

MISSISSIPPI MAGAZINE

Best of

MISSISSIPPI

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*Explore our readers' picks for
the best in the magnolia state.*

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Dining Out

SWEET TEA

Lee's Coffee and Tea

Laurel
leescoffeetea.com

Found in the old Sears showroom in downtown Laurel, Lee's is the perfect spot for specialty teas with a side of ambiance. Feel right at home in this small town and enjoy the perfect glass of tea, espresso, or even a great sandwich or wrap.



Broma's Deli, Brookhaven
Cottage Tea Room, Aberdeen
Georgia Blue, multiple locations
Newk's Eatery, multiple locations
Trace Grill, Ridgeland

HAMBURGER

Phillips Drive-In

Laurel
601.426.2265

The "PDI" has been a hotspot to grab a quick bite in Laurel since 1948. Its selection of great burgers at great prices, hot dogs, and a bevy of sandwiches have made it a signature spot in Laurel. Save room for a sweet treat after your burger. They offer excellent ice cream options, too!



Blue Rooster, Flora
Bulldog Burger Company, Starkville
Ed's Burger Joint, Hattiesburg
Magnolia Blues BBQ Company, Brookhaven
Mugshots Grill and Bar, multiple locations

FRENCH FRIES

Mugshots Grill & Bar

multiple locations
mugshotsgrillandbar.com

There's nothing better than a big juicy burger and a side of fries, and at Mugshots, its delicious beer-battered fries or its sweet potato fries can't be beaten. Thick and crunchy with the right amount of seasoning they are the perfect complement to the restaurant's massive selection of burgers.



Café La Fleur, Laurel
Doe's Eat Place, multiple locations
Koestler Prime, Ridgeland
Magnolia Blues BBQ Company, Brookhaven
MM Shapley's Restaurant, Ridgeland

CATFISH

Cock of the Walk

Pocahontas and Ridgeland
cockofthewalkrestaurant.com

This "original Mississippi River catfish house" was born on the banks of the Mississippi in the late 1970s. It has long been a go-to for Southerners seeking true fried catfish served with everything from fried dill pickles to coleslaw to fried okra. And don't leave without enjoying the cornbread served in a cast-iron skillet.



Blue Crab Grill, Laurel
Charlie's Catfish House, Ellisville
Jerry's Catfish House, Florence
Taylor Grocery, Taylor
Toney's Grill and Seafood Market, Vicksburg

APPETIZER

Babalu: Guacamole

Jackson
eatbabalu.com

Since the opening of this fun and funky tacos and tapas establishment, it's been the guacamole that has restaurantgoers talking. The freshly made guacamole is prepared tableside, and a delicious way to start any meal here.



Half Shell Oyster House: Royal Red Endymion, multiple locations
Harvey's: Broccoli Bites, Starkville and Columbus
Koestler Prime: Beef Carpaccio, Ridgeland
Park Heights: Boursin Cheese Stuffed Squash Blossoms, Tupelo
Purple Parrot: Lobster Bisque, Hattiesburg

FRIED CHICKEN

Pearl's Diner

Laurel
601.555.3232

Take a gander at the online reviews, and you'll quickly see that Pearl's chicken has a following all its own. Fried crispy and perfectly seasoned, when partnered with one of the many Southern sides (like fried green tomatoes, lima beans, cabbage, and more), it's the perfect stop in Laurel. And it will be hard not to fall in love with Ms. Pearl, too.



Connie's Fried Chicken, Tupelo
Mama Hamil's, Madison
Primos Café, Flowood, Madison, and Ridgeland
The Crystal Grill, Greenwood
Walnut Hills, Vicksburg

CORNBREAD

Crazy Cat Eat Up

Jackson
crazycateatup.com

Rest assured, anything ordered at Crazy Cat will be fresh, locally sourced, and made with love, including its cornbread. Now a full-blown restaurant, the Cat was once a bakery with a sampling of sandwiches on offer. Come today and enjoy a full menu and, if it hasn't sold out, their delicious cornbread.



Ajax Diner, Oxford
Cock of the Walk, Pocahontas and Ridgeland
Mama Hamil's Southern Cookin', Madison
Pearl's Diner, Laurel
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville



BEST CORNBREAD
Crazy Cat Eat Up



BARBECUE

The Pig and Pint

Jackson
pigandpint.com

The Pig and Pint has won so many awards for its barbecue that it was a stop for a popular television show. Fantastic options include pork belly corndogs, housemade pork rinds, housemade smoked baloney, briskets, and more.



Clay's House of Pig, Tupelo
Hog Heaven BBQ
Leatha's BBQ, Hattiesburg
Magnolia Blues BBQ Company, Brookhaven
The Little Dooley, Starkville



BEST BARBECUE
The Pig and Pint



BEST SEAFOOD
Half Shell Oyster House



BEST SWEET SHOP/ BAKERY
Sweet Somethings

SEAFOOD

Half Shell Oyster House

multiple locations
halfshelloysterhouse.com

Since its opening in Gulfport in 2009, Half Shell Oyster House has grown to include a multitude of locations around Mississippi and even Louisiana and Alabama. It's known for its incredible seafood dishes, all served with a Cajun flair. Whether looking for fresh or broiled oysters, shrimp prepared as many ways as you can count, or delicious fish, Half Shell's superior offerings are a must.



