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*Accommodations*

**HOTEL OR RESORT**

The Alluvian  
Greenwood  
thealluvian.com

The Alluvian in Greenwood stands out for its luxurious accommodations and exceptional service, making it a top choice for travelers seeking comfort and style.



Cotton House, Cleveland  
Hotel 27, Greenville  
Natchez Grand Hotel, Natchez  
Threefoot Hotel, Meridian  
White House Hotel, Biloxi

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
RESORT OR HOTEL**

Cypress Point Resort  
Brandon  
cypresspointms.com

Cypress Point Resort in Brandon offers a fantastic family-friendly experience with a range of outdoor activities, comfortable lodgings, and beautiful scenery. Families can relax and enjoy nature with those they love most.



Jellystone Park: Yogi on the Lake, Pelahatchie  
Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville  
Longleaf Piney Resort, Hattiesburg  
Margaritaville Resort, Biloxi  
Oasis Resort, Gulfport

**HISTORIC HOTEL**

The Alluvian  
Greenwood  
thealluvian.com

The Alluvian in Greenwood combines history with luxury, offering elegant rooms and top-notch service in a beautifully restored building. Guests can enjoy fine dining and a relaxing spa experience.



Anchuca Historic Mansion and Inn, Vicksburg  
Hotel 27, Greenville  
Old Capitol Inn, Jackson  
Threefoot Hotel, Meridian  
White House Hotel, Biloxi



**BED AND BREAKFAST/INN**

Ross Mansion  
Bed and Breakfast  
Hattiesburg  
rossmansion.com

Experience the charm and elegance of Ross Mansion Bed and Breakfast in Hattiesburg. This historic mansion offers luxurious accommodations with a blend of antique décor and modern amenities, perfect for a relaxing getaway.



Como Courtyard & Guesthouse, Como  
Grandiflora Bed and Breakfast, Laurel  
The Belmont 1857, Wayside  
The South Lamar Bed & Breakfast, Oxford  
The Thompson House Inn, Leland  
Wisteria Bed and Breakfast, Laurel

**BOUTIQUE HOTEL**

Hotel Tupelo  
Tupelo  
hoteltupelo.com

Hotel Tupelo provides a chic and comfortable stay with modern amenities and a unique local flair. Its convenient location makes it easy to explore Tupelo's vibrant culture and attractions.



Cotton House, Cleveland  
The Alluvian, Greenwood  
Generals' Quarters Boutique Hotel, Corinth  
The Mason Boutique Hotel, Louisville  
The Roost, Ocean Springs

*Attractions*

**ANIMAL/WILDLIFE  
ATTRACTION**

Cypress Point Resort  
Brandon  
cypresspointms.com

Cypress Point in Brandon offers a unique wildlife experience with various animals in a natural setting. Visitors can enjoy safari tours and close encounters with exotic species.



Hattiesburg Zoo, Hattiesburg  
Mississippi Aquarium, Gulfport  
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson  
Safari Wild Animal Park, Como  
Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo, Tupelo

**HISTORIC DESTINATION**

Natchez  
visitnatchez.org

Natchez is a city steeped in history, offering visitors a glimpse into the past with its well-preserved antebellum homes and historic landmarks. It's a perfect destination for history enthusiasts.



Columbus  
Corinth  
Ship Island's Fort Massachusetts,  
Gulf Islands National Seashore  
Vicksburg  
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

**HOLIDAY ATTRACTION**

50 Nights of Lights  
Cleveland  
50nightsoflights.com

50 Nights of Lights in Cleveland is a dazzling holiday attraction featuring an impressive display of lights that illuminates the city for 50 nights. It's a magical experience for all ages.



Canton Christmas Festival, Canton  
Christmas at Landrum's Homestead & Village,  
Laurel  
Hernando Dickens of a Christmas, Hernando  
Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, Gulfport  
Trees of Christmas at Merrehope, Meridian



**FREE ADVENTURE**  
**Gulf Coast Beaches**  
 coastalmississippi.com

The Gulf Coast beaches offer miles of beautiful shoreline, perfect for sunbathing, swimming, and beachcombing. It's a free and fun adventure for all ages.



