



HOW TO *Downtown*

A FIELD GUIDE TO
DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT

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Taco Tuesdays at Parish Taceaux

\$3 tacos, \$2 local beers AND \$2 tequila shots.
Need we say more?



People watch at Rhino Coffee's sidewalk café

Located on always-exciting Texas Street, Rhino coffee has you covered whether you want a great cup of coffee, a yummy bite to eat or just a place to chill.



Snap a pic of the Cross Bayou A-Truss Bridge

Originally built in 1896, it is one of only two like it still in existence in the United States.



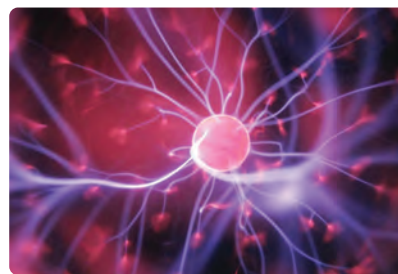
Enjoy the balcony at Abby Singer's Bistro

Abby Singer's features Shreveport's only dining balcony, making it the perfect downtown date spot.



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler at Mudbug Madness

Held each Memorial Day weekend, this three-day festival is one of Louisiana's largest and most popular Cajun festivals.



Get a dose of science at Sci-Port

The perfect fun, educational environment for people of all ages to explore and interact with the world of mathematics, technology and science.



Go backstage at the famous Municipal Auditorium

Walk in the footsteps of music legends as you take a backstage tour of Shreveport's most iconic performing arts venue.



Pet a stingray at the Shreveport

Seahorses and sharks and stingrays, oh my!
Home to over 3,000 sea creatures, the Shreveport Aquarium is a great spot for the whole family.



Feast on enchiladas at Nicky's

With two-for-one enchiladas every Monday and Tuesday, Nicky's Mexican Restaurant, located in the Red River District, is the obvious choice for a weekday meal.



Tour the beautiful Strand Theatre, and then catch a show

Originally opened in 1925 as an opera and movie palace, the Strand Theater now offers locals a chance to experience touring Broadway productions, concerts, dance and much more!



Sketch the City with architect Mischa Farrell

No art or architecture background needed! Local architect, Mischa Farrell leads free sketch sessions where you can try your hand at drawing historic buildings around Shreveport.



Peruse historic city directories at Shreve Memorial Library

Research any city block at the main branch of the library. The city directories hold historical ownership information about most addresses in downtown.



Monthly downtown Artwalks

Every first Wednesday of the month, the Downtown Artwalk gives you a chance to view and purchase art in all its forms.



Take a walk and count different architectural styles

Downtown Shreveport boasts incredible buildings reflecting many different time periods and architectural styles. How many can you spot?



Murals everywhere! Take a self-guided mural tour

Almost every street downtown features amazing public artwork. Talk a stroll and see how many murals you can find!



Experience all things avant-garde at minicine?

Looking to do something a little outside the norm? minicine? has you covered. It's a performance art venue, art gallery and experimental film theater all rolled into one.



Walk among the ghosts and graves at Oakland Cemetery

Opened in 1847, Oakland Cemetery has many stories to tell. Stop in to meet the "residents" of one of Shreveport's oldest landmarks.



Catch a flick at Robinson Film Center

Robinson Film Center aims to educate, enrich and entertain the community through the power of film. They showcase independent, international and classic cinema daily.



Experience African-American history at SUSLA Metro Museum of Art

This museum of history and culture showcases an extensive collection of African-American art & artifacts. Admission is free!



Explore the Great Raft at the J Bennett Johnston Regional Visitor Center

The J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Regional Visitor Center provides the opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the Red River's past and present.



Learn why water was life at the Shreveport Water Works Museum

The Shreveport Water Works Museum has the rare distinction of being both a National Historic Landmark and a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.



Find art that speaks to you at Agora Borealis

Shreveport's first local artisan marketplace brings you quality, handmade, local art and goods. This is the perfect place to pick up unique gifts for loved ones or even yourself!



Experience a locally made brew at Red River Brewing Co.

Established in 2012, Red River Brewing Co. is the 'go to' destination for locals and the people visiting Shreveport -Bossier City. And, it's kid-friendly space is open for families!



Check the racks at Weekend Thrifter

If you're into vintage, Weekend Thrifter is the place for you. This thrift boutique is open every weekend with a curated exhibition of second hand fashion, accessories and home decor.



Have a suit custom-fit at On Time Fashion

On Time Fashion is a high-style men's clothing store on Texas Street owned by Sam Fashho, stocking an eclectic selection of mens items such as suits, shirts, ties, hats and shoes.



Play pool at The Noble Savage

Noble Savage Tavern is a great, laid-back local haunt with delicious food, and live music almost every night. Stop in for great drinks, friendly staff and good times!



