

# DAY TRIP TO JEAN LAFITTE



**Jean Lafitte**, Louisiana is a small town in the heart of the Barataria Basin, one of the most prolific estuaries in America. The town was founded and named after the infamous pirate, Jean Lafitte. This coastal community is rich in history and tradition. It hugs scenic Bayou Barataria and Highway 45, which leads deep into the Louisiana wetlands.

The Town of Jean Lafitte's hard-working residents are proud of their unique bayou culture that has endured for centuries and can be seen in its hospitable residents, restaurants and businesses.

Arrrrgh it's a pirate's life! Not the typical history lesson or tour...the adventures of the gentleman pirate Jean Lafitte and his band of men come to life as you experience the mysterious terrain of the swamps and wetlands exploring the history of the region at the **Lafitte Barataria Museum & Wetland Trace**. See the tranquility and



mystery of the **Wetland Trace Boardwalk**. This one mile raised boardwalk loops through the wetlands of Jean Lafitte. Spot a gator and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Behind the museum, you will find the bridge of The Black Pearl from the movie, *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Follow that up with a stop at the **Visitor Center/Pirate Museum** to see an animated marionette exhibit that tells the

story of the pirate Jean Lafitte and the Battle of New Orleans.



Enjoy authentic Louisiana cuisine as you stop for lunch at **Restaurant des Familles** located in **Crown Point**, just outside the Town of Jean Lafitte. Featuring picturesque bayou views, you may just see gators enjoying their lunch too! Part of the **Louisiana Oyster Trail**, sample oysters on the half shell,

charbroiled or deep-fried. A variety of savory dishes and southern cuisine are also available.

After lunch, experience the Louisiana swamps and wildlife like never before! At Jean Lafitte Harbor, learn how to be a Cajun for a day at the **Total Cajun Experience!** Tour the bayous of Lafitte and experience an educational, interactive, hands-on approach to what it's like to be a Cajun. Pull up a crab trap, bait and set trout lines, throw a cast net, use a jug line, and possibly spy a gator. After you see how this amazing seafood is caught, go back to the pavilion where one of their in-house chefs will present and prepare the food caught in the bayous in the beautiful town of Jean Lafitte.



**Airboat Adventures**, located in Lafitte, has excursions that take you deep into the swamps. Hop on one of the leisurely-paced swamp tour boats to get up close and personal with alligators and exotic wildlife not found anywhere else in the country. If you are feeling a little more adventurous, join a charismatic captain



on an airboat that glides across some of Louisiana's most secluded swamps. Needing only inches of water to run in, the high-speed airboats can go deep into the swamps. You will be immersed in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world as they take you into bayous lined with moss-draped cypress trees. During your tour, you'll have opportunities to see alligators, snakes, turtles, egrets, herons and ibis, and possibly see hawks, owls and bald eagles. This is a great learning experience for people of all ages!

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