended by jaz and music lovers from around the world.	http://www.nojazzfest.com/
April	French Quarter Festival	New Orleans	heritage	Enjoy 250 hours of free entertainment featuring more than 150 musical performances on fifteen stages throughout the French Quarter over a three-day weekend. Nearly 60 food and beverage booths located	lastrawberryfestival.com
April	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	New Orleans	life style		www.forekidsfoundation.com
April	Freret Street Festival	New Orleans	life style		
April	Tennessee Williams Literary Festival	New Orleans	literary	A celebration which showcases national and regional scholars, writers, and performing artists. Programs include panel discussions, theatrical performances, a one-act play competition, lectures, literary walking tours, musical performances, and a bookfair.	http://www.tennesseewilliams.net/
August	Louisiana Restaurant Expo Culinary Classic	New Orleans	food		www.louisianaseafood.com
August	Satchmo Summer Fest	New Orleans	music	What a wonderful World you'll discover during an "edutaining" weekend honoring the man, his music and his life.	http://www.frenchquarterfestivals.org/satchmo/index.html
February	Shakespeare Festival	New Orleans	literary	Shakespeare on the road: bringing Shakespeare to Louisiana Students.	http://www.neworleansshakespeare.com/
February	Zulu Festival	New Orleans	music	The festival event will feature local and world-renowned entertainers performing on two main stages an additional highlight to this year's festival is the Kids	
January	Carnival in New Orleans!	New Orleans	Mardi Gras	Twelfth Night to Fat Tuesday, The Good Times Roll throughout the Crescent City	
July	Catfish Festival	New Orleans	food		www.essence.com
July	Swamp Pop Music Festival	New Orleans	Independence day	The annual July 4th extravaganza takes place on the Riverfront with outdoor concerts and a fireworks display.	www.neworleanscvb.com
July	Essence Music Festival	New Orleans	music	one of many Louisiana music festivals that is held at the Louisiana Superdome and the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The Essence Music Festival, sponsored by Essence Magazine, has become the largest music festival in New Orleans second only to the	http://www.essence.com/essence/emf/
June	Bon Mange Festival	New Orleans	life style		www.saveourlake.org
June	Juneteenth	New Orleans	heritage	Celebrating African-American culture and history	

June	International Arts Festival	New Orleans	arts&crafts	one of Louisiana many arts festivals which thrives on the exotic aromas of spicy foods, artistic crafts, beautiful music, and the ambiance of a picturesque island complete with tropical breezes and sunshine.	http://www.internationalartsfestival.com/
June	Go 4th on the River	New Orleans	Independence day	Featuring entertainment and fireworks extravaganza sponsored by the riverfront attractions and local television and radio.	http://www.go4thontheriver.com/
June	GREAT FRENCH MARKET TOMATO FESTIVAL	New Orleans	food	Watch chefs create tomato dishes and give cooking advice while taking in live music, arts and crafts, and New Orleans food.	
June	REGGAE RIDDUMS	New Orleans	music	Live music throughout the weekend at Marconi Meadows. Caribbean foods, arts and crafts, games for	
June	Soul Fest	New Orleans	heritage	Soul Fest will make its debut this year as a celebration of African American food, music, crafts and culture. Audubon Zoo wants to celebrate the achievements of African Americans as well as educate visitors about their heritage, culture, and promote a healthy lifestyle.	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/festivals/zoo_soulfest.htm
March	SPRING FIESTA	New Orleans	life style	Spring is the ideal time to take a stroll through select homes of New Orleans' French Quarter, Garden District, Lower Garden District, Napoleon Avenue and area plantations. In addition to the tours, Spring Fiesta offers lunch at Commander's Palace, presentation of the Spring Fiesta Queen and her court and a 5 p.m.	
May	Volkfest	New Orleans	ethnic	German community festival	
May	FestForAll - A Festival for All	New Orleans	life style	You can't beat Jazz Fest for the best music, food and good times anywhere!	
May	Swamp Pop Music Festival	New Orleans	music	Literally translated as "People Festival" this is a celebration of German heritage, music, food and drink.	www.deutscheshaus.org
May	Annual New Orleans Wine & Food Experience	New Orleans	food	Experience New Orleans rich cultural heritage through indigenous cuisine paired with fine wines from vineyards around the world. Experience the offerings of a wealth of culinary and viticultural talents as they come together against a backdrop of New Orleans' art, architecture, music and rare antiques. A fantastic feast for all the	http://www.nowfe.com/
May	Greek Festival	New Orleans	ethnic	Acropolis on the bayou! Being an eastern port city, New Orleans has a substantial Greek population who celebrate their culture with the Greek Festivals, one of New Orleans more popular festivals.	
