

Where History Comes To Life



Vermilionville's **mission** is to increase appreciation for the **history, culture, and natural resources** of **Native Americans, Acadians, Creoles, and peoples of African descent** in the Attakapas region through the end of the 1800s. Through **historic interpretation and conservation** along the Bayou Vermilion, we strive to educate guests on the interactions of these groups and **the connections between past and contemporary folklife**, empowering guests to apply these lessons from our **shared histories**.

Vermilionville is a reconstructed historical village that sits on a beautiful tree-covered **23-acre site** on the banks of the **Bayou Vermilion** with **19 attractions**, including **seven restored original homes**. Our costumed interpreters **bring history to life** with demonstrations of **traditional crafts** and offer **engaging and insightful information** about the history and culture of our region as well as the village's historic homes. **Vermilionville** is a place for **history, music, food, cultural exchange, historic architecture** and much more.

HOURS

Monday: CLOSED Tuesday – Sunday: 10am* – 4pm** *boat tours start at 9:30am * large groups may start at 9:45am ** last admission 3pm

ADMISSION - Admission allows for a **self-guided tour** of the village. To **qualify for discounted rates**, payment must be made as a group.

10-19 adult: \$12/adult **20+ adults:** \$10/adult **1 free** tour director/leader per group **bus driver(s):** free admission

Our guided tours are offered in both **English** or **French**. Our **interpreters in the historical homes** speak English and most speak French as well.

VISIT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Self guided: self paced tour of the village. You will be provided a map of the village. Plan to spend **2 hours** with us. This includes a 15 minute orientation, 1.5 hours in the historical village and 15 minutes in the gift shop.

* ask us about our abbreviated version.

Guided: take a journey back in time, exploring life from the late 1700s through the 1800s.

\$50 per guide: 25 max guests per guide. **For the best experience**, we recommend a maximum of 20 guests per guide; however we can accommodate up to 25 guests per guide. **For groups of 25 or more**, we can offer multiple guided tours at the same time. **Plan to spend 2 hours with us.** This includes a 15 minute orientation, 1.5 guided tour and 15 minutes in the gift shop.

WHEN TO BOOK

We ask for a minimum of **2 weeks to book a guided tour of the village or a boat tour** to ensure availability of our tour guides. If interested in a guided tour of the village or a boat tour with **less than 2 weeks notice**, email Brandi at engagement@bayouvermiliondistrict.org to inquire about availability. **Spring time is our busy season** for group tours as well as around **major holidays and festivals in the area**. The earlier you can schedule a visit, the better. **We can pencil your group in and make adjustments as we get closer to the date of your visit.**

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ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Enhancements accompany a visit of the village and need to be booked in conjunction with a visit.

Beignet-Making Demo: Meet us in our cooking school to discover the fascinating history of the beignet while watching an exciting beignet-making demonstration! The best part? You'll get to sample a delicious, freshly made beignet that's sure to leave your adults with a happy belly! **10-19 adult:** \$6/adult **20+ guests:** \$5/adult **30 minutes 25* max** per group

*For groups of 25+, we can rotate multiple groups with a 15 minute window in between if scheduling allows. includes beignets & **refreshments.

**water & lemonade (summer) water & hot chocolate in winter.

Hands-On Beignet-Making Demo With Toppings Bar: Learn the fascinating history of the beignet, roll and cut the pre-made dough, watch the dough fry up and then top your beignet with powdered sugar, pecans or Steen's Syrup! **10-19 adults:** \$10/adult **20+ adults:** \$8/adult **30 minutes 20* max** per group*For groups of 20+, we can rotate multiple groups with a 15 minute window in between if scheduling allows. includes beignets & **refreshments. **water & lemonade (summer) water & hot chocolate in winter.

Cut-A-Rug Dance Lessons: learn the basic steps to the Cajun Waltz or Two Step as a group. **10-19 adults:** \$5/adult **20+adults:** \$4/adult **30 minutes 25* max** per group

*For groups of 25 or more, we can rotate multiple groups if scheduling allows.



Private Dance Lessons: learn the basic steps to the Cajun Waltz or Two Step for you and up to 2 other couples. **30 minutes: \$35** per couple **45 minutes: \$55** per couple

*Price is for up to 6 guests, 3 pairs. If your group has 5 people, our instructor will gladly pair up with a guest..

Learn-A-Tune: designed for students, but with the right groups of adults this can be a hit! Team up with one of our resident musicians to learn about the rich musical traditions of South Louisiana! Adults get the opportunity to play the traditional percussive instruments T-fers and rub boards and if we're lucky enough maybe an accordion or fiddle!

10-19 adults: \$5/adult **20+adults:** \$4/adult **30 minutes 25* max** per group *For groups of 25 or more, we can rotate multiple groups if scheduling allows.

Boat Tour: Cruise down the river and experience the history, geology, flora and fauna of this ecosystem. If you're lucky, you may even see an alligator or two.

10*-19 adults: \$15/adult **20+ adults:** \$13/adult **1 hour 25* max** per group

* If a group does not have the minimum number of guests to book a boat tour, we can offer a shared boat tour to the public to ensure the group meets the minimum to book the boat tour. **For groups of 25 or more, we can rotate multiple groups with 15 minute windows in between if scheduling allows.



HAVE LUNCH WITH US!

Group lunches are served in the Performance Center buffet style and are prepared by our onsite restaurant, La Cuisine de Maman. The group must select **ONE option from the adult lunch menu options**. If guests have **dietary restrictions or allergies**, we will do our best to accommodate them.