Blue Crab Grill, Laurel
City Grocery, Oxford
Koestler Prime, Ridgeland
Walker's Drive-In, Jackson
White Pillars Restaurant and Lounge, Biloxi

SWEET SHOP/ BAKERY

Sweet Somethings Bakery

Laurel
sweetsomethingsbakery.com

This family-owned bakery serves some of the most amazing made-from-scratch biscuits, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, cupcakes, cookies, and more. Located in downtown Laurel, no trip to the charming city is complete without a sweet stop at Sweet Somethings.



Campbell's Bakery, Jackson and Madison
La Brioche Patisserie, Jackson
Le Bakery, Biloxi
Primos Café, Flowood, Madison and Ridgeland
Sugaree's Bakery, New Albany

Dining Out

ETHNIC FOOD

Keifer's

Jackson
keifers.net

The welcoming porches and the cozy atmosphere are just a couple of draws for this Mediterranean restaurant. For years, Jacksonians have treasured the pita wraps and cottage fries, and it's no secret that the Feta Dressing here is an undeniable favorite.



Aladdin Mediterranean Grill, Jackson
Aplos, Jackson
Arepas Coffee and Bar, Starkville
Jutamas Thai Restaurant, Hattiesburg and
Ridgeland
Zeek's, Flowood

ITALIAN FOOD

Amerigo Italian Restaurant

Flowood and Ridgeland
amerigo.net

For nearly three decades, Amerigo's name has been synonymous with creative and authentic Italian dishes. It has won many accolades for several of its dishes, including tiramisu, cheese fritters, and more. Customers crave menu items like House Smoked Duck & Sausage Pasta, Smoked Chicken Ravioli, and Chicken Marguerite or one of the hearty salads or pizzas.



Cerami's Italian Restaurant, Flowood
Mimmo's Ristorante Pizzeria, Laurel
Nautical Whimsey Italian, Tupelo
Tabella, Hattiesburg
Vicari Italian Grill, Corinth

PIZZA

Lost Pizza Co.

multiple locations
lostpizza.com

Indianola may be the birthplace of Lost Pizza Co., but this growing franchise is making its way to many Mississippi cities. Since 2007, college roommates Brooks Roberts and Preston Lott have been serving up delicious pies that have won the title of Best Pizza in Mississippi for five years now.



Brooklyn Pizzeria, Bay St. Louis and
Gulfport
Mimmo's Ristorante Pizzeria, Laurel
Pizza Shack, Jackson
Sal and Mookie's New York Pizza and Ice
Cream Joint, Jackson and Biloxi
Soulshine Pizza Factory, multiple locations

SUSHI

Sakura Bana

Jackson
601-982-3035

Little Tokyo Sushi and Hibachi Restaurant

Ridgeland
601.991.3800

Long before sushi spots dotted every corner in the Jackson metro area, there was Little Tokyo I and Little Tokyo II. Today, they are known as Sakura Bana and Little Tokyo, and they still serve the best sushi in town. Grab a Bento box or settle in for one of their many specialty rolls that people crave.



Edo Japanese Restaurant, Jackson
Jinsei Sushi, Oxford
Osaka Japanese Restaurant, multiple
locations
Sake Café, Hattiesburg
Umi Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar,
Columbus and Starkville

STEAK

Koestler Prime

Ridgeland
koestlerprime.com

Julie and Scott Koestler have been winning the honor for best steak in Mississippi for as long as *Mississippi Magazine* has been holding the Best of Mississippi awards. With prime cuts of meat cooked to perfection, superior sides, and fresh seafood that is flown in almost daily, it is no surprise to see them at the top again in 2020.



Beechwood Restaurant, Vicksburg
Doe's Eat Place, multiple locations
Magnolia Blues BBQ Company,
Brookhaven
MM Shapley's Restaurant, Ridgeland
The Loft, Laurel

DESSERT

Blue Canoe: Connie's Blueberry Doughnut Bread Pudding

Tupelo
bluecanoebar.com

Great food and live music—there's nothing better. And when you are partaking in the food and live music at the Blue Canoe, save room for its award-winning Connie's Blueberry Doughnut Bread Pudding. It's made with Connie's famous blueberry doughnuts, and it's sure to please.



Café La Fleur: Bread Pudding, Laurel
Bravo: White Chocolate Bread Pudding,
Jackson
Half Shell Oyster House: Bananas Foster
Cheesecake, multiple locations
White Pillars Restaurant and Lounge:
Nanner Pudding, Biloxi
Walnut Hills: Pecan Praline Pie, Vicksburg

Dining Out

DELI

Newk's Eatery

multiple locations
newks.com

One may say that Newk's is a family affair. The Newcomb family founded the Mississippi-based franchise. The Newcombs take great pride in serving the finest deli meats and fresh ingredients in their sandwiches, pizzas, salads, and soups. Many of the recipes include old family recipes like the white barbecue sauce and chili recipes.