May	Dairy-Deli-Bake Seminar & Expo	New Orleans	food	The leading show in the dairy-deli-bakery business with top speakers, relevant programming, exceptional exhibits, and outstanding networking opportunities. New products, packaging and services, cake decorating challenge, new product showcase, speakers, seminars.	

May	Asian Pacific American Society Festival	New Orleans	ethnic	As with all festivals in the metropolitan area, there will be delicious Asian cuisine to sample. Karate demonstrations, ethnic dancing and singing with beautiful costumes from each country.	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/festivals/zoo_apas.htm
March	St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's	New Orleans	ethnic		
March	Rock 'n Roar Fest	New Orleans	life style		
March	Amite Oyster Festival	New Orleans	food	New Orleans celebrates its Irish and Italian heritage with Mardi Gras-style parades, block parties and more!	
March	Smokin' Blues & BBQ Challenge	New Orleans	life style		www.tennesseewilliams.net
November	Louisiana SwampFest	New Orleans	life style	Audubon Institute celebrates with entertainment, food, crafts, and exhibits. Enjoy the great ambience of the Audubon Zoo and its extensive landscaped grounds.	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/swampfest/
November	Celebration in the Oaks	New Orleans	life style	See New Orleans' historic City Park transformed into a holiday wonderland. Its ancient oak trees are aglow with massive ornaments along the two-mile driving tour that is spangled with over two million sparkling lights and lighted displays	http://www.neworleanscitypark.com/cito.php
October	Inter-Fest	New Orleans	ethnic	All cultures come together to Party at Interfest. R&B, Poetry, Gospel, Latin, Caribbean, Blues, Dance.	http://www.interfest.org/
October	Bayou Bacchanal	New Orleans	ethnic	Caribbean Carnival - September in Armstrong Park in Association with Interfest. Costumes, parade, food and Caribbean Food. Join a band and wear a costume! One of the many festivals held in New Orleans each	
October	New Orleans Film Festival	New Orleans	film	showcases American & foreign films including premieres of major feature films and short works and includes mentor sessions, workshops and panel discussions with	www.neworleansfilmfest.com
October	Steel Pony Express Motorcycle Run and Festival	New Orleans	life style	a three day motorcycle rally and festival, held in New Orleans with a party, music, food, and more.	http://www.steelponyexpress.com/
October	Voodoo Music Festival	New Orleans	music	One of the many Louisiana festivals featuring great music. This festival showcases popular rock bands and draws a large young audience.	http://www.voodoomusicfest.com/
October	Mensaje Festival	New Orleans	ethnic	Latin culture, food and music. More than 14 Latin American countries are represented with their delicious, authentic cuisine. Families will enjoy over 25 exciting rides, entertainment from top local bands, folk dancing, and performances by internationally acclaimed artists.	http://www.mensajefestival.com/mensaje_event.html
September	Annual Oktoberfest Celebration	New Orleans	ethnic	In honor of the original Oktoberfest held in Munich each year, the Deutsches Haus transforms a part of New Orleans into Bavarian country. With traditional German cuisine, beer, and wine, the Biergarten comes to live with live German music and fu	www.deutscheshaus.org

September	Southern Decadence Parade	New Orleans	life style	The new grand marshal will lead the 34th Official Southern Decadence celebration with chosen theme, colors and song. Revelers will then scramble to get their costumes ready for the 2005 extravaganza.	http://southerndecadence.com/
Mrach	Earth Fest	New Orleans	nature	A fun-filled and educational event for the whole family. Recycling, conservation, anti-pollution, coastal erosion and health issues. Live music, good, environmental fun, insect safari, hand-crafted items. Play the Earth Quest game and collect a prize.	http://www.auduboninstitute.org/
November	Le Festival du Vin Nouveau	New Orleans	food	Wine & food tasting extravaganza - New Beaujolais wines from France, specialties prepared by 15 noted New Orleans chefs, silent auction of rare wines, weekend getaways, exotic escapes, dining delights,	
September	Celtic Nations Festival	New Orleans	ethnic	To promote celtic culture in LA - Pipe bands, musicians, dancers, athletes, celtic canines, food, crafts	
February	Norwood Mardi Gras Parade	Norwood	Mardi Gras		http://www.felicianatourism.org
November	Fall Harvest Festival	Oakdale	life style	Hayride under the Lights	
December	Christmas On Caddo Fireworks Festival	Oil City	Christmas	Christmas On Caddo is a wonderful family event that focuses on family fun, food and entertainment. The park is decorated with a multitude of 40-50 ft. high light sculptures and a multitude of twinkling lights that set the night aglow. Santa arrives at 3:00 p.m. with the fireworks being set off at 6:30 p.m., country, jazz and gospel	
Mrach	Oilfield Chili Cookoff	Oilfield	food		www.oilfieldchili.com
