

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA

Louisiana's capital city rises above the Mississippi River bend, blending Art Deco grandeur with Gothic Revival castles, a WWII destroyer at the levee, and sweeping plantation country just beyond the city limits.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  USD  English  Mississippi River cruise

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: City Riverfront Dock ("Paperclip Dock"), downtown — step ashore directly

Walk to center: Immediate — USS Kidd and Old State Capitol are steps from the dock

Best For: History buffs, plantation tours, Southern food, river scenery

Don't Miss: 27th-floor panorama from the Louisiana State Capitol (free)

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$4 base + \$2/mile ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Louisiana State Capitol & Observation Deck** — At 450 feet, it's the tallest state capitol in the US.
- **Old State Capitol (Castle of Baton Rouge)** — This dramatic Gothic Revival castle served as the Louisiana statehouse from 1847 to 1932.
- **USS Kidd Veterans Museum** — A real Fletcher-class WWII destroyer moored on the Mississippi Riverfront.
- **Antebellum Plantation Tours** — Houmas House Plantation & Gardens and Oak Alley Plantation are among the grandest antebellum estates on the River Road, offering guided tours of...
- **Swamp & Bayou Tours** — Operators like Red Stick Adventures offer guided airboat or pontoon tours into the cypress swamps surrounding Baton Rouge — alligators, herons, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Riverfront to Capitol Walk** 1.2 miles one way | Easy | ~25 min — A straightforward stroll from the dock northward along the levee and through downtown, taking in the river views, Old State Capitol, and arriving at the Louisiana State...
- **Riverfront Plaza Stroll** 0.5 miles loop | Easy | ~15 min — A relaxed loop around Riverfront Plaza, past the USS Kidd berth, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum, and the river promenade — great for a quick orientation when time is...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:37AM–7:32PM · Jun 6:02AM–8:08PM · Aug 6:31AM–7:45PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:09PM · Oct 7:07AM–6:32PM  USD	
Apr	76°	59°	12d		
Jun	88°	74°	15d		
Aug	90°	76°	19d		
Sep	87°	72°	12d		
Oct	80°	63°	7d		

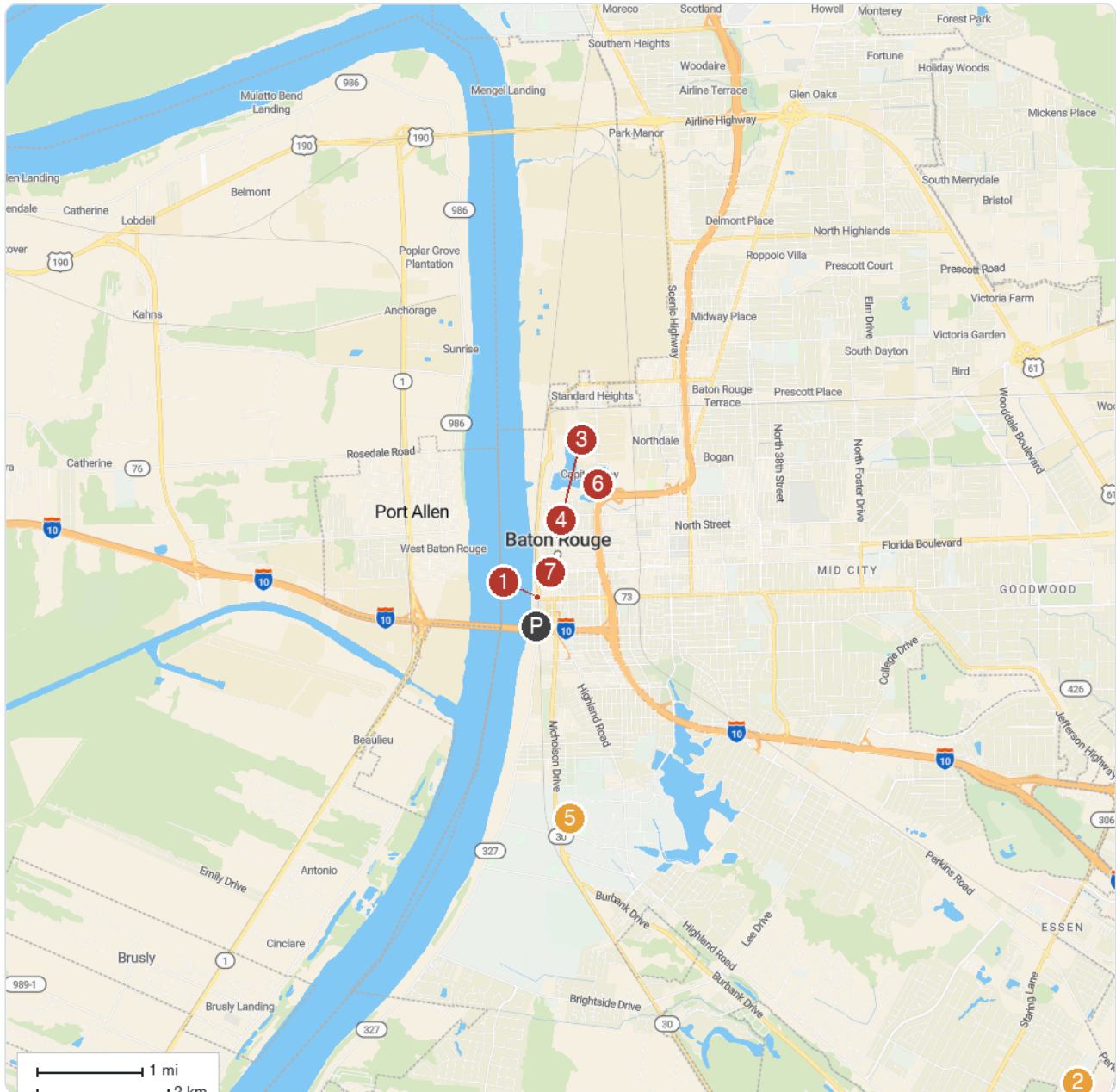
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Hot and humid summers. Baton Rouge in summer (May–September) is intense — carry water, wear sunscreen, and plan outdoor walks for early morning.
- Book swamp tours early. Popular airboat operators fill up quickly on days multiple ships are in port. Reserve ahead if your ship docks alongside another.
- Plantations require transport. River Road plantations are 30-45 minutes from downtown — take a ship excursion, taxi, or ride-share; they are not walkable.
- USS Kidd back home. The destroyer returned to its Baton Rouge riverfront berth in spring 2026 after a major dry-dock overhaul — ship tours and the shoreside Veterans Memorial Museum are open.
- Try local Cajun food downtown. Several restaurants within walking distance of the dock serve crawfish étouffée, boudin, and red beans and rice — the real Louisiana deal.
- State Capitol entry is free. No admission cost to visit the Louisiana State Capitol building and observation deck — one of the best free panoramas in the South.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 USS KIDD Veterans Museum | Tour a WWII destroyer and veterans memorial museum. | 2 BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center | Explore a cypress-tupelo swamp on boardwalks at this nature center. |
| 3 St. Joseph Cathedral | Visit a historic Roman Catholic cathedral in downtown Baton Rouge. | 4 Capitol Park Museum | Discover Louisiana's history, industry, and culture at this museum. |
| 5 Mike the Tiger's Habitat | See LSU's live tiger mascot, Mike VII, in his habitat. | 6 Governor's Mansion | The official residence of Louisiana's governor. |
| 7 North Boulevard Town Square | A vibrant urban park and public gathering space downtown. | P Cruise port / terminal | |