Explore our readers’ picks for the best in the magnolia state.

writer MELANIE M. WARD
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.

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 bevvy 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!

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

Best CORNBREAD

Crazy Cat Eat Up

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

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.

Best BARBECUE

The Pig and Pint

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

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

#### Italian 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  
- Aplós, Jackson  
- Arepas Coffee and Bar, Starkville  
- Jutamas Thai Restaurant, Hattiesburg and Ridgeland  
- Zeek’z, Flowood

**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  
- Nautical Whimsey Italian, Tupelo  
- Tabella, Hattiesburg  
- Vicari Italian Grill, Corinth

#### Sushi

**Sakura Bana**  
Jackson  
601-982-3035  

**Little Tokyo Sushi and Hibachi Restaurant**  
Ridgeland  
6019913800  

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

#### 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

#### 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

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#### 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 Cheese steak 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
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**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 Bentonia.

**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.

**HEALTHY RESTAURANT**

**Starfish Café**

Bay St. Louis  
starfishcafebsl.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.

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salandmookies.com

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fieldsbsl.com

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### TRENDS 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
- baystlouisoldtown.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
- L.A. 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 the greatest 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 Kincade has been styling Mississipi’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 Mississipi’s best.

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

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 ANTIQUE JEWELRY**

Juniker Jewelry

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

**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
OVERALL SHOPPING DESTINATION

Renaissance at Colony Park
Ridgeland
rennaissanceatcolonypark.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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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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.

STATIONERY SHOP

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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

FLORAL SHOP/ FLORAL DESIGNER

The French Potager
Bay St. Louis
thefrenchpotager.com

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PET GOODS AND SERVICES

Sawmill Animal Hospital
Laurel
sawmillanimalhospital.com

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**HOME DECOR 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

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**HOME DECOR 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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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 HOTEL OR RESORT**

The Alluvian

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 Gardina’s or book a spa day, and a visit to The Alluvian will be an enjoyable experience.

**Hotel or Resort**

The Alluvian
Greenwood
thealluvian.com

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

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**BEST 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.

**Yard and Garden Shop**

Lakeland Yard and Garden Center
Flowood
lakelandyardandgarden.com

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
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
martinsonsams.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.

**DOWN TOWN 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Bay St. Louis**
Fondren
Laurel
Ocean Springs
Starkville

**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.

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

BEST GOLF COURSE

Reunion Golf and Country Club

MUSEUM

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
Laurel
lrma.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.

List
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
**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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