



**The Abbeville Opera House**, built in 1908 and restored to its original grandeur, is a great place for a show. The theater was built to mimic traditional New York theaters—the ceiling soars over 75 feet high. The original scarlet and gold interior is in place and the same rope-pulled rigging system raises and lowers the house curtains. Only air-conditioning and new seats have changed in this place, which takes theater back to its “glory years” at the turn of the 20th century.



**The Belmont Inn**, restored to its 1903 beauty, is just across the street from the Opera House. Ask for the theater package, which includes accommodations, dinner and tickets to the Opera House.



# Abbeville

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Historic, entertaining, delicious and charming. Abbeville is a “small town” that knows exactly how wonderful a small town can be for a day trip or a relaxed weekend.



**Where to dine?** It is all about choices here. The Village Grill offers a selection of foods to suit everyone in the family at lunch or dinner. Just down the street, Windows on Main bills its fare as “Southern Comfort Food in a Bistro Style Atmosphere.”

**The Burt-Stark Mansion** is a must-see for history buffs. Here, Abbeville earned its reputation as the town where the Confederacy was born and died. The home, open to tours, includes furnishings used by Jefferson Davis.



**Abbeville's large Historic District** consists of about 300 buildings, extending north and south from the square, and offers one of the best collections of late Victorian architecture in the state.

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