Colonial Home Pilgrimage Set
In Baton Rouge

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Baton Rouge, the Capitol City of Louisiana, located on the Mississippi River in the heart of the rich plantation country, opens its doors this spring to its second annual pilgrimage. It will proudly present 20 homes of the area on four tours.

Louisiana's heritage is unique. First claimed by DeSoto for Spain, then by the great French explorer, LaSalle, who named it for King Louis in April 1682, it has the distinction of having had nine flags fly over the territory. The cultural heritage is influenced in the architecture of each of the different colonial periods, and will be clearly visible for all pilgrims who make the tours.

The primary purpose of the pilgrimage presented by the Baton Rouge Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Inc., is to encourage the preservation of historical and cultural places of natural beauty within the state and, most particularly, within the area.

It hopes to make the public more aware and interested in preserving many of the existing historical and cultural landmarks in the state. The pilgrimage will also promote tourism.

The first tour will be on Sunday afternoon, March 28, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is called the "Bayou Tour", and will show five homes in the Rosedale-Marignouin-Livonia area along Bayous Marignouin and Grosse Tete, the old water roadways of yesterday.

The second tour will be on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third tour will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on that day. Five homes or historical buildings will be open to the pilgrim on each of these Saturday tours.

The fourth and final tour will be on Sunday, April 4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lovely Goodwood Plantation House, will be among the 20 homes featured during the pilgrimage.