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Iberia Industrial Development Foundation

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Community Profile

Why Iberia?

Iberia Parish, Louisiana, strategically located between Houston and New Orleans on the Gulf Coast, is a progressive place with a great workforce where it's easy to do business. But instead of us telling you all about it, we thought we'd let some of the people who live and work here share their thoughts...

"I don't think I could recommend a better place than Iberia Parish. We recently opened up our second brand new dealership on Highway 90 – that part of the city has just taken off in the last several years. The intersection of Highways 90 and 14 unite five parishes, so it's been a perfect place for us to grow."

-Diane Musson, President, Musson-Patout Automotive Group

"For as long as I can remember, Iberia Parish has always provided us with the necessary labor and employees that we seek for our company. It's a small community, but it reaches out to lots of areas, so we can draw from the surrounding parishes. So I believe we have a very capable workforce."

-Jady Regard, "Chief Nut Officer," Cane River Pecan Company

"I would say our labor force in Iberia Parish is second to none. The people here are used to working in a 24/7/365 environment, and they put in a full day's work. We don't have any real issues that you sometimes see with organized labor. For us, it's been a win-win situation. We don't have a hard time finding people, and once we find them, we keep them."

-Terry Dressel, Vice President of National Operations, Aggreko North America

"Most of what we produce is shipped out by truck, so truck access is our number one requirement. Being able to put something on a truck and have it go anywhere in the nation is a great benefit: from Highway 90, we're tied in to Interstate 10 and Interstate 49. We can easily head north, east or west, plus we have the benefit of the ports in Houston and New Orleans, as well."

-Jake Giardina, President, Honiron Corporation

"Beyond being where our company started, Iberia Parish was a great place to expand. The land was relatively inexpensive, and for us it was also geographically centralized. When we're shipping boats everywhere from Seattle to New York, the Gulf Coast is one of the better locations to be for shipping and transport reasons. Being closer to the middle, we don't have to transport everything cross-country, and that's a big deal for us."

-Chris Allard, President, Metal Shark Boats

"New Iberia has a charm all its own. From the historical aspects of the town to the people who live here – it's just unique. Everyone here is really friendly: you can walk down the street, and people greet you here, they know who you are. There's a real sense of security living here. We have all the amenities of larger places, but we never lost that small town feel."

-Beth Forrest Clarke, M.D., ENT of Acadiana

"Every day is an inspiration to an artist living in Iberia Parish. It can start with a sunrise, or the movement of the trees or the sounds you hear along the bayou. There are so many joyous things around here, and I think an artist wants to capture that... And many do here."

-Paul Schexnayder, Artist and Owner, A&E Gallery

"The musical talent in the Acadiana region is second to none. And you can raise your family here and be an artist: that's what makes it different here than in the larger cities. But you can still make a great living, and you're within three to five hours of every major city in the south."

-Andy Smith, Musician, "The Andy Smith Band"

"The Bayou Companies has thrived in Iberia Parish, mainly because of our logistical position between New Orleans and the Port of Houston. We're serviced by pipe from every pipe mill in the world, so whether we're talking about ultra deep-water projects or bringing crude oil from Canada to the Gulf Coast, we're servicing pipeline needs throughout the North American market from right here in Iberia Parish. Being centrally located on the Gulf of Mexico, with the Port of Iberia, our rail facilities and the future expansion of Interstate 49, we are well-served intermodally for our business."

-David Boulet, Director of Business Development, The Bayou Companies

Welcome to Iberia Parish

Acadiana Positives!

