

Tours

Group Tour

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

11:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Old River Control Structure

The Old River Control structures are operated to maintain the distribution of flow between the Mississippi River and the Atchafalaya River, and also prevent the Atchafalaya River from capturing the flow of the Mississippi River. The Old River Control project consists of several large engineering structures. These structures include the Old River Low Sill and Overbank Structures that began operation in 1962; the Old River Lock completed in 1963; and the Auxiliary Structure built in 1986.



Morganza Spillway Control Structure

The Morganza Spillway or Morganza Control Structure is a flood-control structure in the U.S. state of Louisiana along the western bank of the lower Mississippi River at river mile 280, near Morganza in Pointe Coupee Parish. The spillway stands between the Mississippi and the Morganza Floodway, which leads to the Atchafalaya Basin and the Atchafalaya River in south-central Louisiana. Its purpose is to divert water from the Mississippi River during major flood events by flooding the Atchafalaya Basin, including the Atchafalaya River and the Atchafalaya Swamp. The spillway and adjacent levees also help prevent the Mississippi from changing its present course through the major port cities of Baton Rouge and New Orleans to a new course down the Atchafalaya River to the Gulf of Mexico. The Morganza Spillway, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was opened during the 1973 and 2011 Mississippi River floods



Spouses Tour

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Board the bus for a short ride south of downtown to *Magnolia Mound Plantation*.

The Magnolia Mound Plantation House is a French Creole house constructed in 1791 near the Mississippi River in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Many period documents refer to the plantation as Mount Magnolia. The house and several original outbuildings on the grounds of Magnolia Mound Plantation are examples of the vernacular architectural influences of early settlers from France and the West Indies. The complex is owned by the city of Baton Rouge and maintained by its Recreation Commission. It is located approximately one mile south of downtown. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.



From there the bus will travel to the *LSU Rural Life Museum*.

The LSU Rural Life Museum is a museum of Louisiana history in Baton Rouge, US. It is located on the Burden Plantation, a 40-acre agricultural research experiment station, and is operated under the aegis of Louisiana State University. As a state with a diverse cultural ancestry, Louisiana has natives of French, Spanish, Native American, German, African, Acadian, and Anglo-American heritage.



Between the two we will stop for lunch at Copeland's of New Orleans.

Visit museums, galleries, markets and attractions in downtown Baton Rouge.

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum and Planetarium is housed in a historic train station in downtown Baton Rouge. It features fine-art exhibitions, a hands-on science gallery, a creative playroom with art activities and an Egyptian tomb exhibit. Also featured are Louisiana's only Challenger Learning Center – offering simulated space missions – and the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium and Exxon Mobil Space Theater.

On a hilltop across River Road, Louisiana's "Castle on the River," the Old State Capitol, serves as a political history museum and home to distinguished awards for architecture and exhibits. Unique Gothic and Victorian architecture, a stained glass dome and cast-iron staircase accent this classical restored structure. A one of a kind animatronic exhibit, "Huey Long Live – The Kingfish Speaks," brings the old Kingfish back to life. And don't miss "The Ghost of the Castle," a unique theatrical presentation by the ghost of Sarah Morgan.



Perhaps one of the most unexpected sights in downtown Baton Rouge is the USS KIDD Veterans Memorial & Museum. A restored World War II Fletcher-class destroyer, the USS KIDD is docked along the Mississippi River. The museum features restored aircraft, the largest ship model collection in the South, historic artifacts and a riverboat pilothouse. It is also home to the Louisiana Memorial Plaza with names of over 7,000 Louisiana natives killed in combat.



No trip to the capital city is complete without a visit to the Old Governor's Mansion & Foundation for Historical Louisiana. Built in 1930 during the administration of Huey P. Long and nicknamed "Louisiana's White House," the original mansion served as official residence to nine Louisiana governors and their families. Now a splendid historic house museum and venue for special events, the Georgian landmark is listed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places. Guided tours are available, along with the West Wing Gift Shop.

Located in the Shaw Center for the Arts, the LSU Museum of Art manifests a decade-long vision to offer LSU and the Baton Rouge community greater access to its diverse art. The Shaw Center is also home to a theater, student gallery, museum store and two restaurants, Tsunami and Capital City Grill. In the summertime, little ones love to play in the dancing fountains on the plaza.

With a diverse group of micro enterprises and four open-air commercial kitchens, the Main Street Market creates an affordable market hall for small local farmers, artists and businesses. It is home to BREADA's Red Stick Farmers Market every Saturday morning. The location in the center of downtown Baton Rouge helps bring the country to the city. From fresh produce and local delicacies to nutrition classes and the arts, Main Street Market is a wonderful addition to a revitalized