Louisiana is divided into 5 regions, each with their own unique culture & customs.

“Come As You Are, Leave Different”

Louisiana has the:
- Tallest state capitol in the nation, at 450 ft. High – in Baton Rouge
- Largest enclosed stadium in the world – Superdome in New Orleans
- World’s most complete collection of camellias – Jungle Gardens in Avery Island
- World’s largest heliport – in Morgan City
- Oldest streetcar line in the world – St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans
- Nation’s largest bald cypress – Tunica Swamp near St. Francisville
- Largest variety of plant & animal species of any of the gulf states
- “Longest Main Street” in the world, stretching about 100 miles – along Bayou Lafourche
- Longest “over-water” bridge in the world at 23.87 miles – Lake Pontchartrain causeway
- Nation’s oldest community theater, dating from 1919 – Le Petit Theatre de Vieux Carre
- Only American revolution battle site outside the 13 colonies – Baton Rouge
- Oldest salt mine in the western hemisphere, discovered in 1862 – Avery Island
- World’s largest syrup plant, producing sugarcane syrup – Steen’s Syrup Mill
- Oldest rice mill in America, Konriko Company – New Iberia
- Second oldest food trademark in the U.S. patent office - Tabasco
- International joke telling contest held annually - in Opelousas
- Only known US. cemetery facing north-south – in Rayne
- Largest privately owned garden in the country (4700 acres) – Hodges Gardens in Many
- Oldest surviving 18th & 19th century sugar plantation in America – Laurel Valley Village

Louisiana is:
- Second in the nation in oil production
- The nation’s largest producer of alligator hides, shallots & crawfish
- The only state in the nation divided into parishes, not counties
- The only state that offers tax-free shopping to its foreign visitors
- The world’s largest manufacturer of ties, Wemco, Inc. –New Orleans
- A producer of 24% of the nation’s salt, the most in the country
- The nation’s largest handler of grain for export to world markets: 40% moves through La. Ports

Louisiana is home to:
- The “winningest” football coach in college history – Grambling’s Eddie Robinson
- The oldest fishing tournament in the U.S., established in 1928 – in Grand Isle
- One of the smallest incorporated towns in the nation - Mound
- The largest predominately black university in the nation – Southern Univ. In Baton Rouge
- Many famous musicians: Louis Armstrong, Tim mcgraw, Sammy Kershaw, etc.
- The most photographed tree in the world – The Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville
- The world’s largest freshwater river basin – the Atchafalaya Basin
Louisiana is where:
♦ The first Tarzan movie (Tarzan of the Apes) was filmed – St. Mary Parish
♦ There’s 2482 islands covering ~1.3 million acres –
♦ Nationally ranked 3rd in total islands & 2nd in total island acreage
♦ The nation’s first opera was performed, in 1976 – New Orleans
♦ Elvis got his start, playing at the Louisiana Hayride – in Shreveport
♦ The “Crawfish Capital of the World” is – Breaux Bridge
♦ There’s a town that was once a hideaway for pirates – Jean Lafitte
♦ There’s a city that begins with every letter of the alphabet, except X
♦ Delta Airlines got its start – in Monroe
♦ The “Duck Capital of America” is – Gueydan
♦ There’s 41% of the coastal marshland in the United States

“UNOFFICIAL” Louisiana Trivia

~~Armadillos sleep in the middle of the road with their feet in the air.
~~There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 live in Louisiana.
~~There are 10,000 types of spiders, & all 10,000 live in Louisiana, plus a couple no one's seen before.
~~Possums will eat anything.
~~If it grows, it sticks - if it crawls, it bites.
~~A tractor is NOT an all-terrain vehicle. They do get stuck.
~~It is not a shopping cart, it's a “buggy”.
~~Fire ants consider your flesh as a picnic.
~~People actually grow and eat okra.
~~”Fixinto” is one word.
~~There ain't no such thing as "lunch." There's only dinner and then there's supper.
~~Coffee is appropriate for all meals, and you start drinking it when you're 2.
~~"Backwards and forwards" means I know everything about you.
~~“Jeet?” is actually a phrase meaning "Did you eat?"

Also:

You know you're from LOUISIANA if . . .

1. You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
2. Stores don't have bags, they have "sacks".
3. You use "fix" as a verb. Example: I am fixing to go to the store.
4. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect or animal.
5. You install security lights on your house and garage, but leave the place unlocked.
6. You carry jumper cables in your car . . . for your OWN car.
7. You know what "cow tipping" is.
8. You only own four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
9. You think the first day of deer season should be a national holiday.
10. You find 100 degrees F "a little warm."
11. You know all four seasons: Almost summer, summer, still summer, and Christmas.
12. You describe the first cool snap (below 70 degrees) as good chili weather.
13. A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola, or pop . . . it's a Coke, regardless of brand or flavor.
   Example: "What kinda coke you want?"