Broma's Deli, Brookhaven

Frisco Deli, Pearl

Lee's Coffee and Tea, Laurel

Long Beach Market and Deli, Long Beach

The Beagle Bagel Café, Jackson, Madison, and Oxford

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

Ajax Diner

Oxford
ajaxdiner.net

In a prime spot on Oxford's Square sits one of the state's best down-home diners. Ajax offers the finest Southern fare around, including the expected pot roast and gravy, meatloaf, and country fried steak served with everything from fried okra and eggplant to turnip greens, squash casserole, and more. All are served with their delicious jalapeño cornbread.



Georgia Blue, multiple locations

Pearl's Diner, Laurel

Primos Café, Flowood, Madison, and Ridgeland

The Midtowner, Hattiesburg

Trace Grill, Ridgeland

FINE DINING

The Sycamore House

Bay St. Louis
thesycamorehouse.com

Once known as the Mauffray Boarding House, The Sycamore House restaurant provides a picturesque setting. Nestled among towering oaks, the historic home is now the backdrop for innovative and superior cuisine. Chefs Stella LeGardeneur and Michael Eastham share their love of fine food with discerning guests seeking an exceptional dining experience.



Koestler Prime, Ridgeland

Walker's Drive-In, Jackson

The Loft, Laurel

The Purple Parrot, Hattiesburg

MM Shapley's Restaurant, Ridgeland

BREAKFAST/ BRUNCH

Big Bad Breakfast

Oxford
bigbadbreakfast.com

From the mastermind behind Oxford's famed City Grocery, chef John Currence shares his love of breakfast with the world. Whether it's a traditional egg breakfast or an omelet or pancakes, waffles, or French toast, Currence's crafty spin on all of the favorites will make breakfast the favorite meal of the day.



Primos Café, Flowood, Madison, and Ridgeland

The Midtowner, Hattiesburg

Starkville Café, Starkville

Sweet Somethings Bakery, Laurel

The White Pillars Restaurant and Lounge, Biloxi

OUTDOOR DINING

The Blind Tiger

Bay St. Louis
thetigerbsl.com

Cool Gulf breezes and beautiful white beaches—enjoy them both with a side of fresh seafood, sandwiches, and ice-cold drinks. The relaxed atmosphere and beachy vibes at the Blind Tiger make it the perfect spot to while away some time with family and friends.



10 South Rooftop Bar and Grill, Vicksburg

Keg and Barrel, Hattiesburg

Shaggy's on the Rez, Brandon

The Loft, Laurel

Walker's Drive-In, Jackson

FOOD TRUCK

The5000

Laurel
the5000ms@gmail.com

Julie and Bill Hogue moved to Laurel from Arizona, seeking faith, community, and the love of food. And the couple's food truck brings a smidge of Southwest flavor to Deep South with items like Conor's Carne Asada Fries, and Rodney's Mexican Shrimp Salad alongside unique offerings like a Philly Cheesesteak Salad, and a selection of breakfast items, there's a little bit to appease every tastebud.



Big Bad Wolf, Tupelo

One Guy Steak and Chicken, Jackson

Burger and Blues, Jackson

Schmidt's and Jiggle's, Eupora

True Wings, Ocean Springs

Dining Out

TAMALES

Tony's Tamales

Brandon and Ridgeland
tonystamales.com

There's nothing better than a Delta hot tamale, and in 1982, when Delta native Robert Mosley opened a small location in Jackson, he shared this delicious treat with central Mississippi. Word quickly spread about his tamales, and today he operates retail locations in Ridgeland and Brandon and a wholesale location in Benton.



Doe's Eat Place, multiple locations
Fat Mama's Tamales, Natchez
Koestler Prime, Ridgeland
MM Shapley's Restaurant, Ridgeland
Reyes Mexican Grill and Bar, Laurel

BEST KEPT SECRET

Garcia Donuts

Laurel
601.425.1742

The name may say donuts, but this delightful spot is way more than just doughnuts. It's also a bakery and restaurant. Think plate lunches and even a half-pound burger. This adorable mom and pop spot has been doing business for more than 50 years.



Airport Grocery, Cleveland
Café La Fleur, Laurel
Crechale's, Jackson
Le Bakery, Biloxi
Zip's, Magee

NEW RESTAURANT

Field's Steak and Oyster Bar

Bay St. Louis
fieldsbsl.com

Chef Field Nicaud's name is synonymous with great food on the Gulf Coast. With other successful eateries such as Bacchus on the Beach, Fill-up with Billups, and Charred under his umbrella, it's no surprise to see his newest venture take flight. Enjoy an incredible steak and an array of seafood options as well as brick-oven pizzas.