Birthplace of the Frog, Leland  
 Canton Christmas Festival, Canton  
 Hattiesburg Pocket Museum, Hattiesburg  
 Natchez Trace Parkway, Natchez  
 Tishomingo County State Park, Tishomingo

**HISTORY MUSEUM**

**GRAMMY Museum**  
 Mississippi  
 Cleveland  
 grammymuseumms.org

GRAMMY Museum Mississippi in Cleveland celebrates the state's rich musical heritage with interactive exhibits and memorabilia from famous artists. This engaging experience will enthrall music lovers.



B.B. King Museum, Indianola  
 Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, Biloxi  
 Old Capitol Museum, Jackson  
 Two Mississippi Museums, Jackson  
 Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

**ART MUSEUM**

**Lauren Rogers Museum of Art**  
 Laurel  
 lrma.org

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel is a treasure trove of art, featuring diverse collections from European and American artists. Its elegant setting and engaging exhibitions make it a must-visit.



Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum, Bay St. Louis  
 Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience, Meridian  
 Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson  
 Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, Biloxi  
 Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Ocean Springs

**SPRING/SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**Double Decker Arts Festival**  
 Oxford  
 doubledeckerfestival.com

The Double Decker festival in Oxford celebrates music, art, and food, with live performances, local art displays, and delicious cuisine. Crowds converge from all over the South for this popular event.



Crosstie Arts & Jazz Festival, Cleveland  
 Tupelo Elvis Festival, Tupelo  
 Market Street Festival, Columbus  
 Que on the Yazoo, Greenwood  
 Sipp & Savor, Meridian

**FALL/WINTER FESTIVAL**

**Delta Hot Tamale Festival**  
 Greenville  
 mainstreetgreenville.com

The Delta Hot Tamale Festival in Greenville is a culinary delight, celebrating the rich flavors of tamales with live music, cooking contests, and local vendors. It's a festive annual event for food lovers.



Bukka White Blues Festival, Aberdeen  
 Cruisin' the Coast, Mississippi Gulf Coast  
 Loblolly Festival, Laurel  
 Natchez Balloon Festival, Natchez  
 Soulé Live Steam Festival, Meridian  
 Tallahatchie Riverfest, New Albany

**CASINO**

**Beau Rivage Resort and Casino**  
 Biloxi  
 beaurivage.mgmresorts.com

Beau Rivage Resort and Casino offers a luxurious gaming experience with a wide array of games, entertainment options, and fine dining. This premier destination is a must for anyone looking for a one-stop destination for great food, gambling, and entertainment.



Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Biloxi  
 IP Casino Resort Spa, Biloxi  
 Pearl River Resort, Philadelphia  
 Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort, D'Iberville  
 WaterView Casino & Hotel, Vicksburg

**DISTILLERY/BREWERY**

**Threefoot Brewing**  
 Meridian  
 threefootbrewing.com

Threefoot Brewing in Meridian is known for its craft beers and welcoming atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy a variety of locally brewed beers in a vibrant setting.



Cathead Distillery, Jackson  
 Chandeaur Island Brewing Company, Gulfport  
 Fertile Ground Beer Co., Jackson  
 Lazy Magnolia, Kiln  
 Queen's Reward Meadery, Tupelo

## Outdoor Adventures

### STATE PARK

#### Tishomingo State Park

Tishomingo County  
[mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/park/tishomingo-state-park](http://mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/park/tishomingo-state-park)

In the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, this park offers fun at the splash pad, pool, and playground. Stay in a cabin or at the RV campground, and fish or canoe in Bear Creek.



Clarkco State Park, Quitman  
 Hugh White State Park, Grenada  
 LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Jackson  
 Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg  
 Roosevelt State Park, Morton

### FISHING HOLE

#### Grenada Lake

Grenada  
[visitgrenadams.com](http://visitgrenadams.com)

Grenada Lake is renowned for its excellent fishing opportunities, particularly for crappie. Seasoned anglers know that this spot always yields a productive and enjoyable fishing experience.



