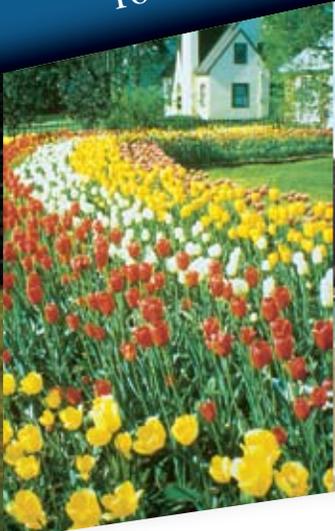


PULL OUT MAP  
INSIDE

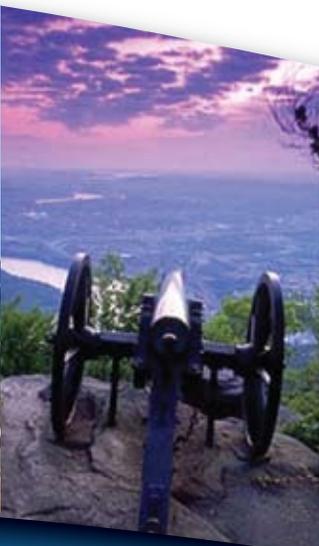
# The Mississippi River

A Guide Through the Mississippi River States

Minnesota Wisconsin Iowa Illinois Missouri



experience  
**MISSISSIPPI RIVER**  
ten states. one river.



Kentucky Tennessee Arkansas Mississippi Louisiana

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$4.95

[www.experiencemississippiriver.com](http://www.experiencemississippiriver.com)

## Welcome to Mississippi River Country!

The Mississippi River is North America's greatest waterway, running for more than 2,300 miles from northern Minnesota southward to the Gulf of Mexico. This guide gives you an introduction to traveling throughout this ten-state region.

The Mississippi River and its bordering states are the heart of America. Each state has its own unique story, but you'll notice many common threads.

You'll find the roots of Blues music in places as diverse as Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis and rural Mississippi. Stand on some of the Civil War's most famous battlegrounds and tour the homes of the most important leaders of that era. Discover the historical movements of cultures and people up and down the Mississippi River in this closely interconnected region.

### The Great River Road

Established in 1938 as the national parkway of the Mississippi River, the Great River Road runs for 3,000 miles through 10 states. The Great River Road connects travelers with the river valley's fascinating history, rich cultural traditions and a host of recreational options. A growing network of 62 interpretive centers along the Great River Road showcase and connect the historic stories of the Mississippi River.

### Planning Your Trip

For specific information about lodging, dining, shopping and other amenities as you travel, visit the individual state tourism websites listed in each section of this guide and throughout [www.experiencemississippiriver.com](http://www.experiencemississippiriver.com).

*This guide was produced by  
Mississippi River Country (MRC),  
a cooperative effort of the state tourism departments from  
each of the ten states located along the Mississippi River.  
Produced in cooperation with the Mississippi River  
Parkway Commission (MRPC).*

*Designed by Pilch & Barnet, Inc.  
608-242-8895 • [www.pilchbarnet.com](http://www.pilchbarnet.com)*



*A breathtaking view down the river.*



*One of the many boats that travel the river.*

# The Great River Road

The Great River Road is one of the most beautiful drives in all of North America. For 3,000 miles, this national parkway follows the course of the Mississippi River through ten states. Signs displaying the green Pilot's wheel logo guide travelers along the entire route. In addition to the fascinating attractions and Interpretive Centers detailed in this guide, travelers on the Great River Road will also find an incredible diversity of recreational opportunities.



## Birds & Wildlife

The Mississippi River region offers some of the best birdwatching and wildlife viewing opportunities in the U.S. In addition to state and federal parks, forests and wetlands, the ten-state region boasts more than 100 National Wildlife Refuges, many located directly along the Great River Road.

## Biking & Hiking

Numerous trails wind their way along the wetlands and forests of the Great River Road. In addition, some portions of the Great River Road are suitable for bicycling. Hikers and bicyclists will find a wonderful variety of scenery and a number of small communities to explore.

*Helena River Reach Park on the Mississippi River, Arkansas*



## Fishing & Hunting

The Mississippi River and its vast bayous and backwaters are home to more than 260 species of fish. Forests and wetlands along the river corridor provide habitat for hundreds of species of birds and mammals. The region has a long history of being one of the best areas in the country for hunting and fishing.