April	INTERNATIONAL CAJUN JOKE TELLING CONTEST	Opelousas	life style	Promotes good Cajun humor and good Cajun humorists. The evening begins with a social hour and music, followed by a sit-down dinner, then the competition begins. All tickets sold in advance.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
April	Acadiana Chapter Cajun French Music Association Music Festival	Opelousas	music	This CFMA event is traditionally held on the second Sunday after Easter and features four Cajun bands. The festival is held at the Louisiana Yambilee Center in Opelousas, and up to 1,000 visitors attend	
August	ORIGINAL SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA ZYDECO MUSIC FESTIVAL	Opelousas	music	The sounds of zydeco can be heard from two stages, with Creole cultural presentations and regional cuisine also offered. The festival is held in a farm field in the Plaisance community, just outside of Opelousas. Visitors are encouraged to bring tents, chairs, towels, dancing	
December	CHRISTMAS IN OLD OPELOUSAS	Opelousas	Christmas	Parade rolls downtown Opelousas, with buildings decorated throughout. Events held on the Courthouse Square for the entire family. Call for dates.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
June	Smoked Meat Festival	Opelousas	food		

June	JUNETEENTH FOLK LIFE CELEBRATION	Opelousas	heritage	African American cultural and historical celebration highlighting the folk art, heritage, and traditions of this region. Pays tribute to the date when Texas slaves first heard news of their freedom, and that news traveled to surrounding states. A celebration of Creole culture.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
May	INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL OF ZYDECO MUSIC CELEBRATION	Opelousas	music	Opelousas celebrates its designation as the International Capital of Zydeco Music. Inductees for the Zydeco Hall of Fame will be recognized and of course great Zydeco music and dancing for all to enjoy.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
March	Here's the Beef Cook Off	Opelousas	food	Sponsored by the St. Landry Parish Cattlemen's	
November	HOLY GHOST CREOLE BAZAAR & FESTIVAL	Opelousas	life style	Creole food favorites, games, and Zydeco music. Full dinners, cracklin's, boudin, gumbo, pralines, drinks, cakes, pies, and more, all on the grounds of Holy Ghost	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
October	LOUISIANA YAMBILEE FESTIVAL	Opelousas	life style	Started in 1946, the Yambilee Festival celebrates with pageants, a carnival, crop exhibits, an arts and crafts show, a flower show, the traditional sweet potato auction, food, music, and much more. On Saturday, the Grand Louisiana Parade begins	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
March	ST. ELIZABETH OLD-FASHIONED DAY FESTIVAL	Paincourtville	heritage	Early morning beignets, street dance, fun run/walk, games, entertainment, auction, food booths.	
March	Bach Lunch	Parc Sans Souci	music	Bach Lunch concerts feature different musicians performing each week, in styles ranging from Cajun to jazz, blues, folk and percussion, while a variety of area restaurants provide special boxed lunches. Bach Lunch is a great way to start the weekend with a toe-tappin',	http://www.lafayettetravel.com/events/festivals/bach_lunch.cfm
March	Audubon Country Birdfest/Cypress Sawmill Festival	Patterson	life style	Live music, cypress sawmill display, numerous tournaments, a passé partout (two-person saw) contest, arts & crafts, a Cajun cooking contest, a street fair with rides and games and food & drink booths.	www.cypresssawmill.com
April	Pyromania	Pine Prairie	life style	Carnival rides; arts and crafts; queen's pageant; gospel, cajun and county music; joke-telling contest; egg toss	www.evangelinetourism.com
March	Boggy Bayou Festival	Pine Prairie	life style	Family-oriented fun including: carnival rides, arts and crafts, queen's pageant, gospel, cajun and county music, all types of food, \$500 cash give-away, joke-telling contest, egg toss contest, live radio broadcast, and Catholic mass on Sunday morning.	/www.evangelinetourism.com
February	Drama Festival	Pineville	arts&crafts	The 2005 Drama Festival features practical hands-on instructional seminars for all types of Christian performing arts. Worship celebrations will bring God's Word to life through all types of creative ministries and	
April	Dogwood Festival	Plain Dealing	life style	Arts and crafts, entertainment, parade	
September	Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival	Plaisance	music	Day of incredible music, dancing, food, family and friends. Zydeco music blends the soulful rhythms of black blues and R&B with the joyful melodies of French	http://www.zydeco.org/

October	International Arcadian Festival	Plaquemine	heritage	One of the many Louisiana festivals. The festival features something for everyone to enjoy. To prove our point, a motto of the festival is "Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler." And if you don't know what that means, ask a Cajun and he'll tell you with a smile, "Let the Good	http://www.kc970.org/international_acadian_festival.htm
October	LABOR OF LOVE	Plaquemine	life style	Live music, barbecue dinner, open car, truck and motorcycle show, and more.	
