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In Ascension Parish there is a smooth blending of cultures and backgrounds that sweetens the attraction here, indulging the senses in countless ways. These distinct accents and flavors are authentically tied to [Louisiana's Sweet Spot](#) - between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. A place at the heart of what makes Southern Louisiana such a special destination.

While you are here, experience a mix of Louisiana's history and culture. From the brilliant colors in The Gardens of Houmas House, to the vivid color in an Alvin Batiste painting. From the explosion of flavors experienced at the Jambalaya Festival to the explosion in retail at [Tanger Outlets](#) and locally

owned shops. From the stories told in the River Road African American Museum to one of Louisiana's largest historic districts and two distilleries, there's just so much to see, taste, experience and savor in [Ascension Parish](#).

Over 500 years define the history of Ascension Parish; an area historically identified by the important junction of the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche. Where soul food merges with Creole cuisine and art, agriculture and industry meld to echo yesterday and today.

Known for its Cajun-inspired dishes; fascinating history; the sights, sounds, and smells of vibrant festivals, Ascension Parish is a must-see stop nestled between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Whether you stop in Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Sorrento, or the many other inviting small towns throughout the parish, you'll discover an abundance of history and fun.

Experience each city's past, and take in Louisiana's breathtaking landscapes, when you visit any of the River Road historic estates. Take a tour of the crown jewel, [Houmas House](#), located on the Mississippi River with 38 acres of gardens, restaurants and overnight accommodations. Houmas House is a spectacular example of the Greek-Revival architecture popular during the late 18th century. Also, on the grounds, [The Great River Road Museum](#), opens visitor's eyes to what early life along the lower Mississippi was like. History buffs can also indulge their curiosity in [Donaldsonville's Historic district](#) and see an immense collection of diverse histories.

Of course, you can't visit Ascension Parish without experiencing one of its annual festivals, the famous Jambalaya Festival, in Gonzales, the "Jambalaya Capital of the World." Enjoy the sounds of live music as you taste test some World Champion Jambalaya during Memorial Day weekend..

You'll find a true sense of "Bayou State" cultural art in Ascension Parish. In fact, one of the state's most renowned artists, [Alvin Batiste](#), calls Donaldsonville home. Plan your visit to [Louisiana's Sweet Spot](#) today!