Take a selfie in front of an old brick wall

Love buildings with character? Downtown Shreveport has plenty! You haven't experienced downtown until you've taken a selfie in the glow of our beautiful bricks.



Blow a glass bauble at Sanctuary Glass

Located inside of Red River Brewing Co., Sanctuary Glass Studio creates one-of-a-kind works of art and offers classes in glass blowing, kiln casting and mosaic.



Dive into local cultures at the Multicultural Center of the South

Explore the diversity and culture of northwest Louisiana at the Multicultural Center of the South.



Sit and watch the river at SALT Café

Located within the Shreveport Aquarium, enjoy the view at this riverfront restaurant. SALT is committed to serving only Louisiana seafood and locally sourced, sustainable meat and produce.



Stock up on brochures at the SB Convention and Tourist Bureau

The Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau is the best place to find a comprehensive guide to experiencing Shreveport and Bossier City.



Go back in time at the Ogilvie Wiener Mansion

Built in 1896, the Ogilvie-Wiener Mansion is the largest Queen Ann-style historic mansion in North Louisiana.



Eat and dance and breathe in art at the Red River Revel

Every fall, this enormous, family-friendly festival features more than 100 visual artists, live music from every genre, food and drink vendors, and more.



Steak Night at Fatty Arbuckle's

Fatty Arbuckle's is one of Downtown Shreveport's oldest standing lounges with live entertainment, weekly karaoke, a huge whiskey selection and a variety of craft cocktails.



Artbreak and Geek'd Con at Shreveport Convention Center

The Shreveport Convention Center is the perfect venue for trade shows and conventions, including Artbreak, the largest student arts festival in the south and Geek'd Con, a comic and pop culture event for all ages.



Go to one of the Remington Suites' many cool rooftop parties

The Remington Suite Hotel is Shreveport's premier boutique hotel with luxurious suites and a cozy cocktail lounge. Its amazing rooftop venue hosts regular fun events under the stars.



Eat way too much at an ASEANA Foundation festival

Learn about a variety of Asian cultures through food, art, dance, games and martial arts at the ASEANA Foundation's seasonal festivals.



Try downtown's new bike lanes

Thanks to an initiative started back in 2016, the city is working hard to give bicyclists more safe routes to travel.



Play Drag Bingo at The Korner Lounge

The Korner Lounge is Shreveport's veteran gay bar known for its regular karaoke nights and welcoming environment. Every Sunday, stop by for Drag Bingo hosted by local drag performers.



Laugh and play at The Common Park

Revitalizing a nine-block area located at the eastern edge of downtown, Shreveport Common is a development project featuring unique public art and programming, greenspaces and historic preservation.



Become a critic at Louisiana Prize Fest

Every October, you'll have the chance to view and vote on 20 short films, listen to nationally and locally renowned bands, taste one-of-a-kind food and drink and see a showcase of fashion by local designers.



Imagine Yourself Downtown

Imagine your office or home in Downtown Shreveport – intriguing space filled with stories, with buildings that are equally amazing as an office, a retail space or an apartment.



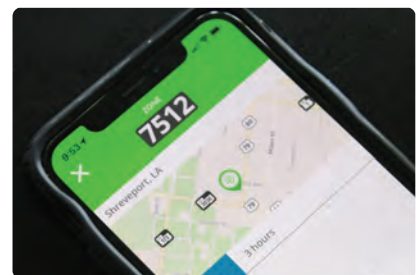
Work out at the Downtown YMCA

Amenities of the Downtown Y include an indoor pool, basketball gym, steam room, sauna, indoor walking track and cardio and strength equipment.



Order a Muffaletta at Fertitta's Deli

For nearly 90 years, Fertitta's Delicatessen has been home to the world famous "Muffy" sandwich. It's earned a place as a historic landmark and a piece of the community's heart.



Park with the Parkmobile App

Tired of scrounging for quarters when parking downtown? Now you don't have to with the Parkmobile app! Easily find and pay for parking using this free app.



Saturday mornings at the Shreveport Farmers Market

This bountiful and fun-filled market gives the community a chance to pick up produce, meats and handmade craft goods.



Get cultured at Central ARTSTATION

Swing by the renovated historic building to enjoy art exhibitions, award winning theater or take a picture with ART the Dalmatian.



View oversized abstract art at the Marlene Yu Museum

The museum's mission is to preserve, present, document and interpret the life and works of Taiwanese artist, Marlene Tseng Yu. Her artwork is large, colorful and absolutely breathtaking.



Re-live Shreveport's history at the Spring Street Museum

Learn about the history of Shreveport's oldest days with interactive exhibits and artifacts documenting Shreveport's infamous Red Light District, Civil War history and more.



Try your luck at Sam's Town or Eldorado Casinos

Feeling lucky? The city's casinos provide some of the best entertainment options in the area.

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