



GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

In 1755, when the Acadians, better known as “Cajuns,” arrived in Louisiana...

Germans were here to greet them.



The German-American Cultural Center is located in historic downtown Gretna across the Mississippi River from downtown New Orleans and just 15 minutes from the French Quarter.



How to get to here:
Interstate 10 (coming from the West

take exit 243A or from the East exit 243C)
Proceed on Business US 90 over the Mississippi River, go two miles and take the Lafayette St. exit, travel on the service road for two blocks and then turn right onto Huey P. Long Ave. the Center is the first building in the median (neutral ground)



German-American Cultural Center

519 Huey P. Long Ave.
Gretna, LA 70053

Open

Wednesday – Saturday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The story begins...

Germans, primarily from the Rhine River valley, were lured to the French colony of Louisiana during the 1720's by officials promising fertile land to farm, a healthy climate, and an abundance of gold and silver to mine. Believing these wondrous tales of life in Louisiana, approximately 1,600 Germans boarded ships and set sail from the French port of L'Orient. Only 300 survived the journey and their first year in Louisiana.



The story continues...

The German-American Cultural Center interprets the contributions that people of Germanic descent have made to the Lower Mississippi River Delta and the unique cultural mix that is New Orleans.