

MISSISSIPPI MAGAZINE

Best of

MISSISSIPPI

Travel

Explore our readers' picks for the best of Mississippi travel in the Magnolia State.

writer PAIGE CASE

Accommodations

Boutique Hotel

The Mason Boutique Hotel

Louisville
themasonhotel.com

This renovated and restored 1922 Masonic lodge was turned from a relic of time into a luxurious hotel. While updated with the comforts of the 21st century, the traditional 1900s atmosphere shines through. Stay the night in one of the uniquely designed rooms, each sparkling with its own personality and luxurious amenities.



Cotton House, Cleveland

Fairview Inn, Jackson

The Alluvian, Greenwood

The Generals' Quarters Boutique Hotel,
Corinth

The Threefoot Hotel, Meridian

Hotel or Resort

Cotton House

Cleveland
cottonhousecleveland.com

The Cotton House celebrates Mississippi traditions and embraces the culture of storytelling, music, family, friends, and our famous food. If you're looking for Southern hospitality, you have found it. The Cotton House displays these Mississippi values and adds exciting interior decorating and design twists. The beauty of the Cotton House makes it an ideal venue for weddings or any event you could dream of planning.



Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi

Fairview Inn, Jackson

Hotel Tupelo, Tupelo

The Alluvian, Greenwood

The Threefoot Hotel, Meridian

BEST BOUTIQUE HOTEL
The Mason Boutique Hotel



Historic Hotel

The Generals' Quarters Boutique Hotel

Corinth
generalsquarterscorinth.com

Enjoy a stay at The Generals' Quarters Boutique Hotel, where every detail is intentional to preserve its history. A visit here will undoubtedly be a memorable night. With history overflowing in Corinth, learn how The Generals' Quarters was integral to the Civil War. The hotel offers five different styles of suites, all with amenities that will entice an extra night's stay.



Dunleith Historic Inn, Natchez

Fairview Inn, Jackson

The Alluvian, Greenwood

The Inn at Cedar Grove, Vicksburg

The White House Hotel, Biloxi

Family-Friendly Resort or Hotel

Margaritaville Resort Biloxi

Biloxi
margaritavilleresortbiloxi.com

Gather your family, and pack your bags. Margaritaville Resort is the perfect place for a family vacation. The adventure here is endless, with activities for all ages, such as a rock wall, ropes course, arcade games, bowling, and a miniature theme park. Enjoy the rides and attractions at Paradise Pier Fun Park and the rooftop water playground.



Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi

Cotton House, Cleveland

Jellystone Park: Yogi On The Lake,
Pelahatchie

Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville

The Threefoot Hotel, Meridian



Best of Mississippi Travel

Accommodations

Spa Hotel The Alluvian

Greenwood
thealluvian.com

Spend a stress-free weekend enjoying spa treatments that are guaranteed to leave you feeling refreshed with massages, facials, manicures and pedicures, waxing, and more. It's easy to pamper yourself or a group. The Alluvian also offers a variety of well-appointed rooms, spacious suites, and lofts available for rent. The hotel has a beautiful modern look and an abundance of amenities.



Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi
Fairview Inn, Jackson
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Biloxi
Pearl River Resort, Choctaw
The Westin, Jackson

RV Park/ Campground

Tishomingo State Park

Tishomingo
mdwfp.com

Get your steps in and take a hike, walking along the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Enjoy the outdoors, take a canoe trip, fish, swim, or explore a nature trail. Go for a day trip or stay a little longer overnight on the campgrounds accessible for RVs and tents, and if that doesn't suit you, there are cozy cabins.



Buccaneer State Park, Waveland
Clarkco State Park, Quitman
Jellystone Park: Yogi On The Lake, Pelahatchie
Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville
Longleaf Piney Resort, Hattiesburg

Pet-Friendly Resort or Hotel

The Graduate

Oxford, multiple locations
graduatehotels.com

Stay at one of Oxford's beloved treasures, and bring your furry friend, too! The beautifully designed rooms highlight Oxford's history. Enjoy a delicious breakfast or grab a coffee in the lobby, or stop in Cabin 82; it's the perfect spot for studying or catching up with friends. There is patio seating outside the café, and you'll find The Coop, its elegant and well-praised bar on the rooftop.



Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi
Cotton House, Cleveland
Hotel Indigo, Hattiesburg
Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville
The Roost Boutique Hotel, Ocean Springs

Bed and Breakfast/ Inn

Grandiflora Bed & Breakfast

Laurel
grandiflorabandb.com

Wake up to a delicious home-cooked breakfast, and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of this delightful B&B that transports you to the early 1900s. Its location is near Gardiner Park, Daphne Park, and Euclid Park, allowing opportunities to walk, run, or cycle nearby. Stroll through this historic district and visit the beautiful downtown of Laurel before staying the night in the plush rooms surrounded by period decor.



Anchuca, Vicksburg
Fairview Inn, Jackson
The Belmont 1857, Wayside
The Inn at Cedar Grove, Vicksburg
Wisteria Bed and Breakfast, Laurel



Best of Mississippi Travel Attractions

Historic Destination

Natchez

visitnatchez.org

Once the state's capital, Natchez is filled with historic sites, buildings, and stories of our state's beginnings. There are museums, walking trails, home tours, and great shopping to explore, or sit and enjoy the views of the Mississippi River from its bluff. It's the perfect place for history buffs, nature enthusiasts, and those on a road trip. Natchez is full of activities—from historic sites to local shopping, there is something for everyone.



Beauvoir, Biloxi
Corinth
Laurel

Ship Island, Gulf Islands National Seashore
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

Art Museum

Walter Anderson Museum of Art

Ocean Springs
walterandersonmuseum.org

Enjoy the transcendent art of the late Walter Anderson, and honor the artistry of Anderson and his brothers. The museum offers a multitude of educational sessions for all ages in addition to enriching events.



Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Laurel
Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience, Meridian
Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson
Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, Biloxi
Wright Center Art Gallery at Delta State University, Cleveland

Casino

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

Biloxi
beaurivage.com

Test your skills, and tempt your luck with the many games, including poker, slot machines, and table games. Grab a great meal at one of its many fine dining restaurants, see a great show, stay in one of its luxurious rooms, or hit the spa. An unforgettable weekend of fun is guaranteed.



Gold Strike Casino Resort, Tunica
Island View Casino Resort, Gulfport
Palace Casino Resort, Biloxi
Pearl River Resort, Choctaw
Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort, D'Iberville
WaterView Casino, Vicksburg

Animal/Wildlife Attraction

Mississippi Aquarium

Gulfport
msaquarium.org

A jewel of the Coast, the Mississippi Aquarium is a must-see for animal lovers. Boasting over 500 species of animals and fish, the aquarium has it all. Exhibits include its swirl habitat, visible on all three floors, and its ocean habitat, which showcases sharks, stingrays, turtles, and more. There is also a touch pool, and you can even book a dolphin encounter! Support the efforts of the aquarium by adopting a dolphin or a turtle.



Blue Springs Safari, Guntown
Hattiesburg Zoo, Hattiesburg
McClain Resort, Brandon
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson
Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo, Tupelo

Holiday Attraction

Trees of Christmas at Merrehope

Meridian
merrehope.com

Join the Christmas fun at Merrehope, where various activities, such as the Trees of Christmas, are hosted throughout the season. At Merrehope, see the fabulously decorated trees where each tree inside the home has a different theme. Other activities include live music, the involvement and participation of the community in decorating the house, Christmas yoga, and much more fun!



50 Nights of Lights, Cleveland
Canton Christmas Festival, Canton
Winter Wonderland, Columbia
Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, Gulfport
Mississippi Children's Museum's Journey to the North Pole, Jackson

Haunted Site

McRaven Tour Home

Vicksburg
mcraventourhome.com

Thrill-seekers and horror lovers will enjoy a tour through McRaven Home, known as "The Time Capsule of the South." The tour covers the history of the home's three separate owners and its ghosts, starting in 1797, moving to 1836, and ending in 1849. Although "haunted," the house is filled with beautiful architecture that has been untouched since its last renovation in 1849. This October, experience the seasonal tours as well as history and candlelight tours, and even participate in their ghost hunt!



Friendship Cemetery, Columbus
King's Tavern, Natchez
Longwood, Natchez
Merrehope, Meridian
The Witch of Yazoo Grave, Yazoo City

Best of Mississippi Travel Attractions

Free Adventure Gulf Coast Beaches

gulfcoast.org

Offering 26 miles of soft sand, Mississippi's Gulf Coast is the perfect place to soak up the sun. Grab your sunscreen and a towel, and enjoy the day looking out over the water of the Mississippi Sound. Make a day out of it, and bring a picnic, play beach sports, or simply float in the cool water.



Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Laurel
LeFleur's Bluff Playground, Jackson
Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Jackson
Natchez Trace Parkway, Natchez
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

Spring Festival FestivalSouth

Hattiesburg
festivalsouth.org

When spring comes, it's worthy of celebration. FestivalSouth hosts a multi-week celebration during the spring, during which artists and musicians gather to show off their skills and interact with the Hattiesburg community. FestivalSouth is a hub for several fun events the whole family can enjoy throughout the spring and summer.



World Catfish Festival, Belzoni
Double Decker Arts Festival, Oxford
Juke Joint Festival, Clarksdale
Market Street Festival, Columbus
Sipp & Savor, Meridian

Fall Festival Cruisin' the Coast

Mississippi Gulf Coast
cruisinthecoast.com

The festival has bands, cruise-ins, live music, a swap meet, auctions, and more entertainment. Car enthusiasts from all over America and a few from other countries will travel to strut their stuff. The cars cruise the 30 miles alongside the highway adjacent to the beach with stops in Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, D'Iberville, Gulfport, Pass Christian, Ocean Springs, and Pascagoula.



Bukka White Blues Festival, Meridian
Delta Hot Tamale Festival, Greenville
Mississippi Children's Museum-Booleum, Jackson
Natchez Balloon Festival, Natchez
Soulé Live Steam Festival, Meridian

History Museum GRAMMY Museum Mississippi

Cleveland
grammymuseumms.org

Learn about the history of the GRAMMY Awards and Mississippi's involvement as a hub for iconic music. Discover this history through engaging exhibits with interactive experiences that highlight the legacy of music in the South. Walk through the recording process, participate in one of its educational programs, and enjoy the exhibits. The museum's mission is to educate about Mississippi's music history and inspire visitors to be innovative and create their own music!



Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, Biloxi
Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, Jackson
Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Hattiesburg
Two Mississippi Museums, Jackson
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg



Outdoor Adventures

State Park

Tishomingo State Park

Tishomingo
mdwfp.com

This incredible state park sits in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and offers plenty to do. Play disc golf or volleyball, or bring your preferred game to the multi-use field. Bear Creek is the perfect spot for fishing or canoeing. Stay the night in a cabin or on the RV campground, or set up on the tent campground. The children will have a blast running around the playground or soaking up the sun at the splash pad and pool!



Hugh White State Park, Grenada
J.P. Coleman State Park, Iuka
LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Jackson
Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg
Roosevelt State Park, Morton

City Park/ Playground

LeFleur's Bluff Playground

Jackson
mdwfp.com

This renovated playground—with 73 out of 80 play activities accessible for children with needs—makes this the ideal place for children of all ages. Most of the park has blue shade structures overhead, providing shade from the sun and preventing burns from hot metal.



Bonita Lakes Park, Meridian
Dam Area Central, Grenada Lake
Hattiesburg Zoo/Kamper Park, Hattiesburg
Park Along The River, New Albany
Sally Kate Winters Park & Kid Town, West Point

Fishing Hole

Grenada Lake

Grenada
visitgrenadams.com

Home to an abundance of fish, specifically crappies, Grenada Lake is the place to sit down and cast a few lines while enjoying the view. The lake brings together family and friends and holds fish waiting to be caught! Watch the sunset, and relax while you wait to reel them in.



Bay Springs Lake
Pickwick Lake
Ross Barnett Reservoir
Sardis Lake
Ship Island

Sports Shooting Facility

Providence Hill Farm

Jackson
providencehillfarm.com

A Mississippi treasure consisting of 1,250 acres, Providence Hill Farm offers one of the finest shooting facilities in the South. Quail hunting and bass fishing are available, but the 24-target, 3-D archery range, two 13-station sporting clay courses, and seven machine duck flushes across the lake are just a few of the draws. The resort also offers a pistol range, a five-stand clay range, and a full trap and skeet overlay. After a fun-filled day of shooting, stay the night in one of its cottages filled with luxurious interiors.



Camp Binachi, Meridian
Longleaf Plantation, Purvis
Prairie Wildlife, West Point
The Range by Jimmy Primos, Madison
Whitetail Ridge Outdoors, Guntown

Biking Trail

Tanglefoot Trail

New Albany
tanglefoottrail.com

Beautiful greenery and a burgeoning landscape stretching 43.6 miles make for the perfect biking trail. Travel through wetlands, forests, fields, and meadows. If that's not enough, keep following along for the history of the path—you will pass through the towns of Houston, New Houlka, Algoma, Pontotoc, Ecru, Ingomar, and New Albany, all while making stops along the way to fuel up at local restaurants.



