NATCHITOCHES
LOUISIANA

HOME OF
Steel Magnolias

...the endearing qualities of our community and people, a perfect blend for recreating the scenes in the hit movie.
Written by Robert Harling of Natchitoches, “Steel Magnolias” carries on the successful tradition of the hit off-Broadway play by the same title. The moving, bittersweet story line centers around six women in a small southern town who come to terms with life, death and marriage. “Steel Magnolias” offers a most unique blend of comedy and tragedy as stars Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis, and Julia Roberts weave the variety of southern life on film.

The charming qualities of Natchitoches’ 300 year old community and its friendly, caring people were a perfect blend for the filming. Throughout Natchitoches, the support that the six characters extended to each other through the events in their lives is obvious. Many well-known area locations, including Northwestern State University campus, the Downtown Riverfront area on Front Street, Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Henry Cook Taylor home were chosen for important scenes in the film. In fact, in the summer of 1988, this quiet smooth-running city became a flurry of activity and excitement as production for “Steel Magnolias” took place. Much of the city, and people from all over the region became involved by either acting or watching.

Now is your chance to walk through the hometown of “Steel Magnolias.” Visit where the story and characters lived... and walk through the picturesque settings where the stars performed.

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**Steel Magnolias Tour**

1. **St. Augustine Catholic Church**, LA Hwy 493 at Melrose, Shelby’s wedding.
2. **Northwestern State University Field House**, post-game interviews.
3. **American Cemetery** on Second Street between Demeziere and the railroad tracks, Shelby’s funeral.
5. **Steel Magnolia House**, 320 Jefferson, Eatenton house. (B&B)
6. **Trinity Episcopal Church**, 533 Second Street, Truvy’s church.
7. **Private home**, 301 Rue Toulene, Mrs. Robeline’s boarding house.
8. **Chaplin House**, 434 Second Street, Aunt Fern’s house. (Private)
10. **Blanchard Building**, 700 block of Front Street, adjacent to Ducournau Square, Truvy’s No. 2.
11. **Riverfront behind Roque House**, 800 block of Washington Street, Easter egg hunt.
12. **Private home**, 515 St. Maurice Lane, Annelle and Sammy’s home.
14. **Brookshire’s**, Dixie Plaza Shopping Center, 318 Dixie Plaza on Keyser Avenue, shopping with Clairee and Ouiser.
15. **Natchitoches Regional Medical Center**, 501 Keyser Avenue, baby’s birth.
16. **Tauzin Plantation Home**, 1950 Williams Avenue, Clairee’s home. (Private home)
17. **Odalie Lambre-Gwinn House**, 1972 Williams Avenue, Shelby and Jackson’s house. (Private home)