## Geocaching

The Great River Road is ideal for geocaching. For those unfamiliar with geocaching, it is an exciting new outdoor game in which players use a handheld GPS unit to find hidden treasures, called "caches." Hundreds of caches are hidden at points along the entire Great River Road. To find the coordinates of caches hidden in all ten Mississippi River states, visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

*Biking on the Great River State Trail, Onalaska, Wisconsin*



*Effigy Mounds National Monument, Marquette, Iowa*

## Boating

Boating is a great way to experience the Mississippi River. The river can be divided into three main sections, each presenting its own challenges to boaters.

The headwaters region begins at the Mississippi River's source at Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota and continues to St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis, totaling nearly 500 miles in length. The Upper Mississippi River runs for 854 miles from St. Anthony Falls down to Cairo, Illinois, where it joins the Ohio River. The Lower Mississippi River begins at the Ohio River at Cairo, and runs for 954 miles down to the Gulf of Mexico.

There are several opportunities available for boat tours and cruises on the Mississippi River. In addition, recreational boating, waterskiing and other watersports are available at most points along the Mississippi River. Boaters and paddlers traveling along the Great River Road will find numerous public boat launches. For more information about recreating on the Mississippi River and Great River Road, visit the River Resource section on page 6.



*Geocaching along the Great River Road*



*Bald Eagles thrive along the Mississippi River*

# River Resources

Below you will find a list of websites that will help you find more information on recreational opportunities on the Mississippi River and Great River Road. The state tourism and DNR websites are a great place to find information on fishing, hunting, boating, paddling and other outdoor recreation. The Transportation websites provide current road conditions for each of the 10 states. For information on boat tours and cruises on the Mississippi River, please visit the state tourism websites listed below. The Mississippi River Parkway Commission does not plan or organize these types of excursions.

**Arkansas:** [www.arkansas.com](http://www.arkansas.com), [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), [www.arkansashighways.com](http://www.arkansashighways.com)

**Illinois:** [www.enjoyillinois.com](http://www.enjoyillinois.com), [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us), [www.dot.il.gov](http://www.dot.il.gov)

**Iowa:** [www.traveliowa.com](http://www.traveliowa.com), [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov), [www.dot.state.ia.us](http://www.dot.state.ia.us)

**Kentucky:** [www.kentuckytourism.com](http://www.kentuckytourism.com), [www.kdfwr.state.ky.us](http://www.kdfwr.state.ky.us), [www.transportation.ky.gov](http://www.transportation.ky.gov)

**Louisiana:** [www.louisianatravel.com](http://www.louisianatravel.com), [www.wlf.louisiana.gov](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov), [www.dotd.state.la.us](http://www.dotd.state.la.us)

**Minnesota:** [www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com), [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us), [www.dot.state.mn.us](http://www.dot.state.mn.us)

**Mississippi:** [www.visitmississippi.org](http://www.visitmississippi.org), [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), [www.gomdot.com](http://www.gomdot.com)

**Missouri:** [www.VisitMO.com](http://www.VisitMO.com), [www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov), [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org)

**Tennessee:** [www.tnvacation.com](http://www.tnvacation.com), [www.state.tn.us/twra](http://www.state.tn.us/twra), [www.tdot.state.tn.us](http://www.tdot.state.tn.us)

**Wisconsin:** [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com), [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us), [www.dot.state.wi.us](http://www.dot.state.wi.us)

**Mississippi River Navigational Maps and Charts:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—[www.mvd.usace.army.mil](http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil)

**Information about National Wildlife Refuges:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service—[www.fws.gov/refuges](http://www.fws.gov/refuges)

