

Bay St. Louis one of nation's 'most welcoming' places, World Atlas says

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Three of the [“most welcoming” towns](#) in the United States are in the South — and one is located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, according to a recent ranking by World Atlas.

Located about a 29-mile drive southwest from Biloxi, Bay St. Louis is a town known for the warmth and welcoming nature of its residents, per World Atlas.

“Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, is a resilient community, having been destroyed by hurricanes more than once, but always bouncing back better and brighter,” according to the ranking.

Here’s what else to know about the quaint, coastal town.

How many people live in Bay St. Louis?

Bay St. Louis has a population of [just over 10,600 people](#), according to the most recent estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The town is among the [best places to live](#) and the top place to retire in the Magnolia State, according to rankings by Niche, an online ranking platform for schools, colleges and neighborhoods across the U.S.

What to do in Bay St. Louis

From enjoying the calm, white sand beaches to shopping at art galleries and antique stores, there’s plenty to do while visiting Bay St.



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Visitors explore Bay St. Louis on April 7. Long a destination for Louisiana tourists, the city is now luring visitors from Alabama, Tennessee and across the country.

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These are the [top 10 attractions](#) in the area, according to Tripadvisor:

1. Bay St. Louis Beach
2. Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum
3. L & N Historic Train Depot
4. Saint Rose de Lima Catholic Church
5. Antique Maison, LLC
6. Bay St. Louis Little Theater
7. Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church
8. Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast
9. Smith & Lens
10. Silver Slipper Casino Hotel

What are the 12 most welcoming towns in the US?

These are the 12 most welcoming towns in the country, according to the World Atlas ranking:

- Bar Harbor, Maine
- Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
- Beaufort, South Carolina
- Burlington, Vermont
- Burton, Ohio
- Downers Grove, Illinois
- Angola, Indiana
- Fredericksburg, Texas
- Gig Harbor, Washington
- Hamilton, New York
- Jackson, Wyoming
- Kewanee, Illinois