- According to a new working paper from professors at Harvard and the Vancouver School, the five happiest cities in the United States are all in one place: Louisiana! The city that ranked number one is located in Acadiana.
- Louisiana Economic Quarterly, Q1 2015 praised the Acadiana area as being "home to a thriving advanced manufacturing sector that includes both large multinational companies, as well as homegrown innovators who sell their products and services worldwide."
- Washington – FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge Recipients Award Winners Selected: Out of over 1,900 applications that were received from across the country, the "Safe Harbor Master Plan for Vermilion Bay, Louisiana Sea Grant" was awarded as one of the 30 recipients of the program, for its emphasis on innovation, collaboration with community stakeholders, sustainability, repeatability and measurable benefits to the community.
- "It was an honor to meet people with an incredible drive to do good in the world. This is what #TeamRenaissance is all about!" – Dylan Ratigan, after his visit to New Iberia, remarking on the three hydroponic community-based garden cooperatives started by the Iberia

Mike Tarantino

*Iberia Industrial
Development Foundation
Executive Director*



If you're looking for the best place to do business, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and its communities are right for you. Located between Houston and New Orleans along the Louisiana Gulf Coast Iberia Parish is committed to recruiting new and expanding businesses as well as supporting the success of existing businesses. We've got prime water, air, rail and road access that can connect you to both national and international markets. We're proud of our diverse economy from oil and gas production and services to boat building, aviation, seafood and agriculture. Our strong pro-business community, abundant workforce and education opportunities will meet the needs of your business. Our Cajun culture and family-oriented lifestyle make our area one of the happiest places in America. Iberia Parish, Louisiana is opportunity growth success.

Romo Romero

Iberia Parish President



Welcome to Iberia Parish! We're proud of our work-ready community—home of a world class workforce and huge potential for your business! From a great quality of life... to a dynamic and diversified business community, Iberia has it all! The Iberia Parish Government stands ready to assist you in your endeavor, and we're looking forward to your visit to our community soon.

Craig F. Romero

*Port of Iberia
Executive Director*



The Port of Iberia is located in the heart of Cajun country along the Louisiana Gulf Coast between Houston and New Orleans. Home to over 100 companies with over 5,000 employees involved in oil and gas fabrication and production, materials handling, and marine services, our productive workforce is known worldwide. The Port of Iberia has water, rail and four-lane access and a fully instrumented 8,000 foot runway general aviation airport within three miles. Great assets, top workforce, a pro-business community and our Cajun culture make this area a great place to live, work and play. Let us show you the opportunities the Port of Iberia has to offer.

Jason Devillier

*Iberia Parish Airport
Authority Director*



Acadiana Regional Airport stands ready to meet the challenge of air-industrial development needs in Iberia Parish and all of Acadiana. We have over 1,000 acres of industrial land, in parcels from 2 to 200 acres; railroad on-site and extendable; industrial roadways and all utilities are available for immediate development in light, medium or heavy applications. Into that mix of infrastructure, add the all-weather capable airport including Acadiana's longest, strongest, lighted full ILS instrumented, controlled land runway and lighted seaway, and you have the necessary ingredients for successful development or expansion of either a local, regional, national, or international business.

Market Access by Land

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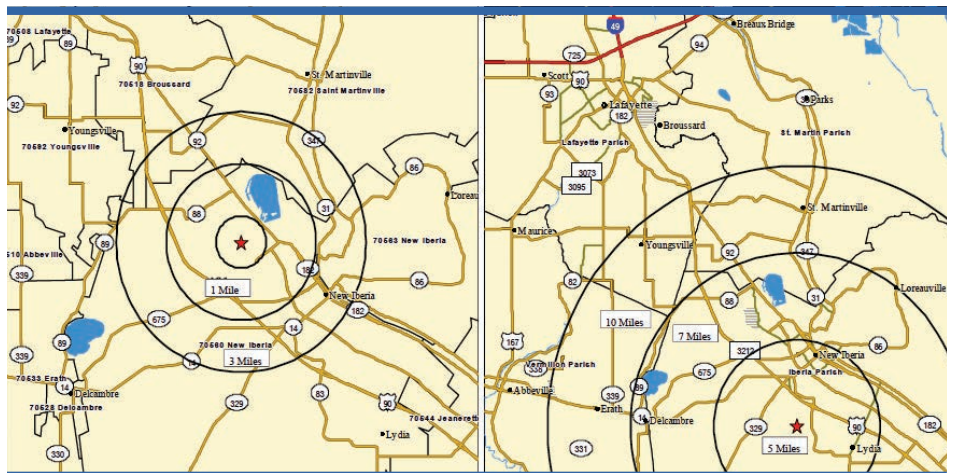
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Baton Rouge, LA	68
Biloxi, MS	216
Birmingham, AL	440
Dallas, TX	418
Houston, TX	240
Jackson, MS	252
Jacksonville, FL	678
Memphis, TN	465
Mobile, AL	268
New Orleans, LA	146
Oklahoma City, OK	637
San Antonio, TX	416