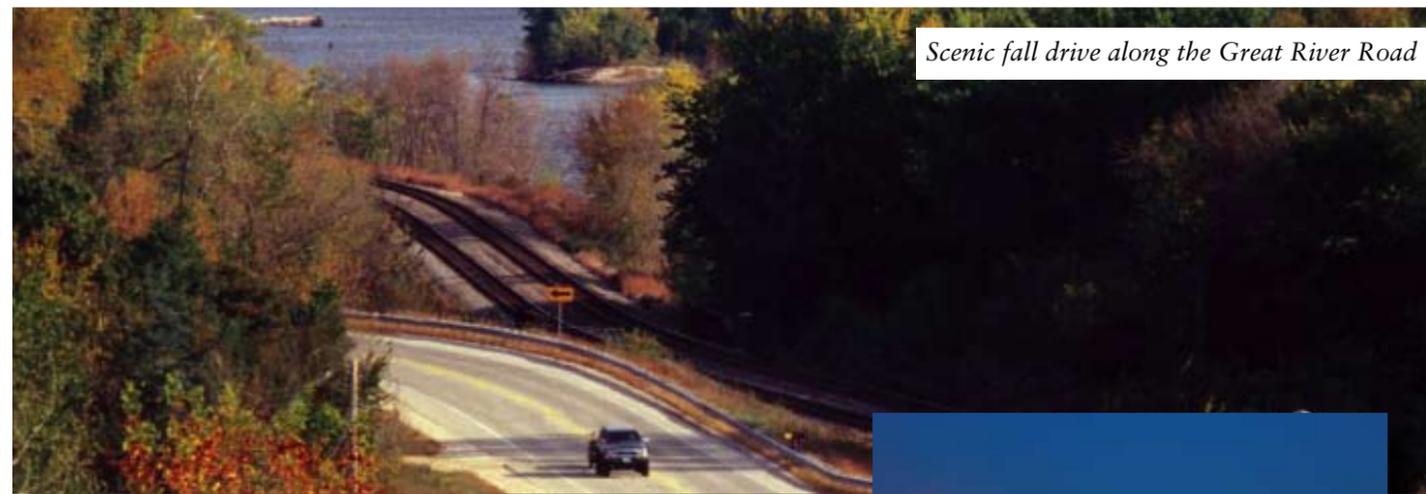
## Favorite Places Along the River

*“The Point Road in Potosi, Wisconsin, goes straight out into the Mississippi River, surrounding you with water. In a stretch of 250 miles, it is as far out as you can be without actually being on a boat. You get a unique perspective of the river and it’s an absolutely stunning area for birdwatching.”*  
—Submitted by Frank E., Wisconsin



Natchez Bridge, Mississippi

**Do you have a favorite place along the River? Share it!**  
Go to [www.experiencemississippiriver.com](http://www.experiencemississippiriver.com) and share your own favorite place and find out about other great communities, panoramic views and special places along the river.



Scenic fall drive along the Great River Road

## Did You Know?

The Mississippi is the third largest watershed in the world.

At Minnesota’s Lake Itasca, the source of the Mississippi River, the average flow rate is only six cubic feet per second. By the time the river reaches New Orleans, that rate increases to 600,000 cubic feet per second.



Memphis skyline, Tennessee

The Mississippi River watershed drains over forty percent of the North American continent, including 31 states and two Canadian provinces.

The Mississippi River supports an incredible diversity of wildlife, including 260 species of fish, 326 species of birds, 145 species of amphibians and reptiles and more than 50 species of mammals.

Forty percent of the migratory waterfowl in the U.S. use the Mississippi River Valley as their spring and fall migration route.

From its Minnesota headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River drops a total of 1,475 feet.

The deepest point on the Mississippi River is near Algiers Point in New Orleans, where the river reaches depths of 200 feet.

At 24 miles long, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway in Louisiana is the world’s longest over-water highway bridge.

A raindrop falling into Lake Itasca would arrive at the Gulf of Mexico in about 90 days.

Water skiing was invented on Lake Pepin in 1922, on the Mississippi River, in a wide part of the river between Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Explore the ten states along the Mississippi River. The following Travel Itineraries provide trip ideas for motorcoach tours, groups and leisure travelers. Each of the five itineraries includes a pair of conveniently adjoining states. The itineraries are organized from south to north. For more travel itineraries, visit [www.experiencemississippiriver.com](http://www.experiencemississippiriver.com).

## Itinerary 1: Louisiana & Mississippi

### A. The French Quarter, New Orleans, LA

Founded in 1718, the French Quarter of New Orleans is one of the most unique neighborhoods on earth. Restaurants, nightclubs, art galleries and a variety of other shops draw millions of visitors each year. The entire district is a National Historic Landmark. See magnificent architecture as you stroll the French Market, Bourbon Street and Jackson Square. Be sure to stop by the famous Café du Monde for a cup of chicory spiced coffee and a beignet.

