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Magnolia State

writer MELANIE M. WARD

Accommodations

HOTEL OR RESORT

The Alluvian

Greenwood
thealluvian.com

Tucked in the heart of Greenwood, The Alluvian is more than a hotel—it's a cultural experience. With deep roots in the Delta's rich literary and musical legacy, this boutique gem blends refined Southern hospitality with modern luxury. The Alluvian offers elegant rooms, a world-class spa, and access to the famed Viking Cooking School.



Cotton House, Cleveland
Duff Green Mansion, Vicksburg
Hotel 27, Greenville
The White House Hotel, Biloxi
Threefoot Hotel, Meridian

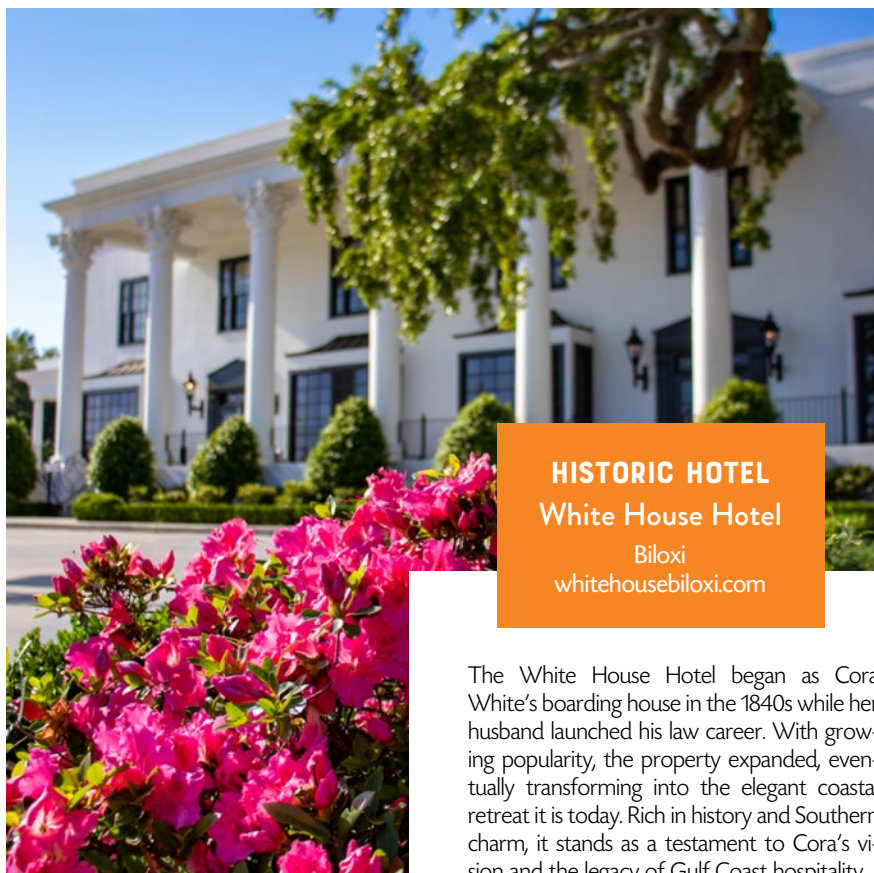
FAMILY-FRIENDLY RESORT OR HOTEL

Jellystone: Yogi on the Lake Pelahatchie jellystonems.com

Yogi on the Lake offers a fun-filled family getaway in a friendly and clean lakeside setting. This RV park and campground resort delivers a relaxing yet active atmosphere, perfect for making lasting memories. Whether you're swimming, camping, or enjoying themed activities, Yogi on the Lake is Mississippi's go-to destination for year-round family adventures.



Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi
Cypress Point Resort, Brandon
Hotel Tupelo, Tupelo
Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville
The Lyric West End, Cleveland



HISTORIC HOTEL White House Hotel

Biloxi
whitehousebiloxi.com

The White House Hotel began as Cora White's boarding house in the 1840s while her husband launched his law career. With growing popularity, the property expanded, eventually transforming into the elegant coastal retreat it is today. Rich in history and Southern charm, it stands as a testament to Cora's vision and the legacy of Gulf Coast hospitality.



