

History, Music, and Gardens

While the History and Music in Louisiana's River Parishes emphasize the diverse cultures of the region, the beautiful landscape can be explored anywhere throughout the parishes. A visit to Oak Alley Plantation offers an outdoor experience featuring two new beautiful gardens.

DAY 1

BREAKFAST AND HISTORY THROUGH MUSIC

Your experience begins in Destrehan with breakfast at **Honeydoux Cafe & Bakery**. Enjoy a delicious full breakfast or a tasty breakfast sandwich along with a homemade danish.

Your first guided tour is **Destrehan Plantation**, showcasing the craftsmanship of Charles Paquet, the enslaved master builder, original documents signed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, and an exhibit of the 1811 Slave Revolt.

Next up is **Ormond Plantation**, followed by lunch in one of the elegant parlor rooms in their Restaurant. You will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Richard Kiral.

Visit the **1811/Kid Ory Historic House** in LaPlace where you will view and listen to the music collection of Edward "Kid" Ory, the famous Creole trombonist. The museum is housed in Woodland Plantation where the 1811 Slave Revolt began.

Life after slavery is presented at **Historic Riverlands**, where you will take a **Soul River Musical Journey** through music themes associated with Black Americans during times of segregation, integration, the Civil Rights Movement, through to the Black Lives Matter Movements.

Dine in a quaint, casual setting at **ZoraChristina Restaurant** and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Mike McGee.

DAY 2

EXPLORE OAK ALLEY GARDENS

Your experience continues today with **Oak Alley Plantation**, beginning with breakfast at the **Oak Alley Restaurant**.

After your meal, explore the beautiful gardens at **Oak Alley**, our newest outdoor attraction in Louisiana's River Parishes. Over time, several gardens and ornamental plantings were established by the many residents of Oak Alley. The sprawling lawns and open pastures dotted with mature trees, ornamental gardens and agriculture crops have come to define the character of Oak Alley's landscape. Visitors have had the opportunity to witness many of these but most notably the formal gardens and alley of oaks.

The **West Garden** shares the history and horticulture of Louisiana plantation gardens from 1840 to 1860. It is an interpretation, using period plants and human relationships to tell stories of Oak Alley's designed landscape. It also reflects regional horticultural commerce, including available plants and connections between rural plantations and resources in New Orleans. The **East Garden** is an interpretation of early twentieth-century garden design trends that responded to increasing interest in America's past, particularly its garden heritage.

For dinner, enjoy a tasty and traditional meal at **Nobile's Restaurant and Bar** in historic downtown Lusher, Louisiana.



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