Eagle Lake  
 Lake Washington  
 Pickwick Lake  
 Barnett Reservoir  
 Sardis Lake

### BOATING AND WATER SPORTS

#### Gulf Coast

[coastalmississippi.com](http://coastalmississippi.com)

The Gulf Coast is perfect for boating and water sports with its vast waterways and beautiful coastal views. Aquatic adventures abound on the beach and in the water.



Grenada Lake  
 Pickwick Lake  
 Barnett Reservoir  
 Ship Island  
 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

### HIKING TRAIL

#### Tishomingo State Park

Tishomingo County  
[mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/park/tishomingo-state-park](http://mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/park/tishomingo-state-park)

Tishomingo State Park offers stunning hiking trails through rugged terrain and scenic vistas. It's a great destination for hikers looking to explore Mississippi's natural beauty.



Clark Creek Natural Area, Woodville  
 Museum Trail, Jackson  
 Chisha Foka Multi-use Trail, Jackson  
 Red Bluff, Foxworth  
 Tanglefoot Trail, New Albany

### CANOEING/KAYAKING

#### Okatoma River

Seminary  
[okatoma.com](http://okatoma.com)

The Okatoma River is a popular destination for canoeing and kayaking, offering beautiful scenery and exciting rapids. It's an adventure not to be missed for water enthusiasts.



Black Creek, Brooklyn  
 Bogue Chitto River, Tylertown  
 Capital City Kayak Adventures, Jackson  
 Lee Tartt Nature Preserve, Grenada  
 Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo

### BIKING TRAIL

#### Tanglefoot Trail

Pontotoc  
[tanglefoottrail.com](http://tanglefoottrail.com)

The Tanglefoot Trail offers a scenic biking experience through Mississippi's picturesque landscapes. Cyclists of all skill levels enjoy a day spent traveling this historic route.



Belhaven Mountain Bike Trails, Jackson  
 Bonita Lakes, Meridian  
 Live Oaks Bicycle Trails, Ocean Springs  
 Longleaf Trace, Hattiesburg  
 Natchez Trace Parkway

### SPORTS SHOOTING FACILITY

#### Providence Hill

Jackson  
[providencehill.com](http://providencehill.com)



Providence Hill in Jackson offers top-notch sports shooting facilities with a range of shooting activities and expert instruction. It's a premier destination for shooting enthusiasts.



601 Sports, Meridian  
 Longleaf Plantation, Purvis  
 Prairie Wildlife, West Point  
 The Range By Jimmy Primos, Madison  
 Two Gun Tactical, Flowood  
 Whitetail Ridge Outdoors, Guntown

**HUNTING SUPPLIES**

**Hunters' Hollow**

Oxford  
huntershollow.com

Hunters' Hollow in Oxford is a one-stop shop for all hunting supplies and equipment. Their extensive inventory and expert staff ensure you have everything you need for a successful hunt.



- Back Forty Outdoors, Grenada
- Delta Outdoors, Cleveland
- Delta Outfitters, Vicksburg
- The Blind, Greenwood
- Van's Sporting Goods, Brandon

*Resources*

**BOATING/WATER SPORT SUPPLIES**

**Coastal Marine Sales**

Gulfport  
coastalmarinesales.com

Coastal Marine Sales in Gulfport provides a comprehensive selection of boating and water sports equipment. Their expert staff can help you find the right gear for your aquatic adventures.



- Amory Marine Sales, Amory
- Got Gear, Ridgeland
- Grenada Bad Boys, Grenada
- Midway Marine, Fulton
- Southaven RV and Marine, Southaven



**BIKES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**

**Hattiesburg Cycles**

Hattiesburg  
hattiesburgcycles.com

Hattiesburg Cycles offers a wide range of bikes, accessories, and repair services, making it a top choice for cyclists. Their knowledgeable staff is ready to assist with all your biking needs.



- CORE Cycle + Outdoor, Tupelo and Oxford
- Heart and Sole Cycle and Fitness, Meridian
- Indian Cycle, Ridgeland
- Natchez Bicycle, Natchez
- Trails and Treads, Tupelo

**GAS STATION GRUB & ROAD SNACKS**

**Fratesi Grocery and Service Station**

Leland  
662.686.2253

Fratesi Grocery and Service Station in Leland is known for its delicious road snacks and friendly service. It's a perfect pit stop for travelers looking for a tasty bite.



