

# WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC GRETNA

Begin your walking tour at the Heritage House Welcome Center, the gateway to [Gretna's historic district](#). Here you can learn all about the fascinating history of the city!



Visit City Hall, a 1907 baroque style structure, and view a photo exhibit of Old Gretna and famous Gretna residents. The 2nd floor has been restored to its original splendor.

Pause for a few moments at the Jefferson Memorial Arch. The marker was originally designed as a monument to fallen heroes of WWI and later dedicated to all Jefferson Parish veterans. It contains the names of Confederate, Spanish American War, WWI, and WWII soldiers. Between 10th and 11th streets you will find another marker listing the names of Gretna veterans who died while serving their country in World War II.

Continue on to 5th Street and visit the [German-American Cultural Center](#). This regional museum traces the history of the German immigration into southeast

Louisiana in the early 1700's and covers their contributions to the community.

Hungry? Stop for lunch at local favorite, [Gattuso's Neighborhood Restaurant, Bar & Catering](#). A partner of the [Louisiana Oyster Trail](#), the menu offers a specialty oyster dish along with mouth-watering appetizers, New Orleans' favorite dishes, and daily specials



that will not break the bank. Gattuso's is your neighborhood spot to relax.

Close by is St. Joseph Catholic Church and Gardens, established in 1857, it is built in the Spanish Baroque style with an imposing bell tower and beautiful, tranquil garden. Interestingly, the Stations of the Cross are fitted into arches over the French doors.



Next visit the Gretna Historical Society Museum with its unique history and displays, like the David Crocket Fire House, the oldest continuous active volunteer fire company in the United States which features an 1876 horse drawn steam pumper. See the blacksmithing demonstrations at the

Gretna Green Blacksmith Shop as well as the furnished period Kitty Strele Creole Cottage c.1845. Reception center is in the William D. White House c. 1840.

Walk over the levee and see the riverfront amphitheater designed for concerts with seating for 650 and excess crowds 2 to 3 times larger. Witness nature's grandeur, the magnificent Mississippi River, New Orleans skyline, Mississippi River Bridge, and passing ships as a backdrop to the musical stage.

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