

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

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

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

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...
- Swamp & Bayou Tours** — Operators like Red Stick Adventures offer guided airboat or pontoon tours into the cypress swamps surrounding Baton...

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...
- 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...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	76°	59°	12d
Jun	88°	74°	15d
Aug	90°	76°	19d
Sep	87°	72°	12d
Oct	80°	63°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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

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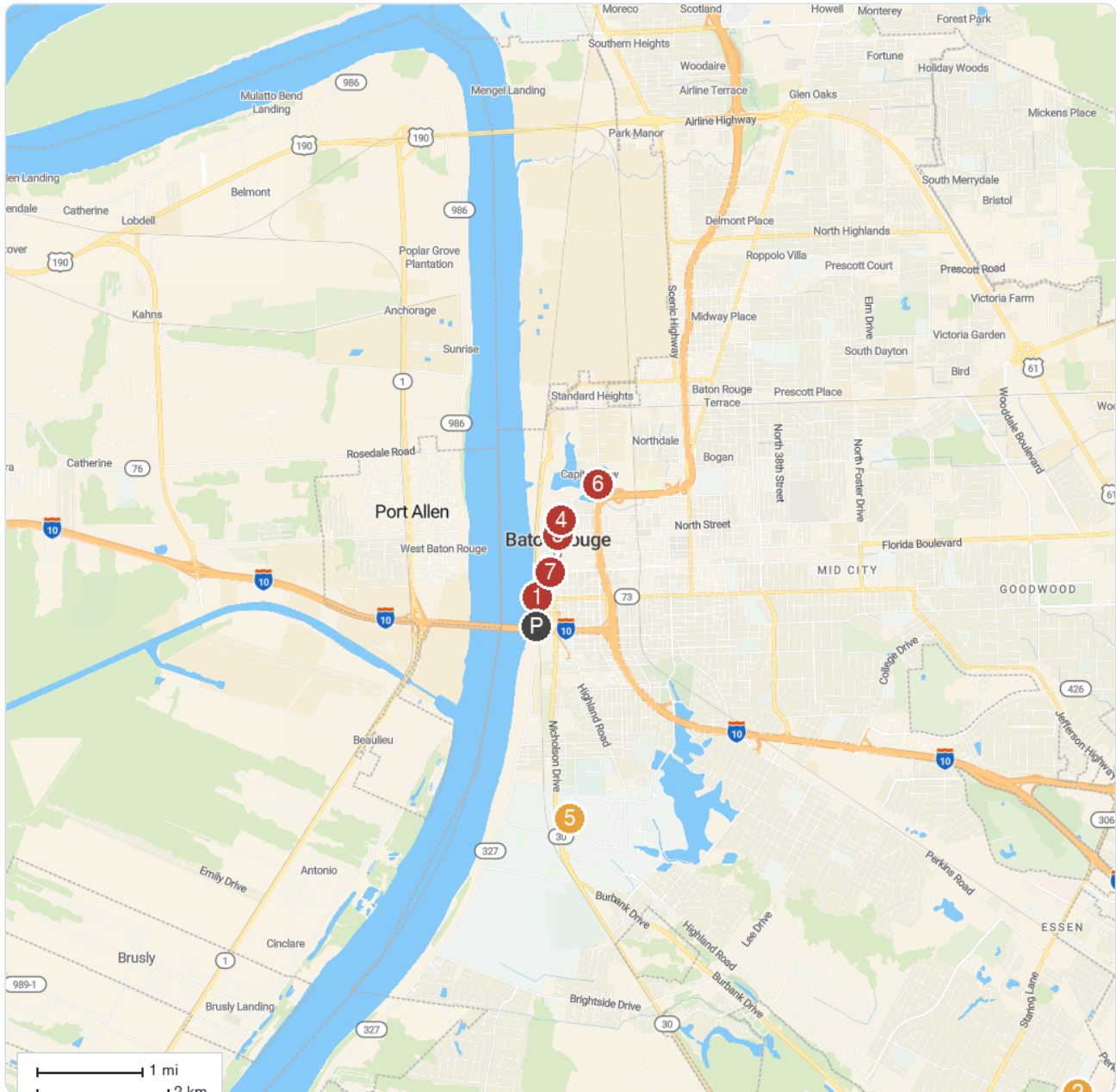
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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

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 | |