



Located across the street from Long's Drug Store you will find a fine dining option, 107 Restaurant.

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fish Festival. Partakers can sample wares from arts vendors, shop at Goldberg's Department Store, or look for jewelry and greenery at Margaret's Garden & Gifts. Beginning at noon, two very different contests embark: one for competitive eating, and another to crown Miss Catfish. Rock, gospel, and blues bands score the festival all day long.

Speaking of music, Belzoni now sports two markers from the Mississippi Blues Trail. The town also features an annual blues festival, which is fitting for a place that boasts Pinetop Perkins as a native son. Approaching 96, pianist Perkins, who famously anchored the Muddy Waters Blues Band, continues to play gigs to this day.

Visitors might end their Belzoni experience with one last tour of the Catfish Museum: all-in-one museum, visitors' bureau, and chamber of commerce. Not only does it promote Belzoni, it sharpens one's aquatic acumen. One might assume before visiting, for instance, that all catfish are bottom-feeders. Turns out, this is a misconception. Farmers now use floating feed to coax cats into dining at the water's surface. By the time you roll out of this Delta town, your seafood scholastic aptitude just may be at an all-time high. ■