Motor Freight:

Iberia Parish is located approximately 16 miles from the intersection of I-10 and I-49. There are an abundant supply of freight carriers including FedEx, UPS, SAIA, Roadway, ABF Freight Systems, American Freightways, Dupre Transport, Yellow Freight Systems, and many others.

Railways that serve Iberia Parish:

- Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co.
- Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc. (L&D)
- Union Pacific
- Amtrak



Market Access by Air



ACADIANA REGIONAL AIRPORT

- Total airport complex over 2,325 acres with 125 acres of industrial park and a planned expansion to include another 200 acres.
- Over 50 industries, 1,750 employees are located and operating at the Acadiana Regional Airport.
- Featuring an 8,002 ft. concrete runway and a 5,000 ft. water runway for amphibious aircraft.
- Direct rail link, serviced by Louisiana Delta Railroad.
- Intermodal – rail to truck off loading facility.
- 100,000 air operations per year.

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Acadiana Regional Airport

Acadiana Regional Airport is a fully-certificated General Aviation Airport featuring an 8,002-foot long, 200-foot wide lighted concrete runway and fully instrumented airfield, strategically situated between the major markets of Houston and New Orleans. The Airport Industrial Park offers land to expand, with 1,200 acres available for development, including prime runway and taxiway frontage.

Acadiana Regional Airport is home to more than 50 companies and 1750 employees, including the world's largest provider of helicopter services with Air Logistics, a Bristow Company, Aggreko, the global leader in the rental of power, temperature control and oil-free compressed air systems and AvEx, the world's leader in aviation exterior painting.

Located just north of U.S. Highway 90 (the future Interstate 49 corridor) and just south of Louisiana Highway 182, the airport also features direct rail access, a 5,000-foot lighted water runway for amphibious aircraft, and a rail-to-truck off loading facility. And the airport's close proximity to the Port of Iberia and its 13-foot-deep main navigation channel spotlights the intermodal transportation available. By air, water or ground, you can watch your business take off at Acadiana Regional Airport!



Passenger Air Services

The nearest commercial airport is the Lafayette Regional Airport. Air services are provided by Atlantic Southeast (Delta), Continental Express and Northwest Airlink. Atlantic Southeast has two (2) flights to Atlanta daily, while Continental Express flies to Houston eight (8) times daily. Northwest Airlink has three (3) daily flights to Memphis. The nearest international airport is the New Orleans International Airport, approximately 120 miles from New Iberia.

Market Access by Water

PORT OF IBERIA The Gulf Coast Cajun Connection

- Main Navigation Channel is 13 ft deep, bottom width is 125 ft. and surface width is 200 ft.
- Over 2,000 acres of land under development
- Over 4,000 acres of undeveloped land available at the Port or adjacent property
- The Port has 25,000 linear feet of bulkheads
- Public docking and stevedoring services available
- Over 100 industries are located and operating at the Port of Iberia

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Port of Iberia

The Port of Iberia is a 2,000 acre industrial and manufacturing site surrounding a man-made port complex. The port has access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico through its own Commercial Canal and has access to the Mississippi River through major ports in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

The Port of Iberia has expanded its waterfront property and has completed new bulkheading and dredging projects. The possibilities are unlimited when you add to this the existing industrial facilities, the constant flow of raw materials, and the multi-million dollar public dock facility.