June	Battle of Fort Jackson	Plaquemines	historical	reenactment	
October	Annual Pointe Coupee Taste Fair	Pointe Coupee	food		
April	Strawberry Festival	Ponchatoula	agricultural	Rides, parade, The strawberries are submitted by the farmers for judging and compete to become the GRAND CHAMPION, Top named entertainment all weekend, Over 50 food booths with all your favorites; Strawberry Pastries, Seafood Gumbo, Italian Sausage, Onion Mums, Funnel Cakes, Fried Alligator, and many more.	http://www.lastrawberryfestival.com/
February	MARDI GRAS GETAWAY	Ponchatoula	Mardi Gras		http://www.ponchatoulachamber.com/
March	STRAWBERRY JAM N' TOAST TO THE ARTS	Ponchatoula	food	Music including oldies, gospel, zydeco, blues, classical, jazz, alternative, rock, pop, country, and funk. Children's art stage, Dance Stage. Set amongst a backdrop of the existing treasures in the numerous antique shops and topped of with food booths cooking	www.strawberryjam.org and www.ponchatoulachamber.com
May	Buggy Festival	Ponchatoula	music		www.ponchatoulachamber.com www.tangicvb.org
Mrach	Northshore Garden Show	Ponchatoula	arts&crafts	3 stages with continuous music: 18 bands plus 14-15 soloists Artists stationed along the Festival grounds Children's area with free artistic creativity opportunities	www.strawberryjam.org
October	OKTOBERFEST	Ponchatoula	ethnic		www.ponchatoulachamber.com
Mrach	Lagniappe Dulcimer Society Festival	Port Allen	life style	Another of Louisiana's great festivals with good Louisiana food and mountain dulcimer music.	http://www.lagniappedulcimer.com/
October	West Baton Rouge Parish Fair	Port Allen	life style	Rides, 4-H exhibitors, livestock and games are among the treats at this annual event. October	http://westbatonrouge.net/festivalevents.php
October	SUGARFEST	Port Allen	food	This sweet, old-fashioned event celebrates the parish's sugar cane harvest beneath live oak trees on the museum grounds. It features sugar cane grinding by mule power, living history demonstrations, a sweets	
November	CRACKLIN' FESTIVAL	Port Barre	food	The ritual of making cracklin's is showcased during this four-day celebration. Terrific food, great music, arts and crafts, carnival rides, and a beauty pageant.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/

August	Taste of Postville	Postville	food	Ethnic festival - hosting two stages of entertainment throughout the day. Arts and crafts in the park, street entertainment and, of course, a big selection of ethnic food. The food is provided as authentic home cooking from Middle East, Mexico, Philippines, Norwegian, Russian, Ukraine - to name a few selections. A fun day is provided for kids as well, come and enjoy the day!	
April	Festival de la Prairie	Prarieville	life style	This annual church fund-raiser features live bands, carnival rides, games, face and hair painting, and food ranging from crawfish stew to pizza.	
October	Ragley Heritage and Timber Festival	Ragley	heritage	The Ragley Historical Society decided to hold a festival to provide a location in Ragley for the presentation of cultural activities and events, including but not limited to presentations on the early settlers to the area, the history of the formation of the town, the presentation of early family histories, and the presentation of any other item of cultural significance that would help preserve the	
April	Annual Festival de la Prairie	Rayne	heritage	Feel the pulse of the Prairie Cajun heritage with music, crafts, and cooking demonstrations. Tour turn-of-the-century structures. See quaint antique shops, a five and dime store and the Warehouse Restaurant catering facility. Find and experience the folklore of the past with historical re-enactments and much, much more.	http://ccet.louisiana.edu/03a_Cultural_Tourism_Files/02.1_Acadiana_Parishes/Acadia_PrairieFestival.shtml
September	Frog Festival	Rayne	life style	From the opening "fais-do-do," a World Champion Frog Jumping Contest, a spectacular Fireworks Display, incredible entertainment and--of course--those jumping "ouaouarons" we will guarantee that you "pass a good	http://rayne.org/
May	Swamp Pop Music Festival	Robert	music		http://www.hiddenoaksfamilycampground.com/
November	LOUISIANA INDIAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION POW WOW	Robert	heritage	Native American dancing, arts and crafts, food.	