Belhaven Mountain Bike Trails, Jackson
Longleaf Trace, Hattiesburg
Natchez Trace Chisha Foka Multi-Use Trail, Madison
Ocean Springs Live Oak Bicycle Trails, Ocean Springs
Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo

BEST SPORTS SHOOTING FACILITY Providence Hill Farm



Hiking Trail

Tishomingo State Park

Tishomingo
mdwfp.com

With seven trails covering 13 miles in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Tishomingo embraces its beautiful natural surroundings and provides a relaxing, fully immersive hiking experience. Tishomingo County is a hotspot for hikers and geography buffs. Each of the trails has a different level of terrain and intensity. Several rock formations are ideal for rock climbing.



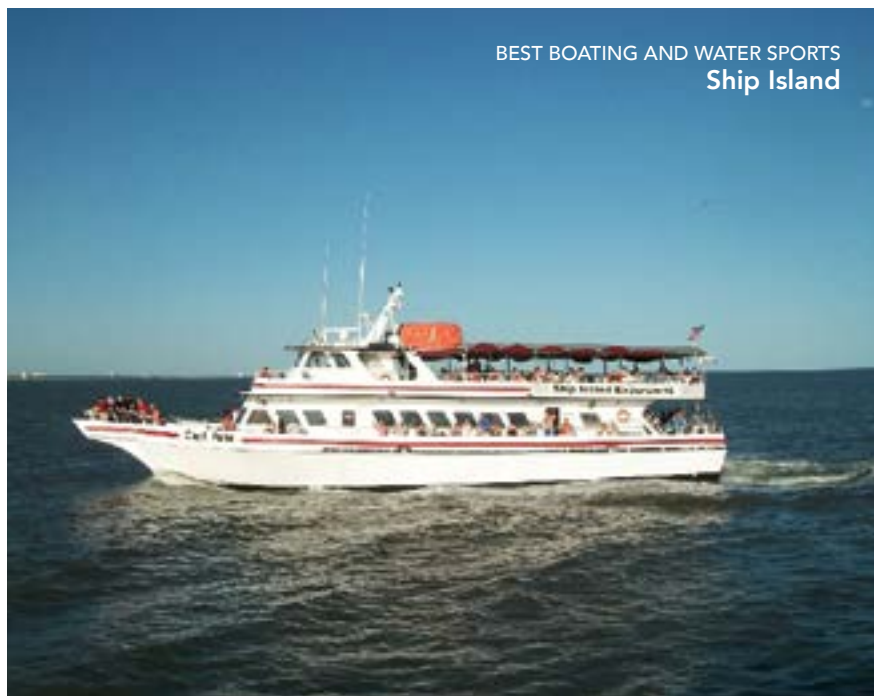
Bonita Lakes Park, Meridian

Natchez Trace Chisha Foka Multi-Use Trail,
Madison

Plymouth Bluff Environmental Center,
Columbus

Red Bluff, Foxworth

Tanglefoot Trail, multiple locations



BEST BOATING AND WATER SPORTS
Ship Island

Boating and Water Sports

Ship Island

Gulfport
mshipisland.com

Take a quick boat ride from the harbor to one of Mississippi's barrier islands, Ship Island. Here you'll find the crystal clear waters of the Gulf. Enjoy the day lounging in the sun, exploring the historic fort, and snacking on beachside bites. The ferry ride to the island is the perfect way to relax, watch dolphins, and take in the ocean breezes.



Grenada Lake

J P Coleman State Park

Pickwick Lake

Ross Barnett Reservoir

Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

ATV/Motocross Park

Wild Country Off Road

Leakesville
wcoffroad.com

Wild Country Off Road calls all ATV and motocross enthusiasts to make the trip to Leakesville for nights filled with dancing, singing, and racing! With about 1,100 acres of trails, bring your ATV, or if you're more of a swimmer, there are two sandbars on the Chickasawhay River. The beautiful park stretches all around and is regularly monitored to ensure the safety of each rider. Off-roading, racing, lodging, and eating at Wild Country's Roadhouse make this a perfect outdoor destination.



Bonita Lakes Park, Meridian

Camp Binachi Road, Meridian

Jackson Motorsports, Pearl

Piney Hills and Hollows ATV Park, Duck Hill

Red Creek Off-Road, Perkinston

Canoeing/Kayaking

Lee Tarrt Nature Preserve

Grenada
friends-of-cs.org

With 300 acres of land, this natural habitat is filled with wildlife. The beautiful scenery is an incredible distraction from everyday life. Take a walk on the trails, or hit the waters of the Chakchiuma Swamp in a kayak. From animals native to the area or the flora and fauna—the biodiversity here is unbeatable.