EATS Diner, Ridgeland
Pizza vs. Tacos, Tupelo
Sophomore Spanish Club, Jackson
The Blue Marlin, Gulfport
The Midtownner, Hattiesburg

COFFEE HOUSE

Strange Brew Coffeehouse

Starkville
strangebrewcoffeehouse.myshopify.com

A popular stop for Bulldog students and locals alike, Strange Brew is roasting the world's finest coffees onsite and crafting spectacular espresso drinks. From the Cap'n Crunch Latte to the Sea Turtle Frappe, unique creations fill the menu. Grab a coffee and a sweet treat like a scone or croissant and enjoy the day.



Bright Eyed Brew Co., Ocean Springs
Cups Espresso Café, multiple locations
Lee's Coffee and Tea, Laurel
Mississippi Grounds Coffee Shop, Cleveland
T-Bones Records and Café, Hattiesburg

KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

Sal and Mookie's New York Pizza and Ice Cream Joint

Jackson and Biloxi
salandmookies.com

What could be more of a kid favorite than pizza and ice cream? Sal and Mookie's has perfected both. Kids are treated with a pack of Wicki Sticks upon arrival and can watch their pie being made through the picture window to the kitchen and can even get a ball of dough to play with while waiting for dinner. And a trip to the ice cream counter makes for the perfect ending!



Ed's Burger Joint, Hattiesburg
Georgia Blue, multiple locations
Lost Pizza Co., multiple locations
Shaggy's, Biloxi and Brandon
Volta Taverna, Oxford

HEALTHY RESTAURANT

Starfish Café

Bay St. Louis
starfishcafesbl.com

At Starfish Café, menu items are selected and prepared based on what is available locally and in season. With a commitment to serving only clean food items, the café also serves as a training ground for those needing a useful skill and has a "pay-what-you-want" philosophy. Everyone will find a great meal and a sense of pride in dining here.



Aladdin Mediterranean Grill, Jackson
Aplos Simple Mediterranean, Jackson
Birdhouse Café, Hattiesburg
Crossroads, Ridgeland
Lee's Coffee and Tea, Laurel

Seeking Out

TRENDY FASHIONS

Material Girls

multiple locations
shopmaterialgirls.com

Fun, fashionable, and on trend—Material Girls has everything a girl could want. From accessories to handbags to the latest finds. Be stylish in an outfit from one of Material Girls' convenient locations.



Deep South Pout, Columbus
Fly Boutique, Hattiesburg
I Just Have to Have It, Meridian
LA Green, Starkville and Tupelo
Libby Story, Ridgeland and Starkville

ACCESSORIES

Social Chair

Bay St. Louis
baystlouissoldtown.com

Find the perfect scarf, jewelry, or handbag to complete any outfit. Social Chair's owner Yuki Northington is no stranger to style as she has even appeared on HGTV's "Design Star" series. Carrying everything from fine jewelry to more trendy options at affordable price points, Social Chair is a great spot to shop.



D Squared, multiple locations
Libby Story, Ridgeland and Starkville
Maison Weiss, Jackson
Material Girls, multiple locations
The Pink Anchor, Laurel

HIGH-END WOMEN'S APPAREL

Maison Weiss

Jackson
maisonweiss.com

Carrying premier designer lines, superior cosmetics, and luxurious fine jewelry, Maison Weiss has been one of the state's best for women's apparel since 1975. Founded by Nell and Bernard Weiss, today it is run by the Weiss' grandson, Ken Szilasi.



CoatTails, Ridgeland
LA. Green, Starkville and Tupelo
Quarter Century, Laurel
Reed's, Tupelo and Starkville
Taylor Collection, Madison

CHILDREN'S SHOP

The Loblolly Boutique/ Crescent Line Toys

Laurel
crescentlinetoys.com

For the greatest selection in baby and children's clothing, accessories, and toys, head to Loblolly in Laurel. Visiting here is a fun experience for young and old. Bubbles blow along the sidewalk, climb the wooden train, see the six-foot Ferris wheel, and find great toys and clothing.



Banana Split Children Boutique,
Hattiesburg
Belles and Beaus, Oxford
Helen's Young Ages, Jackson
Nursery Rhymes, Jackson
Sweet Dreams, Madison

TEEN/TWEEN APPAREL

Squared Girl

Jackson
769.216.2070

When your girl is too old for smocked dresses and not quite ready for big-girl clothes, it's time to visit Squared Girl in Highland Village. For years now, they have been keeping tweens and teens on trend with stylish and age-appropriate clothing and accessories.



Elliott Lane, Oxford
Gingersnaps, Ridgeland
Popfizz, Jackson and Oxford
The Loblolly Boutique/Crescent Line
Toys, Laurel
Trendy Tween Boutique, Laurel

HIGH-END MEN'S APPAREL

Kinkade's Fine Clothing

Ridgeland
kinkades.com

Owner Keith Kinkade has been styling Mississippi's well-dressed gentlemen for decades. His store in Ridgeland offers superior service from an attentive staff who are knowledgeable in menswear and current trends. Enjoy selections of exquisite lines in men's clothing from Mississippi's best.



