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## **RESTAURANT GUIDE 2005**

### **MODERATE TO EXPENSIVE:**

**à la Carte** - 301 Heymann Blvd. In the Oil Center, an easy walk from the Hilton. Cajun/Creole cuisine. A good place for breakfast & lunch; salads & a daily lunch buffet. 235-8493.

**Antoni's Italian Café** - 1118-A Coolidge, Lafayette (in the Oil Center). Casual Italian dining. Very good calzone, salads, pasta. Great fresh spinach vegetarian pizza. For dessert lovers, there's great Italian cream cheese ice cream. 232-8384.

**Bella Figura** - 340-C Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette. Popular *ristorante italiano*, featuring Tuscan food and wine. Expensive, but worth it. Good atmosphere. Good food. Reservations recommended. 237-5800.

**Blue Dog Café** - 1211 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette. Owned by a Cajun artist, the Blue Dog features innovative Cajun cuisine and good atmosphere. Many original George Rodrigue paintings on the walls. 237-0005.

**Café Jardin** - 1521 W. Pinhook Rd. In the Hilton. Cajun and Continental cuisine. Breakfast and lunch buffets. 235-6111.

**Café Vermilionville** - 1304 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette. Expensive, casually elegant restaurant, housed in an 1800s Acadian Inn. Easy walk from Hilton. Menu features upscale Cajun and Creole dishes. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Reservations recommended for dinner. 237-0100.

**Charley G's** - 3809 Ambassador Caffery, Lafayette. Progressive Cajun cuisine in a casually elegant setting. Excellent and imaginative dishes. Great wine list. Live contemporary jazz on the weekends. 981-0108.

**Copeland's of Lafayette** - 3920 Ambassador Caffery, Lafayette. Local branch of Copeland's Famous New Orleans Restaurant and Bar. "Cajun American cuisine." Good food with big portions. Unusual décor. Open every day at 11 am. Always crowded. 991-0320.

**Coyote Blues** – 5741 Johnston St. Southwestern menu and décor; wonderful chips and salsa, and innovative specials. 988-3668.

**Guamas** - 302 Jefferson St. (downtown). Popular Caribbean restaurant. Wonderful yucca, plantain, black beans, etc. 267-4242.

**iMonelli** - 4017 Johnston St. Northern Italian cuisine, featuring new and old favorites. Fresh baked bread and exciting desserts. Full service bar. Good wine list. Lunch: Tues.-Fri. Dinner: Tues-Sat. Closed Sun. and Mon. 989-9291.

**La Fonda** - 3809 Johnston. Tex-Mex and steaks. Especially popular as an early evening Margarita watering hole. Open 11am to 10pm. 984-5630.

**Lafayette's Restaurant** - 1025 Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette. Live jazz brunch on Sundays. Lunch buffet M-F. Good food, but somewhat noisy. 216-9024.

**Mustang Sally's Grill and Bar** - 1801 W. Pinhook. In the Best Western Hotel Acadiana. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. 233-8120.

**Outback Steakhouse** - 1600 W. Pinhook Rd. Fine steaks, less expensive than Ruth's Chris. 235-8640.

**Poor Boy's Riverside Inn** - 240 Tubing Rd., Lafayette, just off US 90 East. A favorite Lafayette restaurant since 1932. Along with Don's, one of the originators of upscale Cajun cuisine. Fine seafood, including grilled stuffed flounder, crabmeat étouffée, flounder extravaganza, and the shrimp dinner. Also serving live Maine lobster, a full line of steaks, and heart-healthy items. Closed Sunday. 235-8559.

**Randol's Restaurant & Cajun Dance Hall** - 2320 Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette. "Two Steppin', Toe Tappin', Taste Temptin'" hall features Cajun music, food, and dancing 7 nights a week in a casual, family atmosphere. 981-7080 or (800) YO-CAJUN.

**Ruth's Chris Steakhouse** - 620 W. Pinhook Rd. A moderate walk from the Hilton, serves serious filets, richly marbled, corn-fed beef, custom-aged and cut by hand. Pricey, but worth it. Must order side a la carte, so best to share. Reservations recommended. 237-6123.

