

La Salle Odyssey Project Museums

The La Salle Odyssey Project is an outgrowth of the discovery and excavation of *La Belle* by the Texas Historical Commission. Seven museums along the Texas Gulf Coast interpret artifacts from *La Belle*. Each museum presents a component of the 17th Century story of the French in Texas.

Location	Museum	Exhibit Focus
Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History	The beginning and the end of the La Salle story.
Edna	Texana Museum	Karankawa who met the French on the Texas shore.
Bay City	Matagorda County Museum	The events that led up to <i>La Belle</i> running aground and the recovery of the ship.
Palacios	<i>La Petite Belle</i>	A half-scale model of <i>La Petite La Belle</i> , a sea-going vessel.
Port Lavaca	Calhoun County Museum	The French colonial era in Texas.
Rockport	Texas Maritime Museum	The dream of sailing to North America in the 17th Century.
Victoria	Museum of the Coastal Bend (Victoria campus of the University of Houston)	The story of the first French settlement on Texas soil. Artifacts from the archeological excavation completed at Fort St. Louis are housed here also.

For information about the La Salle Odyssey Project and the seven museums in Texas, visit the Texas Historical Commission Website, www.thc.state.tx.us.