Abraham's, Indianola
George Sherman Clothiers, Starkville
Guild and Gentry, Laurel
Hinton and Hinton, Oxford
Reed's, Starkville and Tupelo

MEN'S CASUAL CLOTHING

Guild and Gentry

Laurel
guildandgentry.com

Once known as the “yellow pine capital of the world,” Laurel once drew wealthy Northerners looking to harvest its lumber and craftsmen and lumberjacks looking for work. The gentry of the North and the guild of workers who came here are honored with a men's clothing store that supplies local gentlemen with an exquisite selection of menswear.



Buffalo Peak Outfitters, Jackson
The Country Gentleman, Greenville
Kinkade's Fine Clothing, Ridgeland
Reed's, Starkville and Tupelo
Shirley Dawg's, Corinth



BEST MEN'S CASUAL CLOTHING
Guild and Gentry

BOOKSTORE

Lemuria Book Store

Jackson
lemuriabooks.com

Located in Banner Hall overlooking I-55 in Jackson, Lemuria is the state's premier bookstore. With a significant collection of first editions, regularly scheduled readings and signings by authors, and a superior area for children's books, Lemuria is an incredible place to feed the need to read.



Bay Books, Bay St. Louis
Book Mart and Café, Starkville
Cottage Books, Laurel
Square Books, Oxford
Turnrow Book Co., Greenwood



BEST BOOKSTORE
Lemuria

BEST CLOTHING CONSIGNMENT SHOP
Private Collection



CLOTHING CONSIGNMENT SHOP
Private Collection

Madison
601.607.6004

From Prada to Gucci to Rag and Bone to Seven jeans—the luxurious collection of clothing and accessories at Private Collection is ready for a new life. Consign your gently used designer goods or find a treasure, Private Collection is a shopping mecca for quality clothing at affordable prices.



Banana Peel, Hattiesburg

Leap Frog, Madison

Repeat Street, Ridgeland

Revolution, Starkville

The Plaid Pecan Consignment and Boutique, Laurel

BEST ANTIQUE JEWELRY
Juniker Jewelry



ANTIQUE JEWELRY
Juniker Jewelry Co.

Madison
junikerjewelry.com

Since 1944, the Juniker family has been serving the Jackson metro area and the state of Mississippi with the finest selection of antique jewelry. This family-owned jeweler has gained notoriety for its antique-inspired Heritage Collection. Each design is named for Mississippi cities.



Hill's In-House Jewelers, Laurel

J. Parkerson Jewelers, Starkville

Russell's Warehouse Antiques and Jewelry, Greenwood

Selman's Jewelers, McComb

Van Atkins Jewelers, New Albany and Oxford

Seeking Out

OVERALL SHOPPING DESTINATION

Renaissance at Colony Park

Ridgeland
renaissanceatcolonypark.com

The beautiful Italianate architecture of this open-air shopping destination beckons from I-55. High-end retail shops like Brooks Brothers, BellaChes, and Lee Michael's Fine Jewelry entice shoppers to spend the day. Come to shop or just enjoy an incredible meal at one of its many upscale restaurants like Koestler Prime, Caet, and Local 463.



Downtown Bay St. Louis
Downtown Laurel
Highland Village Shopping Center,
Jackson
Outlets of Mississippi, Pearl
The Square, Oxford

STATIONERY SHOP

Fresh Ink

Jackson
fresh-ink.com

For the finest in papers, exquisite invitations and stationery, Fresh Ink has it all. With luxurious lines offering everything from engraving to letterpress to embossing and more, see why this paper boutique is Mississippi's best!



Fondren Fine Papers, Jackson
Holmes Stationers and Gifts, Summit
Love Bird/Forrest Paper Company,
Hattiesburg
P. Press, Oxford
Red Bird Paper, Hattiesburg

GIFT SHOP

The Mississippi Gift Company

Greenwood
themississippigiftcompany.com

With a vast selection of Mississippi-made products ranging from pottery to spices to art and more, Mississippi Gift Company has something for everyone on your list. Stop in for a quick gift or if seeking a group of gifts for a hostess, great options abound.



Apple Annie's, Brandon and Madison
Elizabeth Clair's, Jackson and Tupelo
Kademi, Philadelphia
Mockingbird Marketplace, Brandon
Olive Juice Gifts, Oxford

FLORAL SHOP/ FLORAL DESIGNER

The French Potager

Bay St. Louis
thefrenchpotager.com

Martha Whitney Butler's chance visit to Bay St. Louis and her quaint and beautiful little shop on Main Street was a dream fulfilled. A French potager is a kitchen garden, and Butler prepares the most creative and whimsical arrangements in Mississippi. Visit her store and pick up one of her bestsellers—a potager arrangement in a unique vessel.



Fresh Cut Catering and Floral, Jackson
Gina Diamond's Flower Co., Madison
Jill Windham Floral Designs, Laurel
Lavish Fleur, Jackson
Oxford Floral Co., Oxford

FINE JEWELRY

Corinth Jewelers

Corinth
corinthjewelers.com

Trish Parks has been in the jewelry business since the age of 16, and in 2007, her dream of owning a jewelry store became a reality. She opened Corinth Jewelers and for years has been bringing the finest in jewelry selection and service to north Mississippi.