Duff Green Mansion, Vicksburg
Fairview Inn, Jackson
Hotel 27, Greenville
The Alluvian Hotel, Greenwood
Threefoot Hotel, Meridian

BOUTIQUE HOTEL

The Alluvian Hotel

Greenwood
thealluvian.com

The Alluvian captures the soul of the Mississippi Delta—a region rich in history, culture, and literary legacy. Inspired by the land itself, this boutique hotel blends Southern elegance with deep regional roots. The Alluvian offers guests a refined and unforgettable stay.



Cotton House, Cleveland
Duff Green Mansion, Vicksburg
Hotel 27, Greenville
The Mason Boutique Hotel, Louisville
The Roost, Ocean Springs

BED AND BREAKFAST/INN

Ross Mansion Bed and Breakfast Hattiesburg rossmansion.com

Ross Mansion Bed & Breakfast offers historic charm, luxurious comfort, and unmatched Southern hospitality. Just minutes from William Carey and USM, this stately inn features uniquely decorated rooms, garden views, and locally sourced breakfasts.



Duff Green Mansion, Vicksburg
Grandiflora Bed and Breakfast, Laurel
Linden Historic Bed and Breakfast, Natchez
Magnolia Stables Bed and Breakfast, Hattiesburg
The Thompson House, Leland

Attractions

FREE ADVENTURE

Canton Christmas Festival

Canton
cantontourism.com



Each December, the historic Canton Square transforms into a winter wonderland with dazzling light displays, live music, festive parades, and local artisans. Families enjoy strolling through charming shops, sipping hot cocoa, and meeting Santa—all without spending a dime.



Gulf Coast beaches
Hattiesburg Pocket Museum, Hattiesburg
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson
Natchez Trace Parkway
Tishomingo State Park, Iuka

HISTORY MUSEUM

GRAMMY Museum

Mississippi
Cleveland

grammymuseumms.org

This dynamic museum celebrates Mississippi's unparalleled influence on music history through immersive exhibits, interactive experiences, and educational programs. Visitors explore the stories of music legends, discover emerging artists, and leave inspired by how deeply rooted rhythms from the Delta continue to shape the soundtrack of our lives.



B.B. King Museum, Indianola
Mississippi Armed Forces Museum,
Camp Shelby
Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg
Two Mississippi Museums, Jackson
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

ANIMAL/WILDLIFE ATTRACTION

Hattiesburg Zoo

Hattiesburg
hattiesburgzoo.com

A wild favorite for families and animal lovers, the Hattiesburg Zoo delivers big adventure in a beautifully walkable setting. Home to more than 100 species, the zoo features up-close animal encounters, a high ropes course, a splash pad, train rides, and even a carousel.



Cypress Point Resort, Brandon
Little Creek Landing, Sumrall
Mississippi Aquarium, Gulfport
Safari Wild Animal Park, Como
Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo, Tupelo

HOLIDAY ATTRACTION

Trees of Christmas at Merrehope

Meridian
visitmeridian.com

Each November, Merrehope, the historic 1859 Neoclassical mansion, transforms into a festive wonderland, featuring 60-plus uniquely decorated trees and immersive seasonal exhibits. The annual event draws thousands of local and international visitors for guided tours, special events, and holiday cheer.



50 Nights of Lights, Cleveland
Canton Christmas Festival, Canton
Gulfport Harbor Lights Winter Festival, Gulfport
Hernando Dickens of a Christmas, Hernando
The Towers, Natchez

HISTORIC DESTINATION

Natchez

visitnatchez.org

Natchez reigns as Mississippi's premier historic destination with more than 300 antebellum homes and well-preserved sites along the Mississippi River. Rich with stories of the past, the city invites visitors to explore elegant mansions, candlelit tours, and guided carriage rides through its storied streets. Natchez offers an immersive journey into the South's grand heritage.



