

Join the Rotary Friendship Exchange to Louisiana, USA!

The Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) committee has arranged an interchange with Southern Louisiana, USA, in April of 2017. Following is information on the regions you will visit if you participate in this



exchange.

New Orleans is a major United States port. New Orleans is a Southern anomaly: in the South but not of the South, more Catholic (or pagan) than Baptist, as much Caribbean (or Mediterranean) as American.

Another stop the exchange will be the Terrebonne Parish area. This area has been a center of Cajun culture since the 18th century. Baton Rouge is the capital of the state of Louisiana. The Baton Rouge Rotary Club is comprised of over 500 members, one of the largest clubs in the world.

Louisiana was the site of many significant events in the US Civil War, and landmarks around the state have been set aside to commemorate the events and sacrifices made there. Baton Rouge fell to the Union troops during the Civil War. Abbeville, Louisiana, is an agricultural trade and processing center for rice, sugarcane, dairy products, and seafood, in particular crawfish, alligator, and crab.



The District 5580 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) committee is now accepting applications for an exchange visit from April 19th through May 3rd, 2017, to Southern Louisiana. The Rotary Friendship Exchange program is funded by the participants, but travel costs are kept low with lodging and many meals provided by Rotarian host families. Please visit the RFE webpage on the District Website to find out more about the itinerary for this exchange visit and additional information about the Rotary Friendship Exchange Program including costs. The application form is also available on the RFE webpage, as well as criteria for team selection and the itinerary for this visit to South Louisiana. The exchange team is limited to six couples or 12 people in total. Couples are not restricted to married couples. Please see the criteria for team selection for a full explanation. The application deadline is October 15, 2016.

We will be in turn hosting an exchange visit from the South Louisiana Rotary District in July of 2017. Please consider hosting or being involved in the RFE program.

Interested? Check out the RFE Webpage at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50019/SitePage/friendship-exchange>.