**Sakura** – 3217 Johnston St. Offers a variety of sushi and non-sushi entrees, including Bento boxes. 989-9698.

**Shangri La** – 4702 Johnston Street. Great sushi bar, fine Chinese menu, and delightful Japanese grill. 988-4588.

**The Blair House** - 1316 Surrey St., Lafayette. Just off Pinhook near Vermilionville. One of Lafayette's old guard restaurants. Traditional and progressive Cajun cuisine. Great wine list. Lunch M-F; Saturday dinner only. 234-0357.

**The Original Don's Seafood & Steakhouse** - 301 E. Vermilion, Lafayette (downtown). Third generation family-owned restaurant located in historic downtown Lafayette. One of the first restaurants to experiment with traditional Cajun cuisine back in the 1930s, producing innovative dishes such as crawfish stuffed flounder. Most of the crawfish dishes are good, and the eggplant

dishes are also noteworthy. Newly remodeled. Specializing in fresh seafood and steaks. 235-3551.

**The Peking Garden** - 4416 Johnston St. Taeppanaki Seafood, Japanese Steak, & Chinese cuisine. Japanese dishes prepared at table especially recommended. Reservations recommended for dinner. 984-1290.

**Tsunami** – 412 Jefferson St. Popular downtown sushi restaurant known for its chic decor and busy happy hour. Salads, steaks, and grilled fish also available. Closed Sunday and Monday. 234-3474.

**Zea Rotisserie & Grill** - 235 Doucet Road, Lafayette. A favorite spot for lunch or dinner. Big city atmosphere. Great food with interesting choices. Interesting lunch specials. A great place for dinner. Smartly casual. 406-0013.

**LESS EXPENSIVE (INEXPENSIVE TO MODERATE):**

**Alesi Italian Restaurant & Pizza House** - 4110 Johnston St. Lafayette's original pizza house, specializing in spaghetti, ravioli, pizza, and other southern Italian dishes. 984-1823.

**Bonnie Bell's Bistro** - 407 Brook Ave. (off St. Mary, near campus and Old Tyme Grocery). Good pasta, soups, and sandwiches, including vegetarian options. Excellent burgers, too. Parking is sometimes hard to find. 234-6776.

**Café Lola** - 1155 Coolidge St. (in the Oil Center). Cozy café/deli with great soups, sandwiches, and salads. Good vegetarian selections; homemade tortilla chips. 235-4566.

**Cedar Grocery & Deli** - 1115 Jefferson. Excellent Syrian-Lebanese food. A great place for vegetarians and carnivores alike. Specialty sandwiches and muffalattas. Hummus on a warm pita is a bargain at \$2 or so. Lunch only. 233-5460.

**Chili's Grill & Bar** - 1734 W. Pinhook. Close to the Hilton. A popular chain restaurant featuring Mexican food. 235-6570.

**Chris' Poboy's** – 1930 W. Pinhook Rd. New Orleans style poboy's, seafood platters, muffulettas, salads. Convenient and good. 234-6333. The downtown location is at 631 Jefferson St. 234-1696.

**Creole Lunch House** - 713 12th St. Good homestyle Creole food in a family atmosphere. A favorite lunch place with great stuffed bread and baked chicken. 232-9929.

**Damascus** - 102 Arnould Blvd. (off Johnston), Lafayette. Good Lebanese/Greek cuisine. Sandwiches (especially vegetarian yogurt sandwich) recommended. 989-0201.

**Dean-O's** - 305 Bertrand Drive. Pizza with a cajun twist. Try the crab-laden Marie Leveaux, or the spicy Cajun Executioner. Crawfish nachos, spinach salad, and spinach-artichoke dip are also good. 233-5446.

**Dwyer's** – 323 Jefferson St. A comfortable downtown diner with great breakfast, coffee, and plate lunches. Big portions and very reasonable prices. 235-9364.

