

## LIVE MUSIC VENUES

Live music abounds in the Southern Soul Capital. Visit one of these hotspots for regularly-scheduled live music performances.

### Club Premiere

(318) 518-6214  
420 Commerce Street,  
Shreveport

### Pat and Jerry

(318) 828-2932  
2621 Hollywood Avenue,  
Shreveport

### Deedy's Lounge

(318) 773-2824  
1608 N. Market Street,  
Shreveport

### Southern Soul Lounge

(318) 673-8338  
1605 Marshall Street,  
Shreveport

### J.O.S.H. Lounge

(318) 681-9960  
224 Spring Street,  
Shreveport

### Tuckers Lounge

(318) 226-1897  
101 Allen Avenue,  
Shreveport

### Lucky Liquor

(318) 221-2148  
161 Christian Street,  
Shreveport

Looking for more information  
on the Southern Soul music experience?

Contact **Playaz and Playettes, Inc.**  
at (318) 424-9297

Southern Soul is more than just music, but a culture and way of life. This is expressed through the **Northwest Louisiana Trail Riders Association**, which has about 22 clubs from around this region. They all have independent trail rides throughout the season. **For more information, call 318-286-7668.**



## WHAT IS "SOUTHERN SOUL?"

**"Southern Soul" is defined as a unique type of soul music** that emerged from the Southern United States, incorporating elements of blues, country, rock n' roll and gospel music. In the Southern Soul Capital of Shreveport, La., the sound and culture of Southern Soul influences every aspect of life – from the music played in night clubs to the food served in restaurants.

Shreveport's connection to what would become known as Southern Soul dates back to the 1930s, as birthplace and home of blues legend **Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter**. A popular tour stop among African American performers on the famed "Chitlin' Circuit," Shreveport's night clubs served as a proving ground for such artists as **James Brown, John Lee Hooker, Bobby Rush** and more. Many of the most revered record labels in Southern Soul history were based in Shreveport, including such labels as **Jewel Records, Ronn Records** and **Paula Records**.

The traditions of Southern Soul – a regional sound that shaped American popular culture – are alive and well in Shreveport.

Use this brochure to experience the sounds, tastes and sights of the **Southern Soul Capital**.

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Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau



[www.shreveport-bossier.org](http://www.shreveport-bossier.org)  
(318) 222-9391



## TASTE THE CULTURE

**What is the taste of Southern Soul?** Local restaurants offer their own unique versions of traditional soul food favorites, including a world-famous take on stuffed shrimp created by the Freeman and Harris Café. These enormous stuffed shrimp – packed with fiery Creole dressing, battered and deep fried – are an essential Southern Soul dining experience, along with many other unique, regional variations on classic soul food menu items.

Stop in at one of these local eateries to sample the unique flavors of Southern Soul!

### Brother's Seafood

4916 Monkhouse Drive,  
Shreveport  
(318) 635-1641  
**Don't Miss:**  
Stuffed shrimp, gumbo

### Cat Daddy's Café

5714 Broadway Avenue,  
Shreveport  
(318) 631-0881  
**Don't Miss:**  
Fried seafood platters,  
daily plate lunch specials

### C&C Café

1765 Milam Street,  
Shreveport  
(318) 222-8180  
**Don't Miss:**  
Stuffed shrimp,  
smothered pork chops

### Eddie's Seafood and Soul Food Restaurant

1965 Hollywood Avenue,  
Shreveport  
(318) 631-9082  
**Don't Miss:**  
Stuffed shrimp,  
daily plate lunch specials

### Sherry's Diner

2715 Freewater Street,  
Shreveport  
(318) 227-9071  
**Don't Miss:**  
Sweet Lucy Kool-Aid,  
banana pudding, fried  
catfish and shrimp platters

### Taylor's Catering and Restaurant

1136 N. Market Street,  
Shreveport  
(318) 675-0007  
**Don't Miss:**  
Barbecue (Fridays),  
peanut butter cake,  
whole fried catfish

### Explore Shreveport-Bossier's African American Heritage:

Pick up a free copy of  
the *Spice & Soul* brochure  
at any Visitor Center.

## FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Catch the spirit of Southern Soul at one of these festive events, ranging from live music festivals to uniquely local twists on the traditions of Mardi Gras.

**For a complete list of events in Shreveport-Bossier, visit [www.sbfunguide.com](http://www.sbfunguide.com).**

### African American History Parade

Held each February.  
Parade honoring African  
American history with  
dance groups, marching  
bands and more.  
Downtown Shreveport

### Krewe of Harambee Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Mardi Gras Parade

Held annually on MLK Day.  
Enormous Mardi Gras  
parade with marching  
bands, dance groups  
and more.  
Downtown Shreveport

### Krewe of Sobek Mardi Gras Parade

Held each February.  
Mardi Gras parade  
featuring floats, bands,  
marching groups, drill  
teams and more.  
Queensborough  
Neighborhood  
[www.kreweofsobek.org](http://www.kreweofsobek.org)

### Let the Good Times Roll Festival

Held each June.  
Annual festival featuring  
live zydeco, hip-hop, soul  
and more, as well as  
fantastic food and drink.  
Festival Plaza,  
101 Crockett Street,  
Downtown Shreveport  
[www.rhoomega.com](http://www.rhoomega.com)

### Shreveport Labor Day Southern Soul Blues Fest

Held annually on Sunday  
before Labor Day. Live  
blues, soul, R&B and  
more.  
Festival Plaza,  
101 Crockett Street,  
Downtown Shreveport

## HISTORIC SITES & LANDMARKS

### Antioch Baptist Church

Est. 1903, historic home  
of Shreveport's earliest  
African American Baptist  
congregation.  
National Register of  
Historic Places  
1057 Texas Avenue,  
Shreveport

### Calanthean Temple

Former site of historic African  
American social venue that  
hosted performances by Louis  
Armstrong, Duke Ellington  
and more.  
1007-1009 Texas Avenue,  
Shreveport

### C.C. Antoine House

Home of Louisiana's 3rd  
black lieutenant governor,  
Reconstruction politician and  
Union Army captain.  
1941 Perrin Street,  
Shreveport

### Old Galilee Baptist Church

Est. 1917, site of two  
historic sermons by  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
National Register of  
Historic Places  
854 Williamson Street,  
Shreveport

### Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter Gravesite

Grave of legendary blues and  
folk singer who wrote such  
tunes as "Midnight Special,"  
"Goodnight, Irene" and  
"House of the Rising Sun."  
Shiloh Baptist  
Church Cemetery  
10395 Blanchard-Latex  
Road, Mooringsport

### Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter Statue

Intersection of Texas  
Street and Marshall Street.  
400 Block of Texas Street,  
Shreveport

### Mrs. A. B. Palmer House

Home of educational  
activist and community leader  
A.B. Palmer.  
835 Butler Street,  
Shreveport

### Shreveport Municipal Auditorium

Site of many historic music  
performances.  
National Historic  
Landmark and National  
Register of Historic Places  
705 Elvis Presley Avenue,  
Shreveport  
[www.shreveportmunicipalauditorium.com](http://www.shreveportmunicipalauditorium.com)

### Southern University Museum of Art

Home to over 300 artifacts  
representing the African  
American experience.  
610 Texas Street,  
Shreveport  
(318) 670-6631  
[www.susla.edu](http://www.susla.edu)

### Star Cemetery

Est. 1883, Shreveport's oldest  
African American cemetery.  
National Register of  
Historic Places  
2100 Texas Street,  
Shreveport  
(318) 564-0292

### Stephens African American Museum

Privately-operated  
museum housing African  
American artifacts.  
2810 Lindholm Street,  
Shreveport  
(318) 635-2147