Other Regional Ports

- Port of Greater Baton Rouge—Located 50 miles West of Lafayette, Channel depth 45 ft. Foreign Trade Zone
- Port of Lake Charles—Located 70 miles West of New Iberia, Channel depth 40 ft. Foreign Trade Zone



Business Park Access

Progress Point BUSINESS PARK

Amenities available:

- Mixes-use commercial park ideal for retail, office, warehouse and corporate space
- Located at Gateway to Acadiana Regional Airport
- Easy access to U.S. Highway 90
- Underground utilities
- Fiber optic connectivity
- Curb-and-gutter streets
- Sidewalks
- Ample parking
- Planned green spaces

Created by the
Iberia Economic
Development Authority

For information on specific lot availability, or sales or leasing information, please contact

Mike Tarantino with IDF at **337-367-0834**, or email him at **mtarantino@iberiabiz.org**.



Progress Point Business Park will be a 50-acre mixed-use commercial park located adjacent to Acadiana Regional Airport in Iberia Parish.

Featuring easy access from U.S. Highway 90, Progress Point will offer tenants the latest in fiber optic connectivity, underground utilities and a variety of lot sizes ideal for retail, office, warehouse and corporate space.

"We are creating a state-of-the-art business park development concept that when completed, will be unlike anything else in Iberia Parish," said Mike Tarantino, President and CEO of the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation (IDF). "And with a great central location between Acadiana Regional Airport and the Port of Iberia, we expect to attract a wide variety of businesses and non-traditional industries."

The park will be strategically located at the gateway to the airport, and will feature curb-and-gutter streets, sidewalks, ample parking for employees and customers, as well as planned green spaces within the development.

This is the first project spearheaded by the Iberia Economic Development Authority, which was created in 2008.

Progress Point is located at the corner of Jefferson Island Road (Louisiana Highway 675) and U.S. Highway 90.

Your Access to Incentives



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Corporate Jobs Tax Credit

- A one time tax credit ranging from \$100 to \$225 for each net new permanent job
- The credits may be used to satisfy state corporate income tax obligations
- The Program is offered to most industries, however it is not offered in conjunction with the Enterprise Zone program nor the Industrial Tax Exemption Program

Enterprise Zone

- An advance notification form is required
- Qualifying businesses are eligible for a one-time tax credit of \$2,500 for each net new permanent job created during the first five years of a project
- Workforce must increase by 10% within the first 12 months OR create 5 new jobs within the first 24 months of the project start date
- Tax credit may be used to satisfy state income tax or state franchise tax obligations
- Businesses are also eligible for a rebate of state sales taxes on non-consumable materials used to construct/expand the business and machinery/equipment purchased during the construction period; the machinery must be used exclusively on site, in that specific business operation
- The state sales tax rebate covers only the construction period

Freeport Law

- Permits most manufacturers to bring raw materials into the state without having to pay a tax on them until after they have been placed in the manufacturing process.
- Cargoes in transit are exempt from taxation as long as they are kept intact within their smallest original shipping container.
- Louisiana ports and distribution facilities are also eligible for Freeport Law exemptions.

Industrial Property Tax Exemption

- An advance notification form is required
- New and expanding manufacturing operations or expansions are eligible for exemption of property taxes on new construction or additions to existing

buildings; the purchase of permanently fixed equipment and machinery is also included.

- A business can take advantage of this program for a period of 5 years; there is a provision for the granting of a second 5 year exemption.

Inventory Tax Program

- Businesses will receive state tax credits for local property taxes paid on inventories
- The credits can be used to satisfy state income and corporate franchise taxes

Quality Jobs Program

- An advanced notification form is required.
- Offers qualifying employers a credit that can be applied toward Louisiana corporation (and personal) income tax and corporate franchise tax liabilities.
- Also eligible for state sales/use tax rebate on materials purchased for new infrastructure
- The amount of the annually refundable credits based on a new benefit rate that can be up to 6% of the employers' gross payroll (annual) for new jobs created.
- Employers with 50 or more employees must create a minimum of 5 new direct jobs and have a minimum of \$500,000 in gross annual payroll for new direct jobs.
- Employers with less than 50 employees must create 5 new direct jobs and have a minimum of \$250,000 in gross annual payroll for new direct jobs within 3 years of the effective date of the contract.

