

Lake Charles, Louisiana unveils new attractions for 2025

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Lake Charles, Louisiana will see three landmark attractions set to debut in 2025.

The projects blend modern design with the city's southern culture and outdoor scenery.

One of the year's most anticipated openings is [Port Wonder](#), a 23,000-square-foot lakeside facility opening in February. Located on the lakefront, this \$30 million attraction will be a hub for exploration and learning. Inside, visitors will find the Children's Museum of Southwest Louisiana, featuring interactive exhibits for young adventurers. Sharing the space is the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Nature and Science Center, the only attraction of its kind in the state. Guests can explore the freshwater and saltwater aquariums, get up close with stingrays in a touch tank, and enjoy hands-on STEM activities.

Another major attraction [Crying Eagle Brewing– Lakefront](#) will open its doors in the summer. This full-service restaurant combines scenic views with a seafood-inspired menu and a microbrewery specializing in lagers. With a full bar offering cocktails and wine, it's the perfect spot to relax after a busy day. The \$12 million Crying Eagle Lakefront goes beyond dining with indoor and outdoor entertainment areas and a waterfront to-go station.

Winter ushers in the new addition: [Mardi Gras Museum of Imperial Calcasieu](#), located in the heart of the Nellie Lutcher Cultural District. This modern space will bring the magic of Mardi Gras to life with over 400 historic costumes spanning five decades. Animatronic figures, including the beloved Norah Jean, the talking dog from the Krewe of Barkus, add a touch of whimsy to this immersive experience. Designed to celebrate the family-friendly traditions of Southwest Louisiana's [Mardi Gras](#) culture, the museum is a nod of the area's unique heritage.

"We're thrilled to offer visitors and locals alike experiences that highlight the best of Southwest Louisiana," says Kyle Edmiston, Visit Lake Charles President and CEO.

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