Albriton's Jewelry, Jackson
Hill's In-House Jewelers, Laurel
Juniker Jewelry Co., Madison
Pav & Broome Fine Jewelry, Gulfport
Van Atkins, New Albany and Oxford

PET GOODS AND SERVICES

Sawmill Animal Hospital

Laurel
sawmillanimalhospital.com

Since 1954, Sawmill Animal Hospital has been serving the furry friends of Jones County. With five veterinarians, all of your pet's needs are met with smiles and friendly service. From grooming to boarding to regular check-ups and more, enjoy quality care and wagging tails.



Briarwood Pet Shop and Kennels,
Jackson
Diva Dog, Ridgeland
Huntcliff Veterinary Clinic, Clinton
Shaggy Hound, Starkville
The Dawg House Playground and Salon,
Starkville

Seeking Out

HOME DÉCOR AND ACCESSORIES

Relish Home Accents

Madison
relishmadison.com

From luxurious bedding selections including Lili Alessandra, Peacock Alley, and more to beautiful rugs, lighting, art, and frames, stop by for the perfect accent for any room. Find great home décor and professional design assistance to create cozy spaces you'll love.



J. Allan's, Brookhaven and Hattiesburg
Lott Furniture Co., Laurel
Ross Furniture, Pearl
Southern Antique Gift Mall, Laurel
SummerHouse, Ridgeland and Oxford

HOME DÉCOR RESALE/ CONSIGNMENT

Repeat Street

Ridgeland
repeatstreet.net

Enjoy the ever-changing selection of merchandise, ranging from furnishings to fashion to accessories and more covering more than 17,000 square feet. Repeat Street is a great place to consign and find many special treasures.



Bloomingdeals, Jackson
Forget Me Nots, Brandon
New 2 U, Tupelo
Palladian Consign and Design, Ridgeland
Twice Blessed in Bruce, Bruce

PLACE TO FIND ANTIQUES

The Rusty Chandelier

Laurel
601.649.4050

For unique finds ranging from chic junktique to vintage favorites and more, head to The Rusty Chandelier. Be sure and check the calendar and call first; it's only open the third weekend of every month, Thursday through Sunday.



Antique Mall of the South, Ridgeland
Antique Shops of Jackson, Jackson
Interior Spaces, Jackson
Magnolia Antique Mall, Columbus
Relics, Tupelo

FLEA MARKET

The Lucky Rabbit

Hattiesburg
theluckyrabbit.com

Mark your calendars for the first Thursday through Sunday each month, because The Lucky Rabbit is more of an event than a flea market. This self-proclaimed "junk joint" is a popular spot to find unique and creative items and new treasured possessions.



Canton Flea Market, Canton
Flowood Antique Flea Market, Flowood
The Rusty Chandelier, Laurel
The Prissy Hen, Vaiden
Tupelo Flea Market, Tupelo

KITCHEN SHOP

The Everyday Gourmet

Ridgeland
theeverydaygourmet.com

Offering one of the state's largest bridal registries and the finest selection in china, pottery, kitchen accessories and tools and more, The Everyday Gourmet is a one-stop spot for finding something for yourself or anyone on your list. Stop in and see why they have been keeping kitchens in style for decades.



FarmHouse, Tupelo
Laurel Mercantile Co., Laurel
The Cotton Boll, Laurel
The Kitchen Table, Hattiesburg
Viking Cooking School-Retail Store, Greenwood

FARMERS MARKET

Freshway Produce

Ridgeland
601.956.3727

Colorful potted plants for a spring garden, sweet and juicy watermelon in the heat of the summer, or bushels of peas ready for freezing or cooking. Freshway Produce has long been a great spot to stop and enjoy farm-fresh offerings. Find everything from ferns to figs and a little bit of fun.



Laurel Farmers Market, Laurel
Livingston Farmer's Market, Madison
Mississippi Farmers Market, Jackson
Ocean Springs Fresh Market, Ocean Springs
Oxford Community Market, Oxford

ART GALLERY
Smith and Lens Gallery

Bay St. Louis
smithandlens.com

Smith and Lens not only represents celebrated artists, but they are also the masterminds behind so many community events in Bay St. Louis. Stop in and purchase a collectors' piece for your home or wait for a fun event like the annual Frida Fest.



Brown's Framing and Fine Art, Jackson
Caron Gallery, Tupelo
Fischer Gallery, Jackson
The Pinehurst Rathskellar Art Gallery, Laurel
View Gallery, Jackson

BEST ART GALLERY
Smith and Lens



FURNITURE STORE
SummerHouse

Ridgeland and Oxford
summerhousestyle.com

Find the perfect interior designer to help complete any project large or small and see the expansive collection of the most exquisite furnishings in Mississippi. SummerHouse's reputation for crafting beautiful homes reigns, not just in Mississippi, but throughout the South.