Deepwater Drilling Rig Repair, Renovation and Conversion Sales Tax Exemption

- Deepwater drilling rigs (for use outside the territorial limits of the state in Outer Continental Shelf waters), are exempt from State and local sales and use taxes during repair, renovation or conversion.
- Sales tax exemption applies to labor, sale of materials, services and supplies used during the period the rig is located at a Louisiana facility located in Iberia Parish for repair, renovation or conversion work.

Your Access to Educational Programs



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Acadiana Technical College Teche Area Campus

- The Acadiana Technical College system delivers instructional programs which provide skilled employees for business and industry that contribute to the overall economic development and workforce needs of the state. The ATC provides individuals with quality and relevant learning opportunities consistent with identified student, business and industry needs within a life-long learning environment.
- Diploma courses offered include carpentry, communications and electronics, electrician, industrial electronics technology, welding, office systems technologies and many others.

South Louisiana Community College—New Iberia Campus

- SLCC offers associate degrees in a variety of courses including: criminal justice, early childhood education, emergency health science, general business, industrial technology, general studies (in 5 different concentration areas), and liberal arts.
- General courses offered encompass a wide diversity of topics including accounting, communication, economics, finance, microcomputer information systems, political science and many others.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- Second largest university in Louisiana with an enrollment of over 16,000 students
- Regional and national recognition for excellence in areas such as Computer Science and Environmental Biology.
- Marine Survival Training Center, Primate Center and Center for Advanced Computer Studies.

Workforce Development and Training Program

- Used to develop and fund customized workforce training programs for a new or expanding business.
- Eligibility: businesses planning to locate a facility in the state, businesses expanding their current operation within the state by adding a new area location and existing Louisiana businesses that have been in operation less than 3 years if all qualifications are met.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

- Can provide reimbursement to the employer of up to 75% of an employee's wages earned during the training period.
- Offers placement assistance to employers with job openings.

Your Access to Workforce

Availability and Cost of Labor

- The Combined Statistical Area that includes Iberia Parish (Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes) offers a large, skilled workforce.
- The chart pictured right provides information illustrating how wages of Iberia Parish workers compare with those of other workers located in other areas of the region.



Incumbent Worker Training Program

Designed to benefit Louisiana employers by assisting in the skill development of existing employees and providing funding for this training.

Job Service

- Employment office maintained by the Louisiana Department of Labor
- Houses the largest state database of qualified job seekers; job listings that cannot be filled locally are fed into the database

Occupation	New Iberia	Houston	Atlanta	Jackson	San Antonio
Accountant	\$52,000	\$66,000	\$73,000	\$79,000	\$53,000
Construction Laborer	\$34,000	\$43,000	\$47,000	\$51,000	\$34,000
Carpenter	\$32,000	\$41,000	\$46,000	\$50,000	\$33,000
Electrical Engineer	\$74,000	\$94,000	\$105,000	\$113,000	\$75,000
Registered Nurse	\$59,000	\$75,000	\$83,000	\$90,000	\$60,000
Support Office Manager	\$45,000	\$58,000	\$111,000	\$69,000	\$46,000
Welder	\$27,000	\$35,000	\$39,000	\$42,000	\$28,000
Teacher - Primary	\$40,000	\$51,000	\$56,000	\$61,000	\$40,000
Teacher - Secondary	\$38,000	\$48,000	\$54,000	\$58,000	\$39,000
Services Sales Rep	\$41,000	\$52,000	\$58,000	\$63,000	\$42,000

Your Access to Business & Utilities

Electricity

Providers in Iberia Parish include:

- Cleco
- Entergy
- SLEMCO

Natural Gas

Providers in Iberia Parish include:

- Centerpoint Energy
- Atmos Energy Louisiana

Solid Waste Disposal

Providers in Iberia Parish include:

- Waste Management, Inc.
- Allied Waste
- Gordon's Disposal

Telecommunications

Providers of telecommunication and broadband services include:

- AT&T Mobility
- Cox Cable TV
- AT&T
- Sprint
- Suddenlink
- Verizon

Water and Wastewater

- Iberia Parish is serviced by Sewer District Number 1. The City of New Iberia owns and operates its own wastewater treatment facility.
- Water service is provided by LAWCO.