**Eddie's Restaurant** - 1895 W. Pinhook Rd. In Acadian Village Shopping Center (Corner of Pinhook and K. Saloom Rd), next to Old America Store. Good spicy homestyle cooking. Great daily lunch specials. Nice atmosphere. Fabulous buttermilk biscuits. 11am-2pm Mon.-Fri. 234-2485.

**Gallagher's** - 403 E. University Ave. Family style cafeteria serving home cooking style Cajun and Creole food. Very popular lunch place across from UL Lafayette. Good cornbread and rolls. 261-0493.

**Guidry's Reef** - 1508 W. Pinhook. Across Pinhook from the Hilton. Oysters on the half-shell, seafood dishes, 237-2860.

**Hub City Diner** - 1412 S. College Rd. From the Hilton, turn right on Pinhook, left on Bendel Rd., right on S. College). A local favorite. Classic diner dishes and atmosphere. Great friendly atmosphere. Vegetarian options. Good Blue Plate specials. Salads, gumbo, red beans and rice. Opens at 7am on weekdays, 8am Sat. and Sun. Breakfast, lunch and dinner M-Sat. Sunday breakfast and lunch only. 235-5683.

**Judice Inn** - 3134 Johnston St. Claims to have "Best Hamburgers in Town Since 1947." Very casual hometown atmosphere. Open Mon.-Sat, 10am-10pm. 984-5614.

**Laura's Drive Inn** - 918 1/2 Voorhies. Creole soul food at its best. Dine in or order to go. Hearty, decidedly not cholesterol-free cooking (but worth the risk), and SPICY! [Chairs should come with seatbelts] Plan a nap after lunch. 10am to 2pm. 234-3915.

**Mae Sone Noodle House** – 4807 Johnston Street, just behind Baskin Robbins. Impressive variety of oriental cuisine (Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese). The most accessible and clearly Vietnamese restaurant in town. 406-0850.

**Mel's Diner** - 2956 Johnston St. Classic 24-hour diner with retro décor. Breakfast anytime. Great value. 235-6219.

**Mello Joy Café** - 625 Jefferson St (downtown). The lunch menu contains a nice selection of salads and sandwiches. You can also just sit and enjoy a cup of "The Original Cajun Coffee" in a relaxing atmosphere. 232-0006.

**Olde Tyme Grocery** - 218 W. St. Mary Blvd. Considered by many to serve the best poboys in town, and the fries are good, too. The Shrimp Poor-Boy, Oyster Poor-Boy, Meatball Poor-Boy, and Olde Tyme Special are especially recommended. Big enough to share. Served on Langlinois French Bread. Dine in or carry out. One block from campus. Great value. 235-8165.

**Pimon Thai** - 3904 Johnston St. Lafayette's popular Thai restaurant. Vegetarians can substitute tofu or veggies for meat in most entrees. Excellent Thai iced coffee. A bit pricey. Open for lunch and dinner. 993-8424.

**Poseidon's Greek Restaurant** - 103 Kaliste Saloom Rd., 1/2 block from Pinhook. Good Greek food. Open 11am-2pm and 5-9pm. 235-9154.

**Poupart's Bakery** - 1902 W. Pinhook. "An authentic *Boulangerie & Patisserie*." Not far from the Hilton and worth the walk. Sit and enjoy a French breakfast with a cup of good coffee. For lunch, have a sandwich or quiche. Closed Mon. 232-7921.

**Siro's Bistro** - 920 W. Pinhook, French-Continental cuisine in a casual atmosphere. "The ultimate soup and sandwich bistro." Chicken puff pie, quiche, French onion soup, salads, and stuffed croissants. Also serves cinnamon rolls, etc. Very reasonable prices. Open for breakfast and lunch M-Sat. 233-7476.

**Tampico** - 5713 Johnston St. Mexican food in a lively atmosphere. 988-0102.

**T-Coon's** - 1900 W. Pinhook Road. Serving spicy homestyle daily plate lunch specials featuring fresh vegetables (nothing canned or frozen). Freshly baked bread as big as your head. Different specials each day. 233-0422. The downtown location is on the corner of Jefferson St. and Convent. 232-3803.