October	Roberts Cove Germanfest	Roberts Cove	ethnic	Since 1995, the people of Roberts Cove as well as guests from throughout the country join together on the first weekend of October, and celebrate the German heritage of the area at the annual Germanfest.	http://www.lafayettetravel.com/events/festivals/german_fest.cfm
October	Boomtown Days Festival	Rodessa	life style	Arts & crafts, food booths, a parade, and a turkey shoot are featured in this festival celebrating Rodessa's past as an oil industry in Louisiana.	
June	Louisiana Peach Festival	Ruston	agricultural	The Square Creek Louisiana Peach Festival is held in historic downtown Ruston. This festival celebrates peaches with arts and crafts, a parade and more.	http://rustonlincoln.org/
March	LOUISIANA MUSIC EDUCATORS BAND AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL	Scotlandville	music		

April	Holiday in Dixie Festival	Shreveport	life style	Holiday In Dixie 2005 is comprised of more than 50 activities including the ever popular AmSouth / Holiday In Dixie Treasure Hunt, Neighborhood Block Party Day, the Classic Parade and the Carnival on the Riverfront	http://www.holidayindixie.com/News/news.html
February	Mardi Gras Prades	Shreveport	Mardi Gras		
February	African American Parade	Shreveport	heritage	Featuring a black history parade.	
July	Northwest Louisiana Black Arts Festival	Shreveport	heritage		http://www.shrevearts.org/
July	Riverblast	Shreveport	Independence day	4th of July celebration with fireworks, food, music and fun	
June	Let The Good Times Roll Festival	Shreveport	heritage	Music, art, and food of African American culture are highlighted	
May	Ark-La-Tex Jazz & Gumbo Music Festival	Shreveport	life style	A Louisiana cuisine, crafts and music festival. Offers a weekend of hot gumbo and cool jazz featuring family entertainment including unique vendors, delicious food and Great Music.	http://www.jazzandgumbo.com/
May	Mudbug Madness	Shreveport	life style	This 4 day event is one of Louisiana's largest and most popular Cajun festivals, with Crawfish Boil, Cajun, Zydeco, Blues and Jazz artists, mouth-watering Cajun cuisine, raucous contests, and fun for all ages. Mudbug Madness draws as many as 56,000 people in one day.	
May	ARTBREAK	Shreveport	arts&crafts	Features Caddo Parish students in juried exhibits and free hands-on art activities. The largest children's festival in the state, ARTBREAK is a weekend of dance, music, theater, food, fun, and a 5K road race	
May	Cinco de Mayo Fiesta	Shreveport	ethnic	Hispanic festival hosted by local chapter of the LULAC organization to celebrate this popular Mexican holiday.	
November	Rockets Over the Red	Shreveport	Christmas	Incredible fireworks show kicks off the holiday season with food, music, games and Santa's train. Riverfront.	
October	Red River Revel Arts Festival	Shreveport	arts&crafts	The Red River Revel Arts Festival celebrates the arts with more than 130 visual artists from across the country, five performance stages that feature live music and a large area dedicated specifically to providing arts	http://www.redriverrevel.com
October	The State Fair of Louisiana	Shreveport	life style	Exhibits, Competitions, Attractions, Music. Founded by a group of Shreveport's leading citizens in 1906	http://www.statefairoflouisiana.com/index.html
September	Twin Eagles Powwow	Shreveport	heritage	Two-day celebration of Native American heritage.	
October	ST. GEORGE PARISH FAIR	Siegen Lane	life style	Live bands, carnival rides, games for all ages, batting cage, wide variety of food and drinks and shops. Also scheduled are a fun run/walk, children's parade and	
April	Atchafalaya Festival	Simmsport	life style	Live music, food, children's carnival rides, train rides, arts and crafts booths, games.	
October	FALL FESTIVAL	Slaughter	life style	Food, arts and crafts, cake walk, games, dunking booth, face painting, hourly raffles, silent auction and music.	

				The Hospice Foundation of the South is having its 2nd Annual Crawfish Cook - Off. 30 - 40 teams will be boiling approx. 20,000 pounds of crawfish for the public to taste. Tickets will be available in advance at Whitney Banks on the Northshore. Celebrity judges and the popular vote select the best tasting crawfish for prizes.	