Beauvoir, Biloxi
Dockery Farms, Cleveland
Elvis Presley Birthplace, Tupelo
Faulkner's Rowan Oak, Oxford
Vicksburg

CASINO

Beau Rivage Resort and Casino

Biloxi
beaurivagemgmresorts.com

From its elegant gaming floor and luxurious accommodations to its award-winning spa and celebrity chef-led restaurants, Beau Rivage delivers a top-tier blend of excitement and refinement. With nightly entertainment, a beachfront location, and exceptional service, it's the ultimate destination for fun, relaxation, and indulgence.



Gold Strike Casino Resort, Tunica
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Biloxi
Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort, D'Iberville
Silver Star Hotel and Casino, Philadelphia
WaterView Casino & Hotel, Vicksburg



ART MUSEUM

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art

Laurel
lrma.org

Nestled under a canopy of live oaks in historic Laurel, the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art—Mississippi’s first art museum, established in 1923—is housed in a stunning Georgian Revival building and showcases five diverse galleries filled with American and European paintings, Japanese woodblock prints, Native American baskets, and British Georgian silver. Admission is free, making world-class art accessible to all.



Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum, Bay St. Louis
Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian
Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience,
Meridian
Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson
Walter Anderson Museum of Art,
Ocean Springs

SPRING/SUMMER FESTIVAL

Double Decker Arts Festival

Oxford
doubledeckfestival.com

Oxford’s Double Decker Arts Festival blends small-town charm with big-time culture. What began as a modest celebration on a pickup truck stage now draws over 60,000 visitors to the historic Square. Featuring over 100 art vendors, 20-plus local eateries, live music, and family-friendly activities, all showcasing Oxford’s vibrant spirit and love for creativity.



Crosstie Arts & Jazz Festival, Cleveland
FestivalSouth, Hattiesburg
Laurel Food Truck Festival, Laurel
Natchez Spring Pilgrimage, Natchez
Sipp and Savor Food & Drink Experience,
Meridian

FALL/WINTER FESTIVAL

Delta Hot Tamale Festival

Greenville
mainstreetgreenville.com

Spice up your fall with the Delta Hot Tamale Festival. Held each October, this flavorful fest honors the region’s pride: the Delta-style hot tamale. Enjoy sizzling tamale cookoffs, soulful blues and gospel music, arts and crafts vendors, and a community-driven vibe. With family fun, tasty treats, and Delta charm, the festival is a must-attend.



Cruisin’ the Coast, Gulf Coast
Mississippi Book Festival, Jackson
Natchez Balloon Festival, Natchez
Ole Tyme Fall Festival at Landrum’s Homestead,
Laurel
Soulé Live Steam Festival, Meridian

DISTILLERY/BREWERY

Cathead Distillery

Jackson
catheaddistillery.com

Renowned for its small-batch spirits—especially the Honeysuckle Vodka and Hoodoo espresso liqueur—Cathead offers engaging tasting experiences and guided tours in a welcoming downtown setting. With a commitment to local ingredients and creative flavors, it’s the go-to destination for cocktail enthusiasts and those seeking authentic Mississippi craftsmanship.



Chandeleur Island Brewing Company, Gulfport
Fertile Ground Beer Co, Jackson
Natchez Brewing Company, Natchez
Southern Prohibition Brewing Company,
Hattiesburg
Threefoot Brewing Company, Meridian

Outdoor Adventures

BOATING AND WATER SPORTS

Pickwick Lake
at JP Coleman State Park
luka
mdwfp.com

Pickwick Lake's scenic coves and endless waterfront fun stretches across three states. This expansive reservoir is ideal for a range of activities, from leisurely pontoon cruises to water-skiing and wakeboarding adventures. With numerous marinas, lakeside parks, and charming shoreline communities, Pickwick blends outdoor recreation and scenic beauty.