**The Green Olive** - 2441 W. Congress. Lebanese Cuisine. Excellent vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. Great daily lunch specials. (The meatless baked eggplant is a favorite.) 11-2pm and 5-10 pm. 234-0004.

**Whole Wheatery Eatery** - 927 Harding. Located in the Oil Center, next to Health Food Store. Great Greek spinach pie, vegetable plate, vegetable lasagna, salads, and sandwiches. Good vegetarian menu. Open for lunch through early afternoon, Mon.-Sat. 269-0144.

**Zeus Greek & Lebanese Café**- 1103 W. Pinhook Road (in the Oil Center). Downtown location - 431 Jefferson St. Great Chicken Schwerma; several vegetarian options. Open 7 days; Sun. lunch only. Pinhook: 269-1434; Downtown: 234 8955.

#### **FARTHER OUT (5 - 10 MILES), BUT WORTH THE TRIP:**

**Black's Oyster Bar.** 319 Pere Megret, Abbeville. 20 minutes from Lafayette. A full service seafood restaurant. Wonderful atmosphere in an old bank building. Especially known for its raw oysters and fried seafood. 893-4266.

**Cafe Des Amis** - 140 E. Bridge St., Breaux Bridge. Coffeehouse and bistro. Delicious home cooked meals. French Acadian cuisine. Local artists' work, memorabilia and antiques in a "museum-like" cafe. Zydeco brunch on Saturday mornings features live Zydeco band and a menu featuring Cajun/Creole favorites such as beignets, boudin, etc. A must if you can fit it into your schedule. Closed Monday. (337) 332-5273 or 888-547-2275.

**Catahoula's** - In historic Grand Coteau. Named for the Catahoula hound, Louisiana's official state dog. And located in a renovated general store. If you're in Grand Coteau for lunch, stop at the Kitchen Shop nearby for great quiche and desserts. Both are located on the main street going into town, across from the Academy of the Sacred Heart (183?) the oldest Catholic school for

girls west of the Mississippi River. Closed Monday. Call for reservations. 337-662-BARK or 888-547-2275.

**Mulate's Cajun Restaurant** - 325 Mills Avenue, Breaux Bridge. Located 15-20 minutes from Lafayette, on Hwy 94, or one mile from I-10. Cajun food, music and dancing. The best known Cajun restaurant and dance hall, but often invaded by busloads of tourists. The zydeco salad, frog legs and soft-shell crab are great. 7am-10:30pm daily. 1-800-634-9880 or 332-4013.

**Nash's Restaurant** - 101 E. 2nd St., Broussard. Follow Pinhook Rd. all the way into Broussard. Nash's is located in an old Victorian mansion that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Very good Italian food, seafood, and steaks, in an elegant but relaxed atmosphere. Tuesday-Friday, 11 am -10 pm. Sunday Brunch 11am - 3 pm. 839-9333.

**Paul's Pirogue** - 209 E. St. Peter St., Carencro. A wonderful seafood restaurant with rustic décor. Great gumbo and dessert. Open seven nights a week. 896-3788.

**Prejean's Restaurant** - 3480 I-49 North, Lafayette. Gourmet food in a fun, casual atmosphere. Traditional and progressive Cajun, seafood, and wild game specialties. Fun for local interest. Live Cajun music 7 nights a week, starting at 7pm. Reservations recommended for groups of 10 or more. 896-3247.

#### **CHEAP AND CLOSE:**

**Burger King** - 1826 W. Pinhook Rd. 235-7178.

**McDonald's Hamburgers** - 1903 W. Pinhook Rd. 234-2021

**Pizza Hut** - 1821 W. Pinhook Rd. 233-4568

**Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken and Biscuits** - 1300 W. Pinhook Rd. Unless you ask for "mild," you will get "SPICY"--and they aren't kidding. Good biscuits. 235-1587.

**Sonic Drive-In** - 616 W. Pinhook Rd. 233-0881.

**Taco Bell** - 1901 W. Pinhook Rd. 232-6011.

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