### B. International Petroleum Museum and Exposition, Morgan City, LA

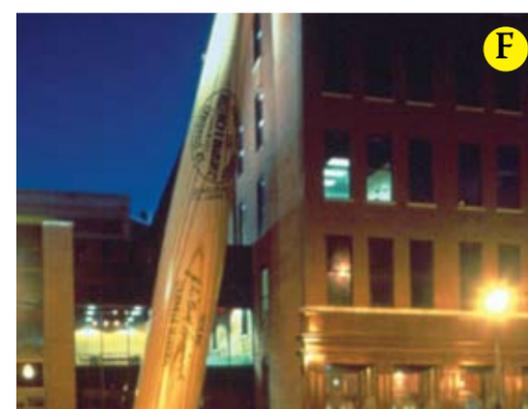
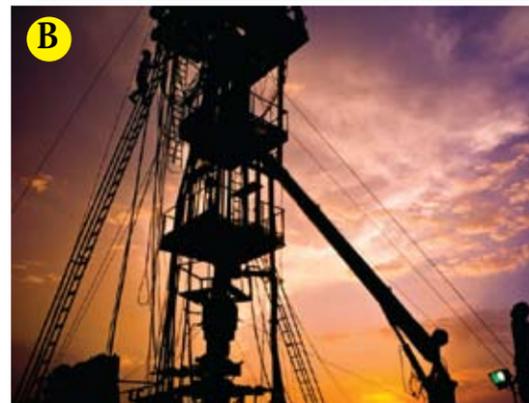
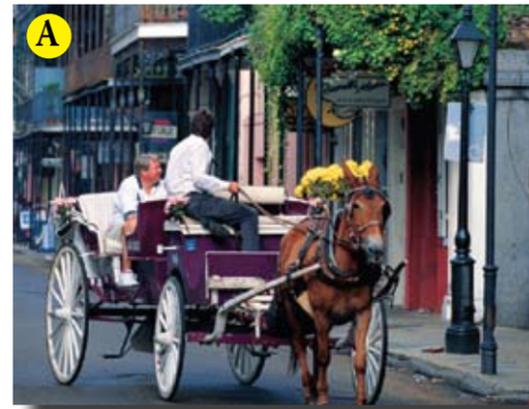
The International Petroleum Museum and Exposition—also called the “Rig Museum”— features artifacts and information about the offshore petroleum drilling, an industry born in Cajun-country. It’s the only place in the world where the general public can walk aboard an authentic offshore drilling rig. Visitors will learn how the innovations discovered here have gone on to change the methods of drilling for oil around the globe.

### C. Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum, Jackson, MS

Located in the heart of Jackson, the Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Museum is an oasis of agriculture amid an urban landscape. The museum is made up of several different museums and exhibits, each focusing on a different aspect of Mississippi history. You’ll leave with a real sense of what rural life was like in Mississippi in centuries past—and what it’s like today.

### D. Vicksburg National Military Park, Vicksburg, MS

The Vicksburg National Military Park is the site of one of the most important battles of the Civil War. In 1863, the siege that happened here helped give the Union control of the Mississippi River. It is also home to the U.S.S. Cairo, a partially restored Civil War gunboat.



## Itinerary 2: Kentucky & Tennessee

### E. Woodford Reserve Distillery, Versailles, KY

Our tour begins in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. Famous for champion thoroughbred race horses, this region is equally well known for producing the finest bourbons on earth. During the fascinating “Woodford Reserve Corn to Cork Tour,” you’ll delve into the craftsmanship involved in the production of fine bourbon.

### F. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Louisville, KY

Tour the most famous baseball bat maker on earth. The Louisville Slugger is the official bat of Major League Baseball, and many of the sport’s greatest players have used Louisville Slugger bats. The museum shows the changes that have taken place in baseball since its first days.

### G. Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville, TN

No trip to Tennessee would be complete without a trip to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Learn about Country music’s greatest artists as well as some of its lesser known heroes. See rare memorabilia and trace the history of Country music back to its roots. Incredible photographs and outstanding exhibits make this a must-see for every fan of American music.

### H. Jack Daniels Distillery, Lynchburg, TN

Take a guided tour and learn about the time-honored traditions of this storied distillery as you spend some time exploring Lynchburg. The town features a beautiful Main Street and several museums, shops and restaurants. Despite being the home of one of the world’s most famous distilleries, Lynchburg is the county seat of a county that has been completely dry since Prohibition!