Barnett Reservoir, Jackson and Brandon
Grenada Lake, Grenada
Gulf Coast
Ship Island, Gulf Islands National Seashore
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Columbus

HIKING TRAIL

Tishomingo State Park
luka
mdwfp.com

Tishomingo State Park offers scenic trails for all skill levels—including the picturesque Twin Falls and Bear Creek. This park invites outdoor enthusiasts and families to explore natural beauty, rustic bridges, and rich geological history.



Bonita Lakes, Meridian
Lee Tartt Nature Preserve, Grenada
Natchez Trace Parkway
Red Bluff, Foxworth
Tanglefoot Trail, New Albany

SPORTS SHOOTING FACILITY

Thunder Hollow Shooting
Range by Hunters' Hollow
Oxford
huntershollow.com

Thunder Hollow offers a state-of-the-art indoor shooting range features 10 well-maintained bays with adjustable targets. Whether you're a beginner or an expert marksman, there's a safe and welcoming environment with expert staff and well-maintained facilities.



601 Sports, Meridian
Longleaf Plantation, Purvis
Providence Hill, Jackson
Two Gun Tactical, Flowood and Ridgeland

STATE PARK

Tishomingo State Park
luka
mdwfp.com

Tishomingo State Park is a breathtaking natural playground featuring rugged quartzite formations, cascading waterfalls, and dense forests. With scenic hiking trails like Twin Falls and Bear Creek, as well as opportunities for rock climbing, freshwater fishing, and peaceful camping, this park offers endless outdoor adventures.



Clarkco State Park, Quitman
Natchez State Park, Stanton
Paul B. Johnson, McLaurin
Ship Island, Gulf Islands National Seashore
Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg

CANOEING/KAYAKING

Okatoma River
Seminary
okatoma.com

Paddle through scenic pine and hardwood forests, calm waters, and small rapids ideal for families and thrill-seekers alike. With accessible put-ins, riverside camping spots, and canyon-like natural beauty, the Okatoma delivers a refreshing outdoor escape for paddlers of all skill levels.



Black Creek, Brooklyn
Chunky River, Meridian
Lee Tartt Nature Preserve, Grenada
Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, Brooksville
Tishomingo State Park, luka

FISHING HOLE

Grenada Lake
Grenada
mdwfp.com

This expansive reservoir is renowned for trophy bass, crappie, catfish, and bream, with convenient boat ramps and waterfront access perfect for anglers of all experience levels. Whether casting from shore, drifting in a boat, or enjoying a peaceful evening on the water, it promises a rewarding fishing adventure wrapped in natural beauty.



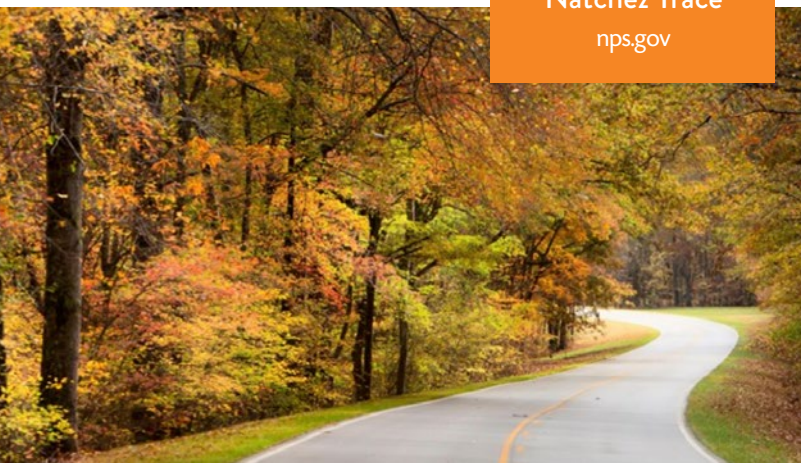
Barnett Reservoir, Jackson and Brandon
Eagle Lake, Vicksburg
J.P. Coleman State Park, luka
Lake Washington, Greenville
Sardis Lake, Sardis

BIKING TRAIL Natchez Trace nps.gov

Meandering over 400 miles from Natchez to Nashville, this scenic route winds through rolling woodlands, historic sites, and tranquil river valleys. With well-maintained roads, ample pull-offs, and minimal traffic, the Trace provides a safe, immersive cycling experience through the heart of the Southern landscape.