- 4 Corners Chevron, Oxford
- Clarkdale Superette, Meridian
- Jane's Exxon, Oxford
- Ole Country Store, Belmont
- The Old Koke Plant, Brookhaven

**ADVENTURE OUTFITTER**

**Back Forty Outdoors**

Grenada  
@back\_forty\_outdoors\_grenada

Back Forty Outdoors provides quality gear and expert advice for all your outdoor adventures. From hunting to hiking, they have everything you need.



- Chandeleur Outfitters, Ocean Springs
- Delta Outdoors, Cleveland
- Mossy Oak, West Point
- The Blind, Greenwood
- Van's Sporting Goods, Brandon

Getaways

ROMANTIC GETAWAY

White House Hotel

Biloxi  
whitehousebiloxi.com



White House Hotel in Biloxi provides a romantic setting with its historic charm, beautiful views, and luxurious amenities. It's an ideal destination for a couples' retreat.



- Bay St. Louis
- Natchez
- Ocean Springs
- The Alluvian, Greenwood
- The South Lamar Bed & Breakfast, Oxford

GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY

Ocean Springs

downtownoceansprings.com

Ocean Springs is a fantastic destination for a girlfriend getaway with its charming downtown, spa services, and vibrant nightlife. Relax and have fun with friends at this luxurious location.



- Bay St. Louis
- Cleveland
- Laurel
- Natchez
- Oxford

FAMILY GETAWAY

Gulf Coast

coastalmississippi.com

The Gulf Coast is an ideal family getaway destination with its beautiful beaches, family-friendly attractions, and outdoor activities. Create lasting family memories at Mississippi's beautiful beaches.



- Cleveland
- Hattiesburg
- Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville
- Ocean Springs
- Tishomingo County

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING

Oxford

visitoxfordms.com

Oxford's downtown area is a shopper's paradise with its eclectic mix of boutiques, bookstores, and local shops. Find unique gifts, souvenirs, great food, and more.



- Cleveland
- Laurel
- Natchez
- Ocean Springs
- Tupelo



**DAY TRIP**

Laurel

downtownlaurel.com

Laurel offers a charming day-trip experience with its picturesque downtown, unique shops, and historic sites. It's an excellent destination for a relaxing and enjoyable day out.



- Cleveland
- Hattiesburg
- Natchez
- Ocean Springs
- Tupelo

**HUNTING DESTINATION/  
GUIDED HUNTING FACILITY**

Delta Duck Hunts

Tunica

deltaducks.com

Delta Duck Hunts in Tunica offers an exceptional hunting experience with expert guides, prime hunting locations, and top-notch facilities. It's a must-visit for hunting enthusiasts.



- Longleaf Plantation, Purvis
- Magnolia Outdoors Outfitters, Magnolia
- Prairie Wildlife, West Point
- Providence Hill, Jackson
- Tara Wildlife, Vicksburg

**CULINARY DESTINATION/  
EXPERIENCE**

Ocean Springs

downtownoceansprings.com

Ocean Springs is a culinary hotspot known for its diverse dining options and vibrant food scene. From fresh seafood to international cuisine, there's something to satisfy every palate.



- Biloxi
- Cleveland
- Oxford
- Regina's Kitchen Cooking School, Natchez
- Viking Cooking School at The Alluvian, Greenwood

**AT THE ALLUVIAN**  
*Sleep. Eat. Spa. Cook. Shop.*

**ALLUVIAN HOTEL:**  
 Overall Best Hotel/Resort  
 Overall Best Historic Hotel  
 Top 5 M-List Best Boutique Hotel  
 Top 5 M-List Best Romantic Getaway  
**VIKING COOKING SCHOOL:**  
 Top 5 M-List Best Culinary Experience

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RECHARGE.  
RIDE.  
REPEAT.**

Escape and reconnect with nature along the Longleaf Trace. Bike the trail, relax by a fire, or unplug and do nothing. If that's not your thing, fantastic shopping and dining are just a few miles away.

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**longleafpineyresort.com**  
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