Angels, architecture, artifacts, and an ambience unlike any other capture your heart and soul as you take a step back in time. Historic Abbeville, set on the beautiful Vermilion Bayou, is architecturally symmetrical and exquisitely designed.

Founded in 1843 in the center of Acadiana, this picturesque little city has many properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Romance and reverie emerge as you begin your stroll...

Twenty blocks of the Main Street District together with the residential historic district offer many grandiose homes listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Special tours of these beautifully decorated homes are available annually. Savor southern hospitality as you visit historic Abbeville’s charming shops and boutiques, fine restaurants, lovely flower gardens, lively and colorful festivals, wonderful waterways, and cultural events in Magdalen Square.

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**1. ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH** is one of the many properties historic Abbeville proudly trumpets. This church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1911, St. Mary Magdalen boasts a Romanesque Revival exterior and a cruciform shape interior which is ornate and gracious. The magnificent stained glass windows were crafted in France. The present marble nave replaces several earlier churches that have stood here through the years, but either during hurricanes or fierce fires.

**2. ST. MARY MAGDALEN RECTORY** is one of the most attractive rectories in the South. The rectory houses the resident priest, and some believe it to be haunted. The identity of the ghost is perhaps that of Reverend Edmund Daull, a resident priest of the rectory who later died there.

**3. ST. MARY MAGDALEN CEMETERY** was established with the city in 1843. Inside are 357 marked and unmarked graves. Many of the headstones are engraved in French.

**4. MAGDALEN SQUARE** in the heart of Abbeville, is one of two town squares. Magdalen Square was donated by Pere Desire Antoine Megret. His statue, carved in Italy, stands among the magnificent century-old oak trees.

**5. VERMILION PARISH WAR MEMORIAL** is a dedication to the memories of the soldiers who lost their lives in the nation's wars and conflicts.

**6. ABBEVILLE CITY HALL**, Hotel De Ville, now houses the city's municipal offices. This three-story edifice was also once the nationally known Venida Hotel which featured fabulous meals of wild game. It later became the Audrey Hotel, famous for its rooftop dances. Ask any of the locals to tell you a story about the hotel, and you will hear a colorful tale of days gone by.

**7. A Greek Gothic Revival structure, the VERMILION PARISH COURTHOUSE, with colossal columns adorning its portico, was built in 1953. It was designed by the famous architect, A. Hays Town. The Courthouse accommodates parish, state, and federal offices.

**8.** The entire block of South Concord Street is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **THE BANK OF ABBEVILLE**, built in 1904, is considered the city's centerpiece of architecture with its storybook, mythical twin towers. George Honold designed both this building and St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

**9. ABBEY PLAYERS THEATRE**, built in 1908, was formerly the Old Vermilion Bar. Today, after extensive renovations, the theatre presents a season of four mainstage productions and one show presented by the Children's Theatre Guild.

**10. WELLS FARGO BUILDING**, now a residence, was built in the late 1800s. Occupied by the Wells Fargo Express Company for several years at the turn of the century, this monument is constructed of locally made brick and features walls that are 14 inches thick. Presently, this home is an elegant landmark and is available for tours by appointment.