Businesses in Iberia Parish

The Times of Acadiana, a local newspaper, compiles a listing of the top 100 privately held businesses in Acadiana by estimated gross revenues. Below is a listing of Iberia Parish businesses.

2013 Revenue Range	Company Name	Industry
\$212 million	McIlhenny Company	Food Manufacturing
\$85 million	Musson-Patout Automotive Group	Automotive Dealership
\$34 million	Arceneaux Ford	Automotive Dealership
\$33 million	The Broussard Group Oilfield	Transportation/ Farm Construction
\$13 million	Streva Distributing Company	Wholesale Beer Distributer

Your Access to Quality of Life

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Iberia Parish is located in the middle of a unique cultural region known as Acadiana. The name is derived from the French-Canadian Acadians, who were exiled from their homeland of Nova Scotia in the late 1700's. Iberia Parish also has a rich Spanish heritage, dating from 1779, when a group of about 500 settlers moved from Spain to Louisiana. They made their home along the banks of the Bayou Teche, and founded the city of New Iberia. Five communities are located within the boundaries of Iberia Parish:

City of New Iberia

New Iberia, the seat of Iberia Parish, lies on the banks of Bayou Teche. New Iberia was incorporated in 1836. It is known as the "Queen City of the Teche". A visit to New Iberia rewards you with history and culture, and a feast for the senses, unlike anything you've experienced before.

City of Jeanerette

Jeanerette, known as "Sugar City" derived its name from John W. Jeanerette, a Carolina gentleman who came to the Teche country in 1830. He purchased Pine Grove Plantation, known as Beau Pre, located north of present day Jeanerette. Sugar cane became a key factor in the community's economic growth for the past 200 years. Abundant sugar cane farmland and a sugar mill for processing the crop form the backbone of Jeanerette's local economy. Agricultural machinery manufacturing, fish farming, livestock and oil and gas related industries also call Jeanerette home.

Town of Delcambre

Delcambre is a small seaport, which harvests an abundance of seafood from the Gulf of Mexico. It is the home of the annual Shrimp Festival. Rich farms nearby, cattle herds and a growing community help make Delcambre one of the most promising of Louisiana towns along the Gulf Coast

Village of Loreauville

Loreauville was first known as Picotville. In the 1840's it was renamed for Ozaire Loreau. Loreauville was incorporated in 1909, with a population of 291 people. The area has grown much since then, with the area that lines the Bayou Teche becoming home to several ship building firms that build boats from small pleasure crafts to large crewboats used in the support of the oil and gas industry.

Community of Lydia

In 1869 Hypolite Patout, Jr. purchased 7200 acres for growing sugar cane, raising cattle and lumber production. He named his plantation for his eldest daughter, Lydia. The community that grew up around his plantation adopted the name Lydia. Lydia is the gateway to Cypremort Point, Vermilion Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Loreauville

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Your Access to Quality of Life

ATTRACTIONS

Avery Island

Avery Island is the home of world-famous TABASCO® brand pepper sauce. Tour the TABASCO® factory, shop in their country store, or visit the beautiful Jungle Gardens located on Avery Island.

Rip Van Winkle Gardens

Located on beautiful Jefferson Island, visit the historic home of the actor Joseph Jefferson, best known for his portrayal of the character of Rip Van Winkle. Built in 1870 as a retreat for Jefferson from his grueling acting schedule, the gardens and home provide a peaceful respite from the hustle and bustle of modern-day life. Tour the gardens and home. Lunch served in Café Jefferson.

Shadows-on-the-Teche

The only National Trust historic home and garden in Louisiana, this elegantly restored 1834 sugar plantation home on Bayou Teche is one of the most famous antebellum homes in the South.

KONRIKO® Company Store Conrad Rice Mill

Visit the oldest operating rice mill in the United States. Tour the mill, and visit their company store that features KONRIKO® products as well as a large selection of locally produced foods, arts and crafts.