Chunky River, Chunky

Deer Island, Biloxi

Grenada Lake, Grenada

Okatoma Canoe Rental, Seminary

Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo

Best of Mississippi Travel Resources

Hunting Supplies

Mossy Oak Store

West Point
mossyoak.com

When it comes to hunting and fishing, everyone can find the best gear at Mossy Oak. Offering hunting apparel and gear for women, men, and children, the latest and most up-to-date styles and technology can be found here. Find everything you need for each pursuit in the store or online.



2nd Amendment Outdoors, Corinth
601 Sports, multiple locations
Bass Pro Shops, multiple locations
Hunters' Hollow, Inc., Oxford
Van's Sporting Goods, Brandon

Boating/Watersport Supplies

Bass Pro Shops

Multiple locations
basspro.com/pearl

Whether looking to buy a boat or outfit an existing boat, the wide range of boating equipment found here makes it the perfect place to stop before a day on the water. Find everything needed for water activities, too. From water sports like wakeboarding and skiing to fishing, the abundance of gear makes this a one-stop shop for boating needs.



Amory Marine Sales, Amory
Breath's Boats & Motors, Bay St. Louis
Coastal Marine Sales, Gulfport
Hattiesburg Cycles, Hattiesburg
Midway Marine, Fulton

Bikes, Supplies, and Services

Indian Cycle

Ridgeland
indiancyclefitness.com

From mountain bikes to electric bikes, they have it all. They also offer stationary workout equipment if you're interested in getting fit while at home. With all of your favorite brands, Indian Cycle has some of the newest models in addition to reconditioned bikes. They also offer service and repairs on any bike from any source.



Bicycle Revolution, Madison
CORE Cycle + Outdoor, Tupelo
Heart & Sole Cycle & Fitness, Meridian
Moore's Bicycle Shop, Hattiesburg
Trails & Treads, Tupelo

ATV/Motorcycle Sales

Grenada Bad Boys, Grenada

Grenada
grenadabadboys.net

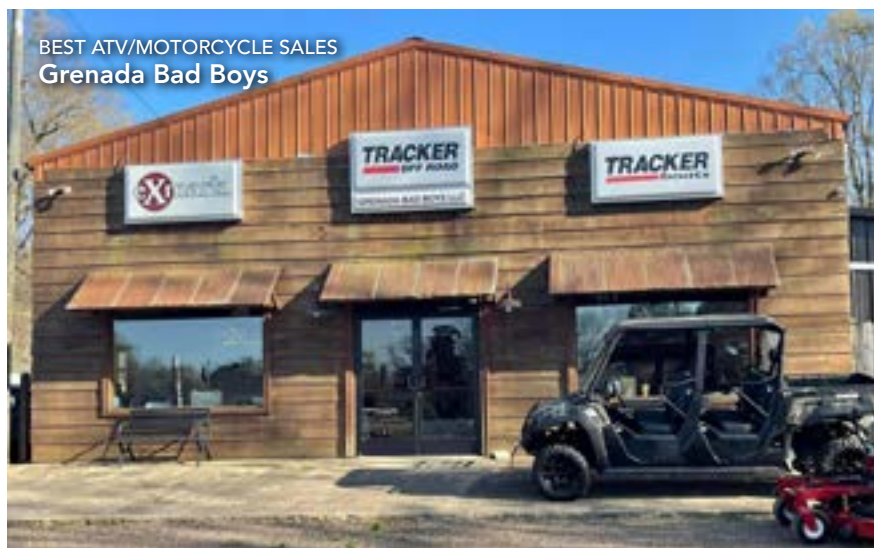
Reliable, sporty, up to date, and fairly priced—Grenada Bad Boys has an abundance of ATVs and motorcycles. Stop in to see the selection, or visit them online. They also offer service and repairs from their trained technicians, who help get the most out of your vehicle and help maintain it in prime shape and condition.



Adventure ATV, West Point
Brookhaven Honda, Brookhaven
Hattiesburg Cycles, Hattiesburg
Hellfighters Motorcycle Shop, Laurel
Main Street Cycle, Tishomingo



BEST HUNTING SUPPLIES
Mossy Oak Store



BEST ATV/MOTORCYCLE SALES
Grenada Bad Boys

Best of Mississippi Travel Resources

Adventure Outfitter

Back Forty Outdoors

Grenada

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Planning a camping trip or wanting to update your outdoor gear? Find everything you need at Back Forty Outdoors. They have the perfect gear for fishing, hunting, archery, and boating—from guns and fishing rods to chairs and electronic gates. Whether it's fun on the water, in the woods, or everything in between, they've got you covered.



