

Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission

Proposed Travel Itineraries (all can be customized to the needs and request or interest)

Please visit our website for info on all our Parish attractions: www.jeffdavis.org

1/2 DAY ITINERARY

9:00am- Begin the day at the I-10 Park in Jennings at the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission Visitors Center, in Jennings, LA. Get a cup of fresh Community Coffee and information on all of our area attractions.

9:15am-10:00am- In the same location, come inside the Gator Chateau, a Rescue, Educate and Release attraction, where you can learn all about alligators and even hold a baby gator! You can take your picture with one! View other gators and alligator snapping turtles in our lazy river! Don't forget to shop in our gift shop for t-shirts and tons of unique gator souvenirs.

10:15am-12:00pm- Take a trip back in time with a visit to the W.H. Tupper General Merchandise Museum, on Main Street in downtown Jennings, LA. This store operated in rural Jeff Davis Parish beginning in 1910, closing its doors in 1949. Over 10,000 items on display in this museum, including tools, hardware, medicine, clothes, school items, toys- many still bearing the original price tag and packaging!

After you visit the Tupper, take a short stroll down historic Main Street to visit the Zigler Museum. See well know European on display, as well as local Louisiana artist and special exhibitions. Also, you can shop in their gift shop for Louisiana artist specialties and gifts.

12:00pm-1:30pm- Stop for lunch at "Mike's Seafood and Steakhouse", located in Jennings, LA. A Louisiana Tradition! Dine on his famous award-winning gumbo, daily buffet of local specialties, or delicious seafood creations.

Continue on for the FULL DAY itinerary

1:30pm-3:30pm- Explore the Flyway Byway, The newest State of LA Scenic Byway. Take Hwy 26 out of Jennings, go south to Lake Arthur and then take Hwy 14 west. Visit the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge and see amazing wildlife viewing. Perfect for Birders and Nature lovers. There are several observation towers and trails in the Refuge for visitors. Then head north on Hwy 99 towards the town of Welsh. Along the way, be sure to take Nibletts road and see the Historic Lorrain Bridge. It's a historic wooden bridge situated on the Lacassine Bayou. Gorgeous scenery. A hot spot for photographers of any level! There is an RV camping area, pavilion, restrooms, and picnic tables at Lorrain Park.

4:00pm-5:00pm- Travel west on I-10 from Welsh to the town of Lacassine and tour the *Bayou Rum Distillery*, home to Bayou Rum, made with all Louisiana ingredients! Tour the distillery and see how it's made, then visit the tasting bar to sample their 4 kinds of rum. Be sure to stop in at their Gift shop for Bayou Rum, merchandise, and one of a kind Louisiana souvenirs.

6:30pm- Travel back to the town of Lake Arthur and dine at the "*Regatta LA Seafood and Steakhouse*", right on the water's edge. A wide menu variety, including delicious crispy duck, mouthwatering gumbo, spicy 'kabuki' shrimp, and the Crawfish Mud Hole for dessert!

Continue on for the OVERNIGHT itinerary

8:00pm-

Option #1

(Small Groups or Individuals)

Check in to the "*L'Banca Albergo*", the Bank Hotel in Lake Arthur, A boutique style hotel, with 8 luxurious rooms- the old bank vault is a wine cellar! It's housed in an old Historic local Bank building located on Main Street in Lake Arthur

Option #2

(Large Groups or Individuals)

Check in to the "*Hampton Inn*" in Jennings. Stay in comfort with the details and attention that the Hampton Inn Brand gives its guests. Shopping and restaurants nearby.

9:00am- Take your next day to visit some of the attractions in Jeff Davis Parish that are not to be missed:

- **Gator Chateau**: Hold a baby gator! Rescue, Educate, Release facility. Where visitors can hold and take their picture with a baby alligator!
- **LA Oil & Gas Park**: Visitor info, fishing pond, playground area, walking track
- **Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge**: observation pier, fishing, hiking and biking trails, boating, birding
- **Lorrain Bridge and Park**: Historic wooden bridge perfect for photographers. Outdoor pavilions, campsites, boat launch and picnic tables
- **Zigler Art Museum**: Collections spanning four centuries by well-known masters and Louisiana artists.
- **Historic Strand Theatre**: Art deco movie theatre, circa 1939. Home to local theatre group.
- **W. H. Tupper General Merchandise Museum**: Step back in time over 50 years with a visit to an authentic country store.
- **Welsh Museum**: Hundreds of old photographs, schoolhouse items, farm equipment, and other town memorabilia.

- **Bayou Rum Distillery:** Tour and see how Bayou Rum is made, with all Louisiana ingredients. Visit their in-house tasting bar, gift shop and visitors center.
 - **Crawfish Farm Tour and Rice Farm Tour:** Tour a working crawfish farm with a local farmer, then visit a local crawfish co-op (Seasonal March- May) 10 person minimum unless there is a tour already booked.
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