



CAJUN COAST

VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU

Staycation in Franklin Area

Day One: Arrive in Franklin

Day Two: Download the Franklin Driving Tour and Walking Tour. www.cajuncoast.com/listings/franklin-historic-district. If starting west to east, visit Oaklawn Manor, 3296 Oaklawn Drive, Franklin, 337-828-0434. Oaklawn is the home of former Governor of Louisiana Mike Foster. After touring Oaklawn Manor, enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants. www.cajuncoast.com/eats. After lunch, enjoy shopping along Franklin's Main Street drive to Franklin's Main Street for shopping, 608 Main Street, Franklin. After shopping, visit Grevemberg House Museum, 407 Sterling Road, Franklin, 337-828-2092. Grevemberg is a townhome of the 1850's that's been authentically restored.

Day Three: Today you'll enjoy walking around Franklin's downtown using the Walking Tour Map. After completing the walking tour, enjoy lunch at a local station and then tour Shadowlawn, 906 Main Street, Franklin, 337-828-2092. This Greek Revival home was built in 1850 with a smaller building that once served as a tavern.

Day Four: Travel to Charenton to the Chitimacha Museum, 3289 Chitimacha Trail, 337-923-4830. The museum, while small, is powerful and is a testament to the resiliency and protection of their culture. If the museum is still closed due to COVID, travel to New Iberia for a fun-filled day. Enjoy lunch at Cypress Bayou Casino-Hotel, Yellow Bowl or Landry's Seafood and Steakhouse. www.iberiatravel.com

Other Options:

Spa Day: Spa Treatments are available at Argus Spa in Franklin. Massages, manicures, pedicures, facials, and physician supervised services available.

Paddling: If you'd like to enjoy paddling on the bayou, you'll need to bring your own canoe or kayak. There are over 11 trails throughout St. Mary Parish. The Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge has several paddling trails. 1725 Willow Street, Franklin 337-828-0061. Visit www.cajuncoast.com/activities/paddling-trails

Fishing: If you'd like to go fishing, you'll need a launch, www.cajuncoast.com/sites/default/files/Cajun-Coast-Boat-Launches.pdf, fishing maps, and an updated fishing license. Visit www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/recreational-fishing-licenses-and-permits.

Golfing: The Atchafalaya Golf Course is an Audubon Golf Trail course and has 18 holes of enjoyment for golfers of all handicaps. 400 Cotten Road, Patterson, 985-395-GOLF, The Belleview Golf and Country Club is a semi-private 9 hole course. 147 Belleview Lane, Franklin, 337-828-2572.

Hiking: Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge has several walking trails. 1725 Willow Street, Franklin, 337-828-0061 for information.

Birdwatching/Wildlife: Cotten Road, located in Patterson, is one of the best birding locations in St. Mary Parish. In total, there are over 300 species of birds to be found in St. Mary Parish. www.louisianatravel.com/louisiana-birding-trails for a map of St. Mary Parish and other birding sites throughout Louisiana.

Wedell Williams Aviation Museum and Cypress Sawmill Museum in Patterson, 118 Cotten Road, Patterson, 985-399-1268. The Louisiana State Museum in Patterson documents Louisiana's aviation history and the cypress museum documents the cypress industry of the area.

Captain Caviar Swamp Tours, 112 Main Street, Patterson, 985-395-7420, 504-343-5232 (cell). Venture into the Atchafalaya Swamp Basin, the largest overflow swamp in the US with Captain Caviar. Tour is approximately 3 hours.

Ghost Tour with Captain Caviar, 112 Main Street, Patterson, 985- 395-7420, Follow the trail and investigate these paranormal sites on your own or with Captain Caviar on a Ghostly Plantation Tour. Captain Caviar will take you and six of your friends on a ghostly tour in his Vintage Cadillac Limousine along the Cajun Coast! \$50.00 per person, \$200 minimum. Maximum 7 people. 985-395-7420 or 504-343-5232 (cell).

Touring Morgan City, Berwick

Visit the International Petroleum Museum, Berwick Lighthouse Park, and more.

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Dining Options: www.cajuncoast.com/eats

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