VISIT MISSISSIPPI

BILOXI LIGHTHOUSE

Since its construction in 1848, this lighthouse has been lit for vessels to navigate the Gulf of Mexico. The light guides both large and small vessels safely through the mouth of the Biloxi River. The light is 59 feet above the water, and provides an estimated 120 nautical miles of visibility. It is one of only two lighthouses on the Gulf which are still burning with the original oil. The Biloxi Lighthouse has been a favorite among photographers, artists, writers, and visitors since 1848.
Mississippi's fertile ground has given rise to incredible music, cuisine and culture made famous around the world as our artists and innovators spread their creativity far and wide. Year-round, travelers and adventurers will find authentic Mississippi moments from the Delta and northern hills to the Gulf Coast. Don't miss out on your next adventure in Mississippi.

Home is where you hang your childhood, and Mississippi to me is the beauty spot of creation, a wide spacious land that you can breathe in.

- Tennessee Williams
Mississippi is known as the birthplace of America's music, where blues, country and rock 'n' roll planted roots and spread around the world. Music fans get a front-row seat to the sounds and spots that inspired superstars such as B.B. King, Faith Hill and Elvis Presley, from juke joints like the Blue Front Café and Club Ebony to Tupelo Hardware where the King of Rock 'n' Roll got his first guitar.

Literary legends William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Richard Wright, Tennessee Williams, Walker Percy, John Grisham and Jesmyn Ward—just to name a few—are Mississippians. Visitors can tour the homes of Faulkner, Welty and Williams and step into the stories they wrote.

A state so rich in culture is also steeped in history. Evidence of ancient Native American settlements dot the state, from ceremonial mounds in the Delta to the lands of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians near Philadelphia. Stately antebellum homes, annual pilgrimages and preserved battlefields and memorials reflects the Civil War era, while sites along the Mississippi Freedom Trail and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum memorialize the role Mississippians played in the civil rights movement.

In Mississippi, we celebrate food with festivals, fairs, family and friends, and culinary treasures await in every...
White Pillars Restaurant - Biloxi, Mississippi

Global impact on music at the interactive GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi and the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, and tour the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll’s first home at the Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum. The new Mississippi Arts & Entertainment Experience in Meridian brings the legends of music, film, literature and the visual arts who have called Mississippi home together in an interactive experience for visitors of all ages.

The storytelling tradition goes back generations in Mississippi and has produced some of America’s most important writers, musicians and filmmakers. But Mississippi is also home to 14 film festivals as well as famous filming locations for Hollywood blockbuster movies and reality TV shows. Travelers can visit filming locations for hits such as “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”, “The Help”, “My Dog Skip” and many more. For more information on driving tours of these iconic Mississippi spots, check visitmississippi.org/film.

Clarksdale, Mississippi

Course designers like Tom Fazio and Jerry Pate make Mississippi a golfer’s paradise. Even publications like Golf Digest, Golfweek and GOLF Magazine have rated our courses as some of the best in the nation. Take advantage of our year-round golf season, affordable packages and superb accommodations.

Dig deep into our story at the new Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson. Explore the many diverse people who contributed to the state’s history from prehistoric times to present day, and learn the true stories that impacted not only Mississippi, but also the world.

The rhythm of music beats in every corner of Mississippi, beginning in the Delta. Visitors can explore the state’s region of the state. Taste our authentic flavor at any of our restaurants, or learn to prepare them yourself at our cooking schools, using real-deal Southern recipes. From the Delta’s unique hot tamales and locally raised catfish to fresh Gulf Coast seafood and inventive farm-to-table creations, exploring our culture through cuisine will reward your taste buds.
Walk in the footsteps of musical masters on the Mississippi Blues Trail, a network of 200+ interpretive markers celebrating the people and places key to our musical heritage. The Mississippi Blues Trail markers tell stories through words and images of bluesmen and women and how the places where they lived and the times in which they existed—and continue to exist—influenced their music. Download the Mississippi Blues Trail app as you explore. Visit msbluestrail.org for more information.

Historic civil rights sites such as the home of Medgar Evers in Jackson and Bryant's Grocery in Money are memorialized on the Mississippi Freedom Trail, a network of more than two-dozen markers where visitors can witness how pivotal events in Mississippi changed the world. Created in 2011 to commemorate the people and places of the civil rights movement, the first markers were unveiled during the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Freedom Riders. For more information, go to visitmississippi.org/freedomtrail.

Legends of country music—including the genre’s Father, First Lady, High Priest and even its “Hillbilly Cat”—were born here. But it didn’t stop with Jimmie Rodgers, Tammy Wynette, Conway Twitty and Elvis Presley. Artists such as Charley Pride, the most successful African-American artist in the country music history, and “Mississippi Girl” Faith Hill, as well as plenty of other performers and songwriters, have contributed to the art form. The Country Music Trail commemorates their contributions and influences as well as the places that inspired their creativity. Visit mscountrymusictrail.org for more information.

The Mississippi Writers Trail, launched August 2018, honors acclaimed and influential writers throughout the state, including Pulitzer Prize winners William Faulkner, Eudora Welty and Richard Ford, two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward, Richard Wright, Margaret Walker Alexander and many more. Take the Mississippi Writers Trail to the towns and homes where our literary icons found inspiration. For more information, go to visitmississippi.org/writerstrail.
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COLUMBUS
- Golden Triangle Regional Airport
- Delta Connection

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- Mid-Delta Regional Airport
- Boutique Air

GULFPORT
- Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport
- Allegiant Air
- American Airlines
- Delta Airlines
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- Southwest Airlines
- United Airlines

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- Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport
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JACKSON
- Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
- American Airlines
- Delta Airlines
- Frontier Airlines
- Southwest Airlines
- United Airlines

MERIDIAN
- Meridian Regional Airport
- Sky West dba United Airlines

TUPELO
- Tupelo Regional Airport
- Contour Airlines

TRAIN SERVICE

Amtrak’s The City of New Orleans (Chicago to New Orleans) stops in Greenwood, Yazoo City, Jackson, Hazlehurst, Brookhaven and McComb, all in western Mississippi. The Crescent (New York to New Orleans) serves the state’s southeastern corridor, including Meridian, Laurel, Hattiesburg and Picayune. Both trains travel daily to New Orleans to connect to Amtrak’s westbound service on The Sunset Limited (New Orleans to Los Angeles).

Call 800.872.7245 or visit amtrak.com

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- between Memphis, TN and Baton Rouge, LA via U.S. 61 and 82
- between Memphis, TN and Jackson, MS via U.S. 61 and U.S. 49W.

(Service includes transporting passengers, baggage, package express, charters and package tours. In order to provide service for our entire service area, Delta Bus Lines partners with Public Transit Associates to link with places through which they do not travel.)

The average year round temperature for Mississippi is 65 degrees.
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