April	Wal-Mart Crawfish Cook-Off	Slidell	food		
June	Juneteenth	Slidell	heritage	Celebrating African-American culture and history	
July	Slidell Heritage Festival	Slidell	Independence day	Another of the many Louisiana festivals for delicious food, sensational music and entertainment, arts, crafts, antiques, games for the kids, classic cars, a Fourth of July Parade and, of course, a fantastic fireworks display!	http://www.slidellheritagefest.org/
October	Antique District Street Fair	Slidell	antique	Several hundred antique dealers and interior design specialists from around the country set up their wares in the streets of Olde Towne creating one of the largest collector's events in the South.	www.slidellantiquedistrict.homestead.com www.neworleansnorthshore.com
October	BOUCHERIE FESTIVAL	Sorrento	food	Festivities include a carnival midway, the "Cracklin' Cooking World Championship,' a jambalaya cooking contest, a bull bash or bull-riding contest, food, live music, dancing and parade.	
May	Jambalaya Festival	Sorrento	food	Food, live music, stage shows, arts & crafts, 40 cooks compete for title of "World Jambalaya Cooking	
November	SPRINGFIELD HERITAGE FESTIVAL	Springfield	heritage	Springfield, the oldest town in Livingston Parish, will hold its Heritage Festival the second weekend in November 2001. Going back to their roots with covered wagons, horses, old engines, Old Folks Pow-Wow, live entertainment, chili cook-off, crafts, rides, and food.	http://www.livingstonparish.com/fairs.htm
October	Lumberjack Festival	Springhill	arts&crafts	Artisans of wood, leather, jewelry, and fabrics work chain saw sculptors and antique car buffs. Dominos, woodcutting, photography, pets, and horseshoeing offer areas for competition as crowds gather, bringing lawn chairs to enjoy hours of fun.	http://www.springhillla.com/lumberjack.htm
October	ST. ALOYSIUS FAIR	ST. ALOYSIUS	life style	Games, arts and crafts, carnival rides, children's activities, Friday night fish fry, Sunday afternoon barbecue, live music, talent show and more.	
March	ISLEÑO FESTIVAL	St. Bernard	ethnic	A weekend of fun, food and folklore celebrating the Isleño people who settled in Louisiana beginning in 1778. Continuous live music, dancing, cash drawing, arts and crafts for sale, cooking contest, living history exhibits, children's area with games and rock climbing. About 40 singers, dancers and government officials from	
May	Canary Island Day	St. Bernard	life style		
April	Boggy Bayou Festival	St. Francisville	nature	Showcasing the beautiful and abundant birdlife, natural habitats & history of Louisiana's Feliciana Parishes	www.audubonbirdfest.com

December	Christmas in the Country	St. Francisville	Christmas	live nativity, vintage dancers, strolling&gospal choirs, parade	http://www.stfrancisville.us/
March	Annual Audubon Pilgrimage	St. Francisville	historical	The Annual Pilgrimage is dedicated to the memory of James John Audubon, who set himself the task of painting all the birds in America. The private homes featured in this year's daytime tours are Lemon House, Hazelwood Plantation, Butler Greenwood Plantation, Beechwood Plantation and Riverview. Afton Villa Gardens, Rosedown and Audubon State Historic Site are featured as well. Popular events include evening tours of Grace Episcopal Cemetery and the living history	www.audubonpilgrimage.info
March	Historic Cooking Demonstration	St. Francisville	food	Come see a demonstration of down-hearth cooking in Rosedown's Old Kitchen using 19th century recipes with period and reproduction cooking equipment. Featured recipes will be taken from the original	http://www.stfrancisville.us/
May	Summerfest	St. Francisville	music	Summerfest is a series of outdoor concerts held each Saturday in May, featuring guest artists performing with the Baton Rouge Symphony. Each show draws several thousand visitors.	
October	Art in the Park	St. Francisville	arts&crafts		
September	FALL FULL MOON FESTIVAL OF BLUES	St. Francisville	music	Area blues greats will be on hand to perform	
March	Louisiana Sportsman's Festival	St. Joseph	life style	Held to promote hunting and fishing, etc. in Sportsman's Paradise (Northeast Louisiana)	
October	ANNUAL ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL	St. Luke	arts&crafts	Works by 120 artists and craftspeople from several states. Food includes jambalaya, barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs and a host of homemade	
December	St Lucy Festival of Lights	St. Martinville	christmas	food, crafts, boat parades, choir singers, Santa, live nativity, lighting of the holiday lights	
February	Grand Boucherie des Cajuns	St. Martinville	life style		
March	Annual Acadian Memorial Festival	St. Martinville	historical	Theme: "Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation." Traditional and cultural activities, music, food, theatre, genealogy and more to commemorate our heritage.	http://www.acadianmemorial.org/
October	ATTAKAPAS TRADE DAYS	St. Martinville	historical	A temporary encampment is set up by costumed volunteers who depict hunters, trappers and traders of the early 1800s. See demonstrations of blacksmithing, leather working, firing of black-powder weapons and open fire cooking. Take a tour of the site to see the lifestyle of the wealthy sugar planter and the Acadian farmer compared to that of the more nomadic hunters	
October	St Martinville Pepper Festival	St. Martinville	life style	Music, food, Acadian crafts, hot peppers	

April	The Great Louisiana Bird Fest	St. Tammany Parish	nature	Louisiana's first birding festival attracts wildlife enthusiasts from all over the country. Held every spring, the event features birding field trips guided by local experts to locations throughout St. Tammany Parish. Several wildlife refuges in St. Tammany are home to endangered species like the Bald Eagle and Red-	http://www.northlakenture.org/
February	Mardi Gras Boat Parades	St. Tammany Parish	Mardi Gras	St. Tammany celebrates the Carnival season with a special twist - two krewes parade on the water! Decorated boats carry costumed riders who throw beads and trinkets to the crowds on shore. The Krewe of Bilge parades in Slidell along canals that flow to and from Lake Pontchartrain. The Krewe of Tchefoncté parades along the Tchefoncté River in Madisonville.	
