

# History, Lumber, and Italians

The History, Lumber, and Italians tour presents the history of Garyville, Louisiana. Garyville was once a bustling urban town that led the world in the production of lumber and was home to the largest Italian community outside of New Orleans and Baton Rouge. The outdoor adventures of this excursion offers an intriguing open space unforgettable experience.

## DAY 1

Your experience begins with breakfast at **Chung's Heavenly Sweets Cafe** in LaPlace, Louisiana. Chung's has a variety of delicious breakfast croissants, wraps, and the tastiest Beignets in Louisiana's River Parishes.

After breakfast, you will spend the day in Garyville, Louisiana, beginning with your first tour at **San Francisco Plantation**. Once owned by Elisée Rillieux, a free man of color and Luise Von Seybold Marmillion, the widow of the plantation owner, Valsin Bozonier Marmillion, San Francisco Plantation presents the legacy of wealth and elegance and the history of slavery and sacrifice.

Your next experience in Garyville is a guided tour of the **Garyville Timbermill Museum**, featuring exhibits illustrating the timber industry and the Lyon Cypress Lumber Mill, which was the largest mill in Garyville. Following the tour of the museum, you will take a walk along the Timbermill Pond that was used to transport and float lumber to the timber mills.

Next door to the museum is **Fatty's Restaurant**, where you will enjoy a delicious lunch. Fatty's has daily specials such as Jambalaya and White Beans with Pork Roast, all you can eat fried fish, and Shrimp Stew.

After lunch, walk across the railroad tracks to visit the **Gary State Bank**. The bank has the original

teller windows and original safe and a new modern parlor where you will sit and listen to stories about Italian immigrants who settled in the town.

Connected to the **Historic Gary State Bank** is the **Garyville General Store** that is still a popular marketplace in the Garyville neighborhoods. Browse around and pick up a few items and refreshments before you continue your walk.

The **St. Hubert Rosary Walk** is a circular path of a beautiful manicured lawn surrounded by white posts representing the Holy Rosary. In the center of the lawn is a gazebo that is draped with a variety of beautiful flowers and greenery, offering an ideal setting for reflection. Absorb the serenity and quiet atmosphere before walking over to the St. Hubert Prayer Garden.

The **St. Hubert Prayer Garden** is a small Garden of Eden surrounded by pine trees and a variety of beautiful flowers and plants. The inner path of the garden is a Path of Prophets, which represents biblical prophets, starting with Abraham and ending with St. John the Baptist. The path leads to the Way of the Cross, which features the fifteen stations of the Cross that ends at a large statue of Jesus rising from the grave. Take some time to meditate in the Garden before dinner.

For dinner, enjoy a delicious meal at **Petra Restaurant**, an Italian owned fine dining restaurant in LaPlace, Louisiana. Petra's menu offers a variety of choices from sizzling steaks, delicious pastas, and amazing desserts.



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## DAY 2

Your outdoor exploration begins in Destrehan, Louisiana at the **River Brew Coffee House**. Enjoy a delicious steaming hot cup of coffee and a large bacon, egg, and cheese biscuit along with a homemade cinnamon roll.

