



Now That's Italian!

Independence, Louisiana
"Little Italy"



Traditional Italian bread, cookies and cuisine can be found in Independence. A visitor knows where Independence is by the Italian colors (red, green, and white) painted on the town's water tower and the small statuette of the town's patron saint, St. Joseph, located in the park toward the center of town.

Sicilian immigrants first came to Independence in the late 1880s to work as strawberry laborers. As the population and cultures of Tangipahoa Parish grew, Independence Italians maintained many of their homeland traditions. Today, Independence is the largest enclave of Italian Americans. Each year, Independence plays host to the Sicilian Heritage Festival and the St. Joseph's Altar celebration. Places of interest to visit include the Independence Italian Cultural Museum, the Independence Bakery, and Amato's Winery. Numerous restaurants offer a taste of Sicily. Take the time to tour "Little Italy" at its best!

Suggested Itinerary

10 AM - Independence Bakery

- Historical account
- Breakfast

11 AM - Tour Italian Cultural Museum

- History of Independence
- History of St. Joseph's Altar

12AM - Tour Freedom Ranch Alpaca Farm

1 PM - Lunch

- Gina's Café
- Bar-B-Que Station
- Pepper Jack's

3 PM - Tour Amato's Winery

- Tour
- Wine Tasting

5 PM - Dinner

Optional Add-ons:

- Camp Moore
- Global Wildlife
- Event at Florida Parishes Arena
- Antique City

Seasonal Events:

- Sicilian Heritage Festival
 - o Mid March
- Independence Italian Festival
 - o Mid April
- St. Joseph Day Celebration
 - o Mid March

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