October	St. Augustine Fall Festival & Bazaar	St. Augustine	life style		
December	Christmas Under the Oaks	Sulphur	Christmas	Sulphur gets into the Christmas spirit with a Santa 5K Run, Kris Kingle's Arts and Crafts Fair, live entertainment, and a Christmas Lighting Spectacular,	
May	Heritage Day	Sulphur	heritage	Did you know that the inventor of Wax Paper lived in Sulphur? Did you know that Maplewood was the first planned community in the United States, and was designed by the same individual that designed the French Embassy and Rockefeller Center in New York?	
October	Cal-Cam Fair	Sulphur	life style	Good old fashioned country fair featuring livestock competitions, food booths, pageants, carnival rides, live entertainment, baked and canned goods competitions, etc. 2005 will mark the 81st year for the fair. In 2003, the event was named as a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society.	
May	A CELEBRATION OF HERBS & GARDENS	Sunset	nature	This festival focuses on herbs and flowers and their many uses. Informative lectures every half hour. Food, crafts, herbs and many other herb-related items for sale. Box lunches and areas for picnicking available. Activities take place along Napoleon Avenue.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
April	Thibodaux Volunteer Firemen's Fair	Thibodaux	life style		
April	Nicholls State University - Jubilee - A Festival of the Arts and Humanities	Thibodaux	arts&crafts	The purpose of the Jubilee Festival is to educate the student body, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding communities on matters of interest to the arts and humanities; to furnish role models through presenting locally and nationally distinguished lecturers and performers both on campus and in the surrounding community; and to raise consciousness and	www.nicholls.edu/jubilee
April	Laurel Valley Spring Festival	Thibodaux	life style		

November	THIBODAUXVILLE FALL FESTIVAL	Thibodaux	life style	More than 150 arts and crafts vendors, live music on several stages, games, Cajun food, children's activities and a highlight - the rubber duck race across Bayou	
March	ANNUAL GOSPEL MUSIC FEST	Tickfaw	music	Many gospel music groups, craft & food booths	
November	Christmas Parade & Tree lighting	Tickfaw	Christmas		
Mrach	Oak Alley Spring Arts & Craft Festival	Vacherie	arts&crafts	More than 150 artists and craft vendors from throughout the country will be on hand featuring original and handmade creations such as jewelry, furniture, clothing, home accessories, paintings and prints, pottery, wooden crafts, toys and much more! As always, there will be a delicious selection of great food	http://www.oakalleyplantation.com/
September	Jim Bowie Festival	Vidalia	life style	This Louisiana festival kicks off with a "Backyard Barbeque Contest" between local amateurs and has become a two-day event, with live music, games and rides for kids, arts & crafts, concessions, with the greater	http://www.vidalia.com/bowie.htm
April	Crawfish Etouffée Cook-off	Ville Platte	food		evangelinetourism.com
April	Dewey Balfa Cajun & Creole Week	Ville Platte	heritage		www.LaFolkRoots.org
July	Louisiana Tournoi De La Ville Platte	Ville Platte	historical		
June	Le Festival de la Viande Boucanee - Smoked Meat Festival	Ville Platte	food	World championship cookoff, working smokehouse, culinary demonstrations by celebrity chefs, heritage expo featuring local artisans, music, food, arts and	www.evangelinetourism.com
Mrach	Mardi Gras Gumbo Festival	Ville Platte	food	Featuring a gumbo cookoff, arts and crafts trade show and Food booths. Put on your dancing shoes for a Cajun concert featuring Louisiana artists.	/www.evangelinetourism.com
November	Louisiana Gumbo Festival	Ville Platte	food	Gumbo cookoff, arts & crafts, Cajun concert with LA artists, dancing	
October	Louisiana Cotton Festival & Le Tournoi de la Ville Platte	Ville Platte	tradition's	Street dancing to the music of bands. The Cotton Queen is crowned at the climax of the Coronation Ceremonies on Saturday evening. A harvest mass is offered in Sunday giving thanks for all of the crop's bounty, followed by an afternnon parade down Main Street. One highlight of the Cotton Festival is the	/www.evangelinetourism.com