2nd Amendment Outdoors, Corinth

Bass Pro Shops, multiple locations

Buffalo Peak Outfitters, Jackson

Chandeleur Outfitters, Ocean Springs

Mossy Oak, West Point

Gas Station Grub & Road Snacks

Fratesi Grocery & Service Station

Leland

facebook.com/pages/Fratesi-Grocery-Service-Station

A hidden gem, Fratesi Grocery & Service Station off Highway 278 is the perfect stop for a warm meal or grabbing snacks and gas! Stop in and fuel up on a delicious meal while your car fuels up. Try the steak plate lunch, burger and fries, fried shrimp, loaded subs, and more. The welcoming atmosphere and friendly faces make it an inviting restaurant, gas station, and miniature grocery store.



Clarkdale Superette, Meridian

Lindsey's Chevron, Oxford

Papa V's, Tupelo

Texaco Corinth, Corinth

United Deli & Grocery, Columbus

Camper/RV Sales and Rentals

Great American RV SuperStores

Multiple locations

greatamericanrv.com

Stop by one of its three Mississippi locations, or look online for the perfect RV. They are constantly getting new and trendy RVs, and they also service and provide parts. RVing has made a comeback, and the new generation of campers and RVs offers an excellent way to enjoy the great outdoors.



Back Country RV Center, Meridian

Camper Corral, Madison

Camping World, Jackson

Paw Paw's Campers and Cars, Picayune

Southern Camper Sales, Biloxi



BEST ADVENTURE OUTFITTER
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Great American RV SuperStores

Best of Mississippi Travel Getaways

Girlfriend Getaway Cleveland

visitclevelandms.com

Grab your girls for great shopping, a spa day, and good eats. Shop downtown Cleveland where you'll find adorable boutiques, trendy art, furniture, and more. After shopping, sit back and relax at the chic Cotton House Hotel. Take a quick visit to McCartys Pottery nearby, and enjoy a fabulous lunch in the garden or dinner at one of the award-winning restaurants.



Bay St. Louis
Laurel
Natchez
Ocean Springs
Oxford

Downtown Shopping Ocean Springs

downtownoceansprings.com

Stylish fashions, home accessories, and more abound in Ocean Springs. Washington Avenue and Government Street are havens for happy shoppers. Make your way through all of the adorable boutiques, and you will surely head home with a few bags in your hands.



Bay St. Louis
Cleveland
Laurel
New Albany
Oxford

Day Trip Bay St. Louis baystlouis-ms.gov

Explore the coastal town of Bay St. Louis—a city full of shops, historic sites, and many activities for the whole family. Take a stroll through an art museum or shop in its quaint downtown. There are ghost tours, history walks, fishing, and more. With over 150 years of history, Bay St. Louis is enriched with historic sites. Whatever adventure you're looking for, Bay St. Louis has it waiting for you!



Cleveland
Laurel
Ocean Springs
Ship Island Excursions, Gulfport
Vicksburg



Romantic Getaway The Alluvian

Greenwood
thealluvian.com

Peace, relaxation, and pampering—what's more romantic? The Alluvian is a luxurious hotel with a surplus of amenities. Surprise your partner with a romantic weekend at The Alluvian Spa, and enjoy couple's massages, facials, and other spa treatments. Find your zen, and practice yoga together at Studio A Yoga. Afterward, take a lesson at the Viking Cooking School, which offers classes for everyone—from novice to experienced cooks—and enjoy the dinner you prepared together!



Bay St. Louis
Cotton House, Cleveland
Natchez
Ocean Springs
The White House Hotel, Biloxi

Family Getaway

Cleveland

visitclevelandms.com

Head to the Delta to discover life in the land of the blues. Overflowing with activities, everyone will enjoy a visit to the GRAMMY Museum. Visit the Matthews-Sanders Sculpture Garden at Delta State. See Dockery Farms, or detour to Merigold to see the famed McCartys Pottery. The Martin and Sue King Railroad Museum shows models of influential trains and has a real caboose. Cleveland's Main Street association hosts events year round that are great for all ages.



Bay St. Louis

Biloxi

Coastal Mississippi

Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville

Ocean Springs



BEST FAMILY GETAWAY
Cleveland

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