Bonita Lakes Park, Meridian
Great River Road Bike Trail, Walls
Hernando DeSoto River Park, Hernando
Longleaf Trace, Hattiesburg
Tanglefoot Trail, New Albany





HUNTING SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Hunters' Hollow
Oxford
huntershollow.com

Hunters' Hollow is the hot destination for all your hunting needs. Stocking top-tier firearms, ammunition, camo gear, and seasoned advice, the store's knowledgeable staff caters to beginners and serious hunters alike. With a wide product range and practical expertise, you'll be well-equipped for your next hunt in Mississippi's woods and fields.



601 Sports, Brookhaven
Back Forty Outdoors, Grenada
Delta Outdoors, Cleveland
Delta Outfitters, Vicksburg
Van's Outdoors, Brandon

BIKES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES

Indian Cycle Fitness & Outdoor
Ridgeland
indiancyclefitness.com

Offering top-tier road, mountain, and electric bikes, as well as expert maintenance and personalized fitting services, Indian Cycle has a wide selection of high-performance brands and a welcoming team of knowledgeable staff.



Hattiesburg Cycles, Hattiesburg
Moore's Bike Shop, Hattiesburg
Natchez Bicycle, Natchez
The Bike Crossing, Ridgeland
Trails & Treads, Tupelo

BOATING/WATER SPORT SUPPLIES

Grenada Bad Boys
Grenada
662.307.2729

Grenada Bad Boys is Mississippi's go-to full-service marine and off-road dealer. Whether you're chasing thrills on the water or tackling rugged terrain, they've got you covered with top-quality boats, utility vehicles, and expert service.



Got Gear, Ridgeland
Main Harbor Marina, Ridgeland
Midway Marine, Fulton
Smith Marine, Ridgeland
Southaven RV & Marine, Southaven

GAS STATION GRUB & ROAD SNACKS

Pelahatchie Bay Trading Post
Brandon
601.829.1703

This iconic pit stop elevates the humble gas station meal into a delicious destination. Known for scratch-made sandwiches, hot breakfast plates, and lunch specials, their friendly service and hearty offerings make every visit feel like a treat.



4 Corners Chevron, Oxford
Bradley's Cajun Quick Stop & Deli, Long Beach
Fratesi Grocery and Service Station, Leland
Greenhouse Coffee Bar, Winona
Ole Country Store, Belmont
United Deli, Columbus

ADVENTURE OUTFITTER
Grenada Outdoor Outfitters
Grenada
grenadaoutfitters@gmail.com

Grenada Outdoor Outfitters offers guided canoe and kayak excursions, expert instruction, and quality rental gear, catering to families and thrill-seekers alike. With scenic lakeside routes, wildlife spotting, and friendly local guides, it will be an unforgettable adventure for anyone ready to explore Mississippi's outdoors.



Back Forty Outdoors, Grenada
Delta Outdoors, Cleveland
Mossy Oak, West Point
River Life Kayak Rentals, Amory
Van's Outdoors, Brandon

TRAVEL AGENT
Jessica Jones, Treat Yourself
Vacations
Pope
treatyourselfvacations.net

Crafting personalized, seamless vacations from start to finish, Jones has destination expertise, insider connections, and attention to detail, tailoring every itinerary to your family's interests.