May	Blessing of the Fleet	Violet	tradition's	Religious celebration begins the shrimp season	
December	Country Christmas Festival	Vivian	Christmas	Christmas parade, decoration's contests, Miss Country Christmas, Town lighting, fireworks, concerts.	http://www.vivian.la.us/
March	Louisiana Redbud Festival	Vivian	nature	To observe the blooming hot pink buds for which the festival is named. Thousands of people attend and enjoy this festival bringing the finest of arts and craft vendors, entertainment and food. Redbud Festival events include a parade, pancake breakfast, children's scavenger hunt, Vivian High School Reunion (1915-1955), 5K Redbud Run, Bull Classic Rodeo, pet parade, twirling	http://www.vivian.la.us/

October	Monterey Days Heritage Festival	Vivian	heritage	Celebrate the local folklore with entertainment, demonstrations, crafts, and food booths.	
August	Louisiana Wildlife and Whitetail Festival	Washington	nature	Festival activities included a Bow Contest and Wildlife Cook-Off. Other activities included music, dancing, arts and crafts, antique markets, clothing vendors, ATV dealers and Hunter Safety.	http://www.washington-la.org/whitetail_festival.htm
March	FESTIVAL DU COURTABLEAU	Washington	heritage	Every year's highlights are food booths, craft displays, an antique and flea market, music by local musicians, a 1 p.m. Saturday parade and tour of Washington's historic homes. A catfish court-bouillon cook-off begins	
Mrach	Catfish Festival	Washington	food	Festival-goers were able brush up on their two-step with live Cajun and Zydeco music. and are taken back in time with Civil War reenactments held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.	http://www.washington-la.org/festival_information.htm
September	ANNUAL LOUISIANA HUNTERS AND WHITETAIL FESTIVAL	Washington	life style	craft and sporting good booths, rides, and musical performances throughout the weekend , A wildlife cook off will be held on Sunday.	http://www.cajuntravel.com/
April	CAJUN ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL	Watson	arts&crafts	Carnival rides, local artists, children's games, auction, spacewalk, entertainment.	
April	Cajun Food and Fun Festival	Welsh	life style	Cajun music, dancing, food, arts and crafts, carnival rides, contests, auction.	
April	Family Fun and Food Festival	Westlake	life style	Begins with a Queens' pageant, a parade, carnival rides, lots of food booths, games, arts and crafts, a silent auction, a live aution, raffles, and bingo all three days.	
Mrach	Bayou Segnette State Park's Run on the Bayou	Westwego	life style		www.neworleansgateway.com
April	Catfish Festival	Winnsboro	food	This family-oriented event features some 300 arts and crafts booths from vendors across America. In addition, the Catfish Festival provides a great venue for local and area entertainment groups, as well as other featured performers. Children's games, arts and crafts, music, and great Louisiana pond-raised catfish help make the	franklinparishcatfishfestival.com
April	Jubilee: A Festival of the Arts and Humanities	Zachary	historical	Come out for the weekend to enjoy authentically uniformed volunteers re-enacting the longest siege in American military history!	www.lastateparks.com
April	Battle of Port Hudson	Zachary	historical	reenactment	
May	Ebarb Indian Pow-Wows	Zwolle	heritage	The Choctaw-Apache Tribe of Ebarb holds an annual powwow on the first weekend of May. Activities include intertribal and gourd dancing, arts and crafts, and foods. Also, the Tribe usually has its own crafts booth, featuring artists from the community.	http://www.sabineparish.com/fest/powwow.asp

May	Zwolle Loggers Festival	Zwolle	life style	pay tribute to all the logging and forestry families and industries in the town and parish. The Festival includes a Blessing of the Fleet (logging trucks), parade, logging activities and contests, beauty pageants, music, food booths, arts and crafts, forestry exhibits.	http://www.sabineparish.com/fest/loggers.asp
October	Zwolle Tamale Fiesta	Zwolle	historical	Fun-filled weekend of reliving the Spanish history of Texas with a plentiful supply of hot tamales, parades, concerts, crafts, dancing, and activities for the entire	http://www.sabineparish.com/fest/tamale.asp