



GRAND RÉVEIL ACADIEN 2011 OCTOBER 7-16, 2011

GRA : NEW ORLEANS - OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

- Introduction and welcome to the GRA Participants by the Mayor of New Orleans and the French Consul. Recognition of Public Officials and Special Guests
- Invitation to each GRA region by Mayors of Houma, Lake Charles and Lafayette
- Program Overview by each venue coordinator
- Unveiling of the Acadian/Cajun Commemorative Plaque
Venue: To Be Determined
- Reception with refreshments
- Questions and Answers
- Press Conference and Announcement of GRA 10 day schedule of events in New Orleans and other Acadian regions
- All Cajun and Acadian Star Tour, moderated by Zachary Richard and showcasing cultural spokespersons; Features guest musicians from Canada and Louisiana with a wide spectrum of musical styles all on the theme, "Les Deux Acadies."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH - ACADIAN TOURIST - DISCOVER AND VISIT NEW ORLEANS

- Louisiana Swamp Tour – airboat tour of swamplands
- New Orleans City Tour – French Quarter, St. Charles Avenue
- Plantations along the Mississippi River
- Self-guided walking tour of the French Quarter
- Historical Cemetery Tour
- Voodoo Spiritual Tour
- New Orleans Cocktail Tour
- Horse and Buggy Tour of the French Quarter
- New Orleans Museum of Art and Sculpture Garden
- Self-guided New Orleans Trolley tour on the oldest operating trolley cars in the United States
- Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World – see how Mardi Gras floats are created

Special group rates are being arranged by Grayline tours and independent tour operators.
Optional tours may be arranged.

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GRA : HOUMA - OCTOBER 9TH & 10TH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

- General Assembly of Acadians Program & Reception – TBA
- Feature: Unveiling of an Acadian Monument
- "Voice of the Wetlands Festival" – Tab Benoit / Environmental Focus: Coastal Erosion, Oil Spill
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH – DISCOVER HOUMA REGION / TOURS

Special tours are being developed by the Convention and Visitors Bureau with various attractions and restaurants.



GRA : LAKE CHARLES – OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

- Introductory ceremony, Greeting by Local Officials
- Art Vendor Displays
- Presentations by local authors and writers
- La Table Francaise Cultural Exchange
- Cajun Music Performances
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Creole Nature Trail Representatives, Wildlife Refuge System on hand with displays
- Food vendors, also showcasing members of the Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH – DISCOVER LAKE CHARLES REGION / TOURS

Explore our area:

- Hit the Boudin Trail
- See our Parks
- GPS activated Hand Held Video tour of the Creole Nature Trail
- Visit the Mardi Gras Museum
- Visit Local Art Galleries
- Carriage rides through downtown Lake Charles (private bookings)



GRA : LAFAYETTE PROGRAM – OCTOBER 13TH - 16TH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH / SEAFOOD AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR CULTURE

Acadian Related Subjects Booths: Booths containing Young Adults Organization Information, Genealogy, Acadian family name products, artists: music, crafts, Cajun & Acadian products, books, family photos, etc.

9:00 am : Greet and Meet Session / Coffee and Pastry

10:00 am : Opening ceremony: Welcome, Announcements, Introductions

10:30 am : Motivational Speaker: Acadian Heritage & Culture - Our Future? Maurice Basque (invited), Zachary Richard (invited), Barry Ancelet (invited) Encourage Acadian youth /young adults

11:30 : Cuisine - "History on the Table: Eat the Message". Demonstrations and sampling with two or three regional guest chefs from the "Two Acadians' Cuisine" / Discussion of seafood industry. Tasting

Acadians converse about similar topics of interest to each area: (scholars to facilitate) Tentative topics discussed:

1:00 pm : Environmental Issues / Seafood Industry and Oil Spill / Coastal Erosion – Both Acadian and Cajun seafood; What is the Future of Seafood in the two Acadies?

2:00 pm : French Language – Amanda LaFleur – The Louisiana French Language: The Battle Continues; Presentation of "Bayous to the Tundra", movie documentary by Daniel Rocque

3:00 pm : Genealogy – Steven White, University of Moncton, New Brunswick; The Acadian Identity: Finding our Ancestors

4:00 pm : Musique des deux Acadies: lyrics, old ballads with 3 musicians / Music conversations: Similarities and differences with special blend of Acadian and Cajun Music (blend of a capella folk songs & ballads / history of our music / lyrics. End the day with "Les deux Acadies dansent ensemble": playing music & dancing together.

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Costumed Mardi Gras groups to parade / throw beads (petite animation) to announce the closing processional parade of GRA at the end of Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Sunday, October 16th.

YOUTH PROGRAM:

4:00 pm : Arrival / Youth check-in at Camp des Cadiens

6:00 pm : Small group sessions / Animation by les AnimACTEURS : « Pourquoi parler le français en Louisiane? »

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH / DISCOVER LAFAYETTE AND ACADIANA VICINITY

Local Acadiana cities plan events to highlight local landmarks, attractions and restaurants

- Crowley Opera House – Concert with Zachary Richard.
- St. Martinville Re-enactment of the Arrival of the Acadians on the Bayou Teche, renewal and reconnection with St. Martinville's sister cities, and attractions. (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Nantes, France)
- Blessing Ceremony in Mother church of the Acadians, St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church.
- Abbeville Omelette, featuring Louisiana Crawfish
- Acadian Family Organizations planning family gatherings

- Opening of Festivals Acadiens et Créoles concert at "Downtown Alive" GRA Reception / Louisiana Cajun Cuisine, featuring LA. Seafood

YOUTH PROGRAM:

9:00 am : Grand Rallye d'Automobile (lunch en route)

3:00 pm : Transport to Downtown Alive!

8:40 pm : Games led by les AnimACTEURS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH - FESTIVALS ACADIENS ET CRÉOLES, GIRARD PARK, LAFAYETTE, LA

Music, Dancing, Cajun Cuisine, Arts & Crafts, Acadian History, Culture, Traditions

- GRA Hospitality Tent
- Dancing Tent : Acadians/Cajuns Dance ensemble (dancing together)
- ULL Computer Building- (classrooms & auditorium available for Acadian Youth / Adults)
- GRA Acadians/Cajun workshops
- Reception and exhibition of Grand Pré artists, including Georgette Bourgeois originals, Acadiana Arts Council

YOUTH PROGRAM:

9:00 am : Table ronde [Discussion of solutions to the state of French in Louisiana]

7:00 pm : Fête des Cadiens (musique des jeunes, non-traditionnelle (Isle Dernière / Xeno), hosted by Anika Lirette / Derek Landry

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH - FESTIVAL ACADIENS ET CREOLE- GIRARD PARK

GRA Closing Ceremony and Mass

- Outdoor French Catholic Mass
- Grand Parade Procession – parade around the park, including youth program participants: A demonstration of cultural and community affirmation, encouraging all ages to participate in Courir du Mardi Gras, Tintamarre (Scott Jumelage Committee), Mi-Carême, Guillonnée

YOUTH PROGRAM:

7:00 pm : Pièce de théâtre avec France, Canada et Etats-Unis

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