If You Go...

In Acadia, you can fly to New Orleans or Baton Rouge and rent a car. It is 143 miles from New Orleans to New Iberia on Interstate 10 and U.S. 90, from Baton Rouge to New Iberia on the same route is 75 miles. The shortcut route, down U.S. 90 to Morgan City and over to New Orleans, is 134 miles.

The Shadowbox open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. every day but Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. For group tours, or further information, write Lourinda G. Harrell, adven-
turously, the Shadowbox-on-the-Toche, P.O. Box 34, New Iberia, La. 70550.

If you are interested in preserva-
tion of historic houses, you can gain free admission to all the properties of the National Trust for Historic Preservation by joining the organization. Membership also brings publi-
cations and a discount in some of the organization. Fees for individuals start at $1. The address is National Trust, 746-546 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Acadiana has many secret spots. In New Iberia (zip 70550) the list includes the Acadia (334-366-8711) on U.S.
90, the Beau Sejour (334-366-6001) on Route 182 and the Holiday Inn (334-
857-1261) on U.S. 90. The Acadia, where I stayed, has a small bar where an agreeable young woman sings in the evening. "Blue Bayou," naturally, is requested regularly.

McNally’s Tacos Sauce Factory in New Iberia, a mile south of New Iberia on State Route 299, serves you Monday to Friday. A charge of $25 is im-
posed for using the road into Avery Island, a private exclusive, and rains on its site are pruned on the till turf.
ct. The admission fee to Jungle Gar-
dens in Avery Island is $1.75 for adults, 75 cents for children. The gar-
dens are open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., until 5:30 in the summer.

Live Oak Gardens, whose speak-
men trees and flowers are highly praised, is in Jefferson Island on State Route 85 east of State Route 37 and is open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Gully.

Among the attractions are houses made from huge tull that were once used to build down sugar cane juice. Admission: $2.25 for adults; 91 for children.

In the area of Opelousas are also the villages of Grand Commeau, Wash-

ington and Kisneld, which have a num-
ber of interesting houses, including Ropiner, which saws restoration, and Chetron Point, which was built by James Bedell, the master builder for Shadowbox-on-the-Toche. The Greater Opelousas Chamber of Com-
merce, 132 West Main Street, P.O. Box 146, Opelousas, La. 70570, has a fly-

er with sketchy maps for those who want to guide themselves. Most houses are privately owned and can be viewed only from the outside.

An excellent state highway map is published by the Louisiana Depar-
tment of Transportation, Office of Highway, Baton Rouge, La. 70804.

Further information is available from the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism, Tourism Commission, Box 4529, Capital Sta-
tion, Baton Rouge 70820.