Courtney Peters Interiors, Jackson
J. Allan's, Brookhaven and Hattiesburg
Lott Furniture Co., Laurel
Miskelly Furniture, Hattiesburg, Madison, and Pearl
Warehouse 605, Oxford and Tupelo

BEST FURNITURE STORE
SummerHouse





BEST HOTEL OR RESORT
The Alluvian

HOTEL OR RESORT
The Alluvian

Greenwood
thealluvian.com

In the heart of the Mississippi Delta, The Alluvian is the perfect place to stay when hitting the blues trail, honing culinary skills at the Viking Cooking School, or just wanting a relaxing weekend away. Enjoy dinner at Giardina's or book a spa day, and a visit to The Alluvian will be an enjoyable experience.



Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi
Cotton House, Cleveland
Graduate Oxford, Oxford
The White House Hotel, Biloxi
The Roost, Ocean Springs



BEST YARD AND GARDEN SHOP
Lakeland Yard and Garden

YARD AND GARDEN SHOP
Lakeland Yard and Garden Center

Flowood
lakelandyardandgarden.com

Browse 17 acres of beautiful blooms, decorative foliage, and garden accoutrements. Since 1980, Lakeland Yard and Garden has been a prime source for any gardening needs—from lemon trees to grasses to seasonal plantings; they have it all.



Al's Garden and Gift, Meridian
Blooms and Bushes Too Nursery and Landscaping, Laurel
Callaway's Yard and Garden Center, Gluckstadt
Martinson's Garden Works, Ridgeland
Mid-South Nursery and Garden Center, Tupelo

Seeking Out

DAY SPA

Aqua the Day Spa

Ridgeland
aquathedayspa.com

For more than two decades, Aqua the Day Spa has been synonymous with luxury spa treatments. Offering superior skin treatments, massage services, nail treatments, and more, Aqua's focus on relaxation is unmatched.



Drench Day Spa, Ridgeland
Face and Body Center, Jackson
La Rousse Salon and Spa, Oxford
Runnels, Flowood
The Glam Station and Spa, Columbus

SALON

Sage Salon and Color Bar

Jackson
sagecolorbar.com

Sage's highly skilled staff provides the finest in custom coloring services, haircuts, blowouts, extensions, and more. Find the perfect shade for you at this high-end salon located in the new District in Jackson.



Epic Salon, Laurel
La Rousse Salon and Spa, Oxford
Noggins Salon, Ridgeland
Salon 11, Ridgeland
Salon 232, Flowood

FITNESS CENTER

Seaside Fitness Group Training Studio

Ocean Springs
601.919.6623

Find a personal trainer or a favorite class. The staff at Seaside Fitness is available to motivate and assist with the perfect fitness plan for everyone. Challenge yourself and find the healthier and more fit you with the help of Seaside Fitness.



Faith N Fitness, Laurel
Madison Healthplex Performance Training Center, Madison
New State Crossfit, Laurel
Studio S, Greenville
The Club, multiple locations

GARDEN ART

Martinson's Garden Works

Ridgeland
martinsonsms.com

Martinson's has been providing central Mississippi with a superior selection in plantings, talented landscape design and more for over 60 years and one of its most popular offerings is its craft market and an array of outdoor accents. Whether looking for something that is creative and will stand out or needing the perfect décor to blend into the surrounding landscape, Martinson's has it covered.



Blooms: A Garden Shop, Hattiesburg
Four Seasons Garden Center, Crystal Springs
Lakeland Yard and Garden, Flowood
Mid-South Nursery and Garden Center, Tupelo
Rivers Greenhouse & Garden, Brandon

BED & BREAKFAST

Bay Town Inn

Bay St. Louis
baytowninn.com

Located across the street from the marina and beaches, enjoy the beautiful Gulf views while enjoying comfortable accommodations. Close to many well-known eateries and great shopping, Bay Town Inn is the perfect retreat.



Cedar Grove, Vicksburg
Fairview Inn, Jackson
Monmouth Historic Inn and Gardens, Natchez
The Laurel Cottages, Laurel
Wisteria Bed and Breakfast, Laurel

Getting Out

FUN EVENT

Laurelpalooza

Laurel
601.651.2054

Held in September, this fun event showcases the talents of Laurel artists. Check out the lineup of local talent at this popular gathering. Activities begin early afternoon at Slowboat Brewing Company.



Downtown Countdown, Laurel
Hattiesburlesque, Hattiesburg
A Literary Bit of Faulkner, Oxford
Mississippi College Festival of Lights, Clinton
Play Eat Learn at the Mississippi Children's Museum, Jackson

DOWNTOWN AREA

Oxford

oxfordms.com

There's nothing like a day spent on The Square in Oxford. This downtown area is filled with restaurants owned by award-winning chefs, boutiques, and a steady flow of activity. Come for a fun citywide event or spend the day shopping and browsing; there's fun for everyone.



Bay St. Louis
Fondren
Laurel
Ocean Springs
Starkville

WEEKEND TRIP

Ocean Springs

oceanspringschamber.com

Great events like the Peter Anderson Festival, museums, a picturesque downtown filled with delightful eateries, and a bevy of great shopping opportunities abound in this beachside community. Find a great bed-and-breakfast and spend a weekend exploring the waterfront fun this town has to offer.