Cajun RVera

Located next to the SugArena at Acadiana Fairgrounds Cajun RVera sits on 40 acres and currently has 185 RV sites with future plans to expand to 300. The RV resort has a family-friendly atmosphere featuring a lazy river, splash pad and many other features for campers to enjoy.

Also visit the Bayou Teche Museum and Jeanerette Sugar Museum



Arts, Entertainment and Leisure

There's always something interesting, fun or exciting going on in Iberia Parish. We love sharing our sense of community with our friends and neighbors, so local fairs and festivals abound. Our close proximity to the Gulf of Mexico makes saltwater fishing a popular pastime, and freshwater sport opportunities can be found in abundance due to our numerous bayous, lakes and of course, the Atchafalaya Basin.

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• Annual Events and Festivals

Mardi Gras Parades (February/March, Sugar Cane Festival (September), World Championship Gumbo Cook-off (October), Bunk Johnson Festival (May), Delcambre Shrimp Festival (August), Lydia Cajun Food Festival (September), Cajun Hot Sauce Festival (March/April)

• Monthly/Quarterly Events

Downtown New Iberia Art Walk, The Farmer's Market, IPAL musical or theatrical productions, SugArena livestock events.

• Miscellaneous Events

Saltwater fishing rodeos, freshwater fishing tournaments, special events at the Acadiana Regional Airport, motorcycle rallies, Music in the Park, Civil War Encampments, numerous parades and commemorative services.

Visit the Iberia Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau's website at www.iberiatravel.com to learn more about planning your visit to Iberia Parish.

Your Access to Quality of Life

Climate

- Subtropical climate with an average rainfall of 60 inches
- Temperatures range from an average of 53 degrees in January to 81 degrees in July
- Average of 214 days of sunshine per year
- Snowfall is practically a historic event!

Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfasts

- 10 hotels and motels are located in Iberia Parish, including Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Suites, Days Inn, Candlewood Suites, Super 8, Ramada, La Quinta and Hampton Inn.
- There are four campgrounds and 8 bed & breakfasts in Iberia Parish.
- The Iberia Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau can provide more detailed information on the facilities available. Find them on the web at www.iberiatravel.com.

Media

- There is one daily newspaper that is based in Iberia Parish—The Daily Iberian. One monthly free publication is published—Acadiana Lifestyle.
- Two local outdoor billboard companies—Great Outdoor Advertising and Superior Outdoor.
- Regional papers that cover the area daily are The Advertiser (Lafayette), and The Advocate (Baton Rouge).

Education

The Iberia Parish Public School System operates 32 schools with a total attendance of 14,142 students in grades PK-12. There are 7 private schools located in Iberia Parish.

Healthcare

There are two hospitals located in Iberia Parish; Dauterive Hospital and Iberia Medical Center.

Dauterive is a progressive 103-bed acute care facility located at 600 N. Lewis Street. Comprehensive services include The Rehabilitation Center, state-of-the-art cath lab and cardiovascular center, The BirthPlace obstetrical services, emergency department, surgical services, Pathways psychiatric unit and outpatient services.

With 130 beds and a staff of more than 500 health care professionals and over 140 physicians, Iberia Medical Center has grown to become a comprehensive health care provider that offers high quality care for almost any health need.

Other Medical Services include numerous clinics, nursing homes and a rehabilitation hospital that serves the medical needs of Iberia Parish residents. Acadian Ambulance provides emergency medical and transportation services to Iberia Parish.

Recreation

There is abundant recreation activities in Iberia Parish. The city and parish both operate numerous public park facilities that include tennis courts, swimming pools, basketball courts, walking tracks and softball fields. A skateboard facility is located in New Iberia's City Park. A bowling alley, health clubs and movie theatres can also be found.

If the outdoors is more your style, this area has every sort of outdoor recreation imaginable. Golfing, fishing, hunting, water-skiing, boating, off-road motorcycling and ATV trails and camping facilities can be found in abundance.