Helping Develop the Tourism Product

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Define Your Product First

- What makes your business/area unique?
- Set yourself apart from others
- Focus on your strongest assets
- Build on your knowledge of the area

LTPA is the Hub of the Tourism Wheel



LTPA works in partnership with LOT

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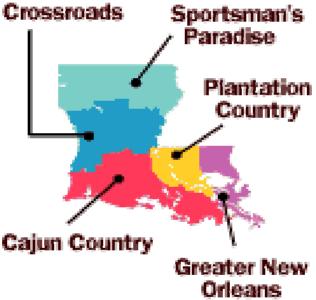
Should I be a member of LTPA?

- Networking through Meetings and Communications
- Educational Resources
- Governmental Representation
- Marketing Opportunities
- Public Relations Assistance



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Educational Resources

YEAR SALE

Tourism Sales & Marketing Courses

- Nov. 26th From ABC to XYZ: Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Tourism with Mike Prejean
- Nov. 27th The Attitude of Selling with Ken Norton

Tourism Sales & Marketing Courses

- Nov. 26th Internet Marketing
- Dec. 11th Microsoft Word
- Certification & Degree Programs
 - Certified Destination Marketing Official (CDMO)
 - Certified Sales & Marketing Executive (CSME)
 - Advanced Certified Louisiana Travel Counselor (ACLTC)

Governmental Action

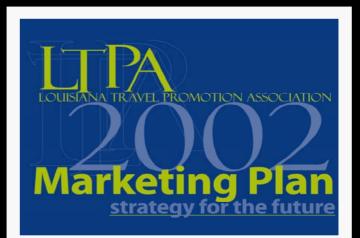
- Tourism Awareness Day
- Tourism Advocacy Leadership Program
- Louisiana Travel Pac

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We're Here To Help You Bring It All Together

- LTPA's Annual Marketing Plan
- District Marketing Conferences
- Committee Participation



Cooperative Marketing

- Travel Around Louisiana Mall Shows
- Travel & Vacation Shows
- Christmas Brochure
- Newspaper Tabloid

"Pack Up" Your Business

- Packaging It's all about cooperation
- Statewide Vacation Packaging Program
- How does packaging work?
- Is packaging right for me?

Trade in Your Business Cards for Brochures!

- Strategic selling tool
- Photos, descriptive copy, maps, web site address, toll-free number
- Primary inquiry response piece

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Tourism Thrives on the Net

- You must be present to win
- Give them what they're surfing for
- Make your presence known
- E-marketing is easy!



Louisiana's Official Website

- 2.4 million visitors in 2001
- "The New Louisiana Purchase" is driving heavy traffic
- You can have a FREE coupon NOW!
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- 152 million Americans are net-active

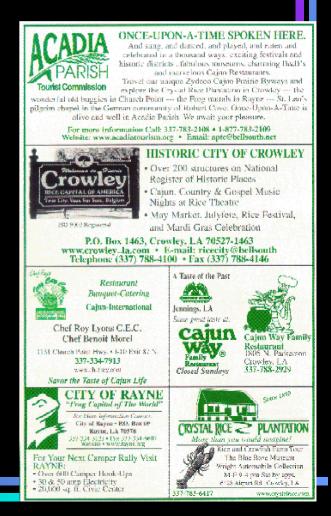




Louisiana's Official Guide

Louisiana Tour Guide is #1

- Only \$0.0001 CPU!
- Cooperating Advertising
- Annual Tour Guide Forums



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The mission of the Louisiana Travel Promotion Association is to lead a cohesive and unified effort of private and public tourism-based business in their pursuit of visitation to Louisiana.

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Tourism is Top!

- #2 in Louisiana
- 23.1 million US visitors
- 600,000 international visitors
- Spending in excess of \$8.7 billion
- #4 in visitor growth
- Top 12 destination state