Bay St. Louis
Greenwood
Laurel
Natchez
Oxford

HISTORIC SITE

Natchez

visitnatchez.org

This riverfront city, once the capital of Mississippi, is one of the state's oldest settlements. Filled with historical locations of significance, antebellum homes and plantations, churches, and more, step back in time and experience where Mississippi once reigned with more millionaires per capita than anywhere else in the country.



Biloxi Lighthouse, Biloxi
Landrum's Homestead and Village, Laurel
Rowan Oak, Oxford
The Magnolia's, Aberdeen
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

FAIR OF FESTIVAL

Double Decker Arts Festival

Oxford
doubledeckerfestival.com

With crowds that can rival even the biggest of game-day weekends in this college town, it is no surprise that this annual event topped the ballot. As spring weather hits, Oxford's Square is filled with the smells of food vendors and rows of artist booths as the sounds of great music fill the air.



Hot Tamale Festival, Greenville
Loblolly Festival, Laurel
Mississippi State Fair, Jackson
Neshoba County Fair, Philadelphia
Peter Anderson Arts and Crafts Festival, Ocean Springs

PERFORMING ARTS VENUE

Hattiesburg Saenger Theater

Hattiesburg

The historic Saenger Theater located in the heart of downtown Hattiesburg is one of only seven that were built and operated by the Saenger brothers. This Neoclassical Revival Style and Art Deco style make it not only an architectural treasure, but a fabulous place to catch a show or event.



Bancorp South Arena, Tupelo
Bologna Performing Arts Center, Cleveland
Brandon Amphitheater, Brandon
Thalia Mara Hall, Jackson
The MSU Riley Center, Meridian

GOLF COURSE

Reunion Golf and Country Club

Madison
reuniongolfandcc.com

With its spectacular clubhouse overlooking the rolling greens nestled among towering trees, Reunion's clubhouse is only rivaled by its challenging golf course. The Bob Cupp-designed course is a championship, 18-hole, par-72 masterpiece.



Country Club of Jackson, Jackson
Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Choctaw
Fallen Oak Golf, Saucier
Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point
Preserve Golf Club, Vandeve



BEST GOLF COURSE

Reunion Golf and Country Club

MUSEUM

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art

Laurel
Irma.org

Located among the towering tree-lined streets of Laurel sits one of the state's most treasured museums. The museum is home to many priceless collections, including a rare display of North American Indian baskets and artifacts. The museum frequently welcomes prized exhibits such as those of Dale Chihuly.



Grammy Museum, Cleveland
Mississippi Children's Museum, Jackson
Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, Jackson
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson
Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Ocean Springs



BEST MUSEUM

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art



Getting Out

ATTRACTIONS FOR KIDS

Mississippi Children's Museum

Jackson
mschildrensmuseum.org

Children of all ages will be enthralled for hours, playing in the pollinator's playground, listening to a story, engaging in a game of life-size Scrabble, climbing through tunnels, or curling up in a quiet spot with a book to read. See why it's one of our country's best children's museums.



Geyser Falls Water Theme Park, Philadelphia

Hattiesburg Zoo, Hattiesburg

Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport

McClain Lodge Animal Park, Brandon
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson

PARK

Gulf Islands National Seashore

Gulf of Mexico
nps.gov

Mississippi's vast expanse of Gulf-front beaches are just the gateway to its prized barrier islands. Covered in white sandy beaches, clear water, and more, a trip to Mississippi's islands is a delightful way to spend a day or overnight camping trip. Visit the historic fort, hike a trail, or just take it easy.



LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Jackson

Liberty Park, Madison

Pat Lamar Park, Oxford

Tishomingo State Park, Iuka/Tishomingo
Winners Circle Park, Flowood

PLACES TO GET OUTDOORS

Ship Island

Gulf Islands National Seashore
nps.gov

Take a boat out to the islands or grab a seat on a chartered excursion and enjoy a day at the beach. Hiking trails, a historic fort, and an abundance of wildlife make for a fun-filled adventure. Pack a picnic and enjoy the cool Gulf breezes while basking in the sun.



LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Jackson
Pascagoula River Audubon Center, Moss Point

Sardis Lake, Sardis

The Crosby Arboretum, Picayune

Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

LIVE MUSIC VENUE

Brandon Amphitheater

Brandon
brandonamphitheater.com

"If you build it, they will come." These timeless words have been never more true than when referring to Brandon's world-class amphitheater. Since opening, this popular venue has welcomed many popular music talents, like Zac Brown, Imagine Dragons, and more.



Duling Hall, Jackson

Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi

Proud Larry's, Oxford

The Lyric, Oxford

Thirsty Hippo, Hattiesburg

PLACE TO LIVE

Bay St. Louis

baystlouis-ms.gov

This quaint coastal town offers a vibrant downtown filled with a stellar selection of restaurants, boutiques, and shops, and the community hosts many exciting events throughout the year. Come for the weekend or stay a while; there's much to do and see.



Laurel

Madison

Ocean Springs

Oxford

Starkville