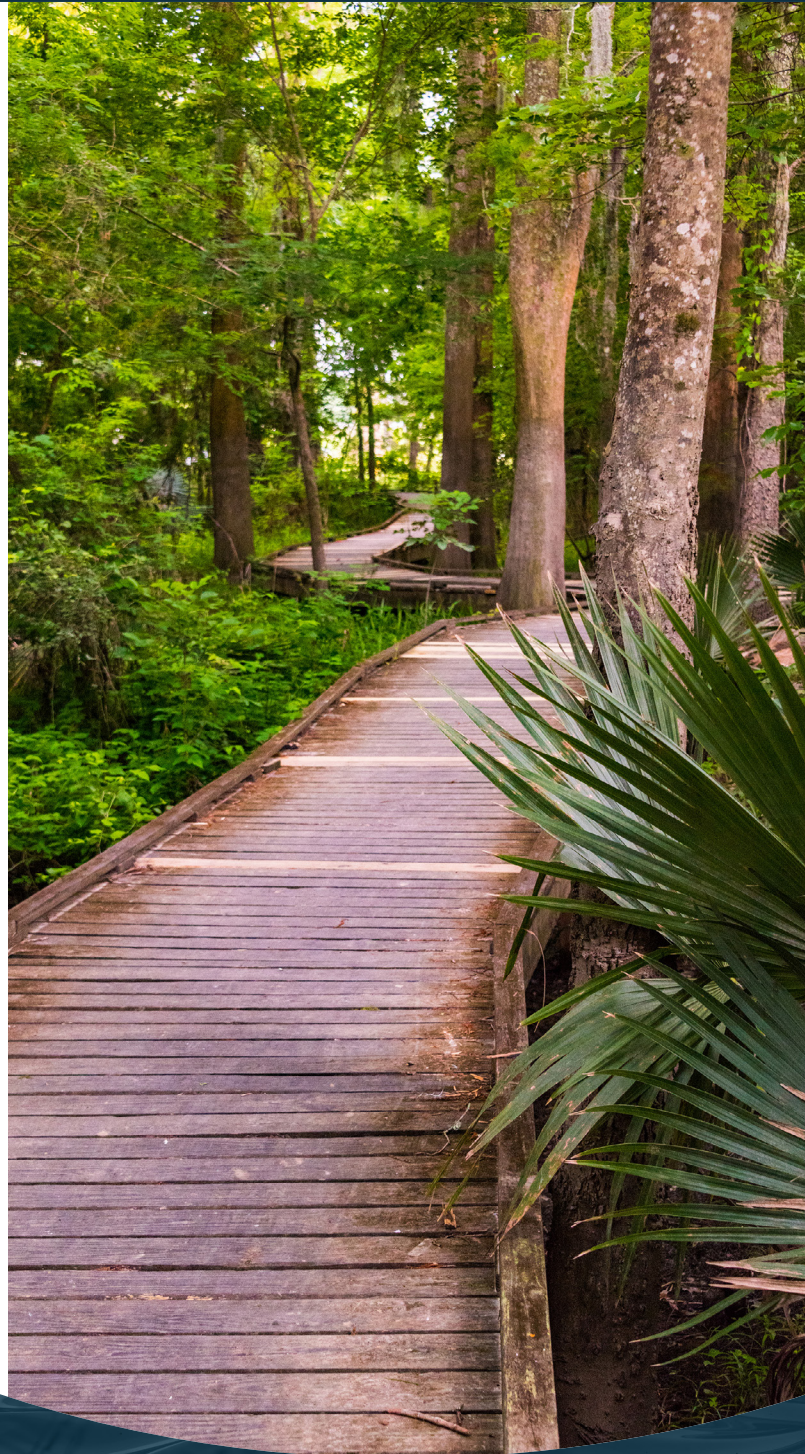
After breakfast, your day outside continues with browsing and shopping at the **German Coast Farmers Market**. Purchase fresh vegetables, fruit, and homemade goods, and watch a variety of cooking demonstrations by local farmers.

Your next venture is an exciting airboat tour with **Swamp Adventures** in Luling, Louisiana. You will explore the history and culture of Louisiana wildlife and get a chance to see alligators and other animals that reside in the swamp.

For lunch, you will enjoy a delicious meal at the **Atchafalaya Seafood Company**, serving fresh domestic seafood and home-made delicacies. Try the Corn, Shrimp, and Crab Bisque, the Grilled Salmon, or the Whiskey Bay Pasta.

After lunch, spend some time exploring and admiring the **Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area Nature Trail** in LaPlace, Louisiana. The trail offers multiple walking and hiking trails and is home to countless species of birds, including many bald eagles.

Your dinner tonight is at **Pier 51 Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Bar**. Pier 51 offers fresh boiled, fried, grilled, or blackened seafood, overstuffed Po-Boys, and homemade desserts.



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