Fantastical Vacations by Samantha Ball
Jennifer Wooten, Magnolia Travel Group, Madison
Muse Magical Travel, Florence
Once Upon a Vacation, Amanda Howell, Sumrall
Tropical Luxe Vacations, Tessa Hankins, Oxford

Getaways

FAMILY GETAWAY

Gulf Coast

coastalmississippi.com

The Coast is a premier family getaway, offering sun-kissed beaches, historic towns, and action-packed fun. Splash and play along coastal shores, explore interactive exhibits at maritime and aquarium museums and indulge in fresh seafood at family-friendly dining spots. It's the ideal mix of relaxation, adventure, and Southern hospitality.



DeSoto County

Jellystone: Yogi on the Lake, Pelahatchie

Lake Tiak-O'Khata, Louisville

Ocean Springs

Oxford

Tishomingo County

GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY

Ocean Springs

downtownoceansprings.com

Ocean Springs is the ultimate girlfriend getaway destination—charming, artistic, and blissfully laid-back. Stroll through galleries, boutiques, and cafés or explore the outdoors on its beaches and trails.



Bay St. Louis

Cleveland

Laurel

Natchez

Oxford

DAY TRIP

Cleveland

visitclevelandms.com

Tucked in the heart of the Delta, Cleveland blends culture with small-town charm. The GRAMMY Museum, its scenic downtown and shopping, plus easy access to iconic blues landmarks make it the perfect day away.



Laurel

Meridian

Ocean Springs

Ship Island

Vicksburg

ROMANTIC GETAWAY

Natchez

visitnatchez.org



Cleveland

The Alluvian Hotel, Greenwood

The Roost, Ocean Springs

The South Lamar Bed & Breakfast, Oxford

White House Hotel, Biloxi

Natchez is the quintessential romantic getaway, offering a beautifully preserved blend of history, charm, and riverside serenity. Stroll hand in hand through antebellum mansions and take a sunset carriage ride along the river bluff. Discover intimate dining in candlelit eateries, explore lush garden estates, and enjoy cozy bed-and-breakfast stays in historic homes.



AT THE ALLUVIAN

Sleep. Eat. Spa. Cook. Shop.

BEST OF ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Best Hotel or Resort
- Best Boutique Hotel
- Best Historic Hotel - M-List

BEST OF GETAWAYS:

- Best Romantic Getaway - M-List

THE ALLUVIAN

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USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS AS A DONATION TO HELP KIDS WHO NEED IT MOST

Redirect your tax dollars to make a meaningful impact! Through Mississippi's Dollar-for-Dollar State Tax Credit for 2025, you can turn your tax payment into a direct donation to Hope Village for Children—helping provide essential care and support for the children who need it most.



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EXPLORE GIVING
OPTIONS



Founded in 2000, Hope Village for Children is a nationally recognized, leading residential care facility for kids in Mississippi who are in the custody of Child Protection Services (CPS) at no fault of their own.

CULINARY DESTINATION/ EXPERIENCE

Oxford

visitoxfordms.com

Oxford has earned its place among the South's top food destinations. Charming restaurants and cozy cafés line its historic Square, offering everything from artfully crafted Southern comfort food to inventive farm-to-table fare.



Cleveland
Laurel
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Ocean Springs

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING

Cleveland

visitclevelandms.com

Stroll through the downtown boutiques and antiques shops, then grab a delicious bite at a charming café. If there is time, head to Merigold for a new piece of McCarty pottery before relaxing in a beautiful boutique hotel. It's the perfect blend of cultural discovery and laid-back charm, making it ideal for a memorable day.



Laurel
Meridian
Natchez
Ocean Springs
Oxford

HUNTING DESTINATION/ GUIDED HUNTING FACILITY

Delta Duck Hunts

Tunica

deltaducks.com

For an unforgettable waterfowl experience in the heart of the Mississippi Flyway, Delta Duck Hunts delivers. This premier guide service offers guided and unguided hunts across prime habitats—flooded fields, timber, and sloughs.



Longleaf Plantation, Purvis
Mississippi Delta Hunts, Leland
Providence Hill, Jackson
Tara Wildlife, Vicksburg

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to your next favorite destination or visit
us online: visitnatchez.org

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