The **entire group must have lunch provided by the restaurant**. Guests, including tour directors and bus drivers **are NOT allowed to have lunch in the restaurant when accompanying a group**. This also includes **no to-go orders** for guests who are with groups. Our restaurant is **unable to prepare and serve meals within the time frame of a group lunch**.

*We offer a complimentary lunch to one leader of the group and bus driver(s). Price and lunch options are found on the adult Lunch Menu.

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PACKAGES

Treat your travelers to **more than sightseeing** — our packages offer **authentic cultural experiences** that spark curiosity and connection. Your group will leave with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation of the heritage **that makes this place unique**.

MUSIC & DANCE: guided tour of village, learn-a-tune music experience, dance lesson, gumbo OR jambalaya lunch goodie bag from gift shop. **10-19 adults:** \$46/adult **20+ adults:** \$45/adult **3.5-4hours** **25 max*** per group

*For groups of 25 or more, we can rotate multiple groups if scheduling allows.

CULINARY: guided tour, gumbo or jambalaya lunch, hands-on beignet making demo and goodie bag from gift shop. **10-19 adults:** \$40/adult **20+ adults:** \$38/adult **3 hours** **20 max*** per group

*For groups of 20 or more, we can rotate multiple groups if scheduling allows.

BAYOU ADVENTURE: boat tour, guided tour of village, gumbo or jambalaya lunch and goodie bag from gift shop.

10-19 adults: \$47/adult **20+ adults:** \$46/adult **3.5-hours** **25 max*** per group

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HISTORY MADE PERSONAL

Want to make your visit **extra special**? From crafts and demonstrations to unique workshops, you can choose the experiences that **best fit your group**! In the past, we have offered **jambalaya or gumbo cooking demos with our hands-on beignet making demo** added-on. Let us help bring history to life in a way that's just right for you!

For more details, email **Brandi Simon** at: engagement@bayouvermiliondistrict.org so we can work together to create something special!

HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have **questions or need clarification**, email **Brandi Simon** at engagement@bayouvermiliondistrict.org.

HOW TO BOOK

Ready to book a visit to Vermilionville? Email **Brandi Simon** at engagement@bayouvermiliondistrict.org and we can get you on the calendar!

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BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Group Lunch Provided By La Cuisine de Maman: We cannot allow for add-on guests the day of the visit. See Important Dates for information on final count deadlines.

Cancellation/Refunds: nonrefundable if cancelled 7 days prior to visit. We do offer the option to reschedule when possible. In the event that Vermilionville must cancel, a full refund will be offered.

Deposits: Guided Tours: full cost of guide **Food:** ½ cost of food, including group meals and beignet demos. **Boat Tour:** \$50 per group

Final Payment Due: day of visit, however we can take payment in full anytime prior to the visit.

Payment Methods: we accept cash, check and all major card payments. For payments by card, we can take a card over the phone or send a payment link to pay electronically. **Group Payments:** in order to qualify for the group rates, the group must make one payment.

Cards on File: We require a card to be kept on file for all groups. It can be kept on file for “one time use” or “until further notice.”

Important Dates:

21 days prior: final numbers due. Minor adjustments can be made to numbers up until 7 days prior to visit. When the guest count decreases within the 7 day window, you will be charged for the confirmed number of guests prior to the 7 day window. When the guest count increases from the confirmed number at 21 days prior, prior approval is needed to ensure we have staff and space availability to accommodate the increase in the number of guests.

14 days prior: deposit is due.

7 days prior: all payments made are **nonrefundable**. **Food restrictions** for guests must be turned in. * If the group leader will not have this information until closer to the visit, please advise of this at booking so we can ensure the kitchen is prepared for the group as best as possible.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Groups with 25 or more guests: when working with large groups, we are able to rotate groups throughout the village. For example, a group of 50 guests that has booked a guided tour, dance lessons and beignet cooking demo: one group would be in the village on their guided tour while the other group would be doing dance lessons and then move to the beignet cooking demo and then at the end of that “rotation” each group would switch out activities.

Themed Goodie Bags: ask us about our themed goodie bags to add to your visit! This is a great way to add-value to a tour package OR as a great gift from the tour director to group members! Examples could be: Christmas, Louisiana, Culinary, Mardi Gras, Cookbooks, Cajun French language, etc.

Gift Shop Etiquette: our gift shop is small but mighty. When a group would like to visit the gift shop, we schedule a **15 minute window for the group in the gift shop**. The group is not allowed in the gift shop outside of this window of time. This gives enough time for the adults to shop, check out and move along to the next scheduled activity to allow time for our walk-in guests to enjoy the gift shop as well.

Final Guest Count: must include ALL guests, whether paid or free. For guided tours of the village and boat tours, it’s important to have an accurate guest count so that we can plan for tour guides and availability of our boat captain.

Max # of guests: for our guided tours, the max number of guests per group is 25, however, it’s **recommended to keep the group size at 20 or less** because some of the historical homes have tight spaces and to ensure the best overall experience for your guests!

Weight Requirement on Boat Tours: all guests must be 18 lbs or heavier to ride on the boat.

Tipping Tour Guides: our tour guides should never request a tip from guests, however, if you feel your guide has done an exceptional job and would like to give them a tip after the guided tour, feel free to do so but please understand it is not expected of any of our guests.

Personal Flotation Devices: we provide standard personal flotation devices for guests, however guests are welcome to bring their own PFD if they’d like to. We have a small number of 18-30 lb life jackets. We encourage guests to bring their own PFD if bringing a small child on board. We also have a small number of extra large life jackets.

Additional Fees: All prices as shown are inclusive of all fees. There are no additional fees for use of credit or debit cards.