## Itinerary 3: Arkansas & Missouri

### I. Delta Cultural Center, Helena, AR

Housed in a 1912 train depot in historic downtown Helena, the Delta Cultural Center features exhibits depicting the life of the people of the Delta from the 1800s through the 1940s. Exhibits focus on the history, art and culture of this remarkable area. Take some time to explore Helena’s shops and other historic sites.

### J. Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, AR

Since prehistoric times, people have been coming to Hot Springs to enjoy the therapeutic properties of the baths formed by the unique hot springs that occur here. Along Central Avenue, you’ll find Bathhouse Row, a set of luxurious stone and masonry bathhouses which are part of a National Historic Landmark District. Explore the shops, spas and other attractions which make the community one of Arkansas’s top tourist attraction.

*(Itinerary 3: Arkansas & Missouri continued on page 10)*

*(Itinerary 3: Arkansas & Missouri continued)*

**K. Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, St. Louis, MO**  
The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial is the site of the “Gateway Arch” and the Museum of Westward Expansion. A five minute tram ride will take us to the top of the Arch. This is the place where the Midwest connects with the American West.

**L. Live Entertainment in Branson, MO**  
Located in the Ozarks of southern Missouri, Branson offers the full spectrum of entertainment options for the whole family. Branson boasts more theatre seats than Broadway, hosting live performances in a variety of genres, including Rock ‘n Roll, Country, Bluegrass, Gospel and show tunes, as well as comedy and magic shows. The area also features amusement parks, waterparks and three lakes for boating, fishing and watersports.

## Itinerary 4: Illinois & Iowa

**M. Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL**  
Housed in a building originally built for the 1893 Columbian Exposition, the Museum of Science and Industry features a breathtaking array of exhibits focusing on everything from space exploration and aviation to the human heart and geology. One of the highlights of the museum is the interactive U-505 Submarine exhibit.

**N. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, Springfield, IL**  
Learn about the man who many consider to be America’s greatest president. You’ll be transported back to the 19th-century world that Lincoln and his family inhabited. A variety of artifacts, displays and interactive exhibits tell the story of America’s 16th president from a rustic Indiana cabin to the Executive Mansion. See a copy of the Gettysburg Address in Lincoln’s own hand and experience the Civil War through Lincoln’s eyes.

**O. Amana Colonies, Amana, IA**  
The history of the Amana Colonies dates back to the mid-1800s, when a religious group known as the Inspirationalists settled in this picturesque area. They established a successful religious communal society that lasted until the 1930s. Learn this fascinating American story as you tour the museums and historic sites. Visit the many shops and galleries, featuring metalwork, basketry, quilts, rugs and other work by local artists.

*(Itinerary 4: Illinois & Iowa continued)*



*(Itinerary 4: Illinois & Iowa continued)*

**P. National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque, IA**  
Learn about the Mississippi River through interactive exhibits, river creatures and historic artifacts. Capture the drama of the people who discovered, lived upon and celebrated the Mississippi. The museum features five large freshwater aquariums, live animal exhibits, wet labs, towboat simulators and hands on activities. Take a trip down the river in the widescreen, high-definition Journey Theater.

## Itinerary 5: Wisconsin and Minnesota

**Q. Miller Brewery, Harley-Davidson Tours, Milwaukee, WI**  
No trip to the Brew City would be complete without a tour of the famous Miller Brewery. Learn about the brewing process from start to finish, from the copper kettles to the subterranean beer cellars. While in Milwaukee, you’ll also want to check out the nearby Harley-Davidson Museum, celebrating the city’s proud history of making the world’s most famous motorcycle.

**R. Bayfield, WI**  
Bayfield is a picturesque community on the shores of Lake Superior. The city is home to a thriving arts community, beautiful orchards and some of the best restaurants in the Midwest. It’s also the perfect jumping off point for kayaking trips and boat cruises to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. A ferry takes passengers from Bayfield to the charming community and sandy beaches of Madeline Island.

**S. North Shore Scenic Drive, Northern MN**  
Discover America’s greatest inland sea as you follow the North Shore Scenic Drive, running from Duluth to the Canadian border. It’s one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in North America, featuring eight state parks and the pristine Superior National Forest. The nearby Superior Hiking Trail offers more than 200 miles of trails. Stop in small, picturesque communities, such as Grand Marais and Two Harbors.

**T. The Mall of America, Bloomington, MN**  
Located just minutes from downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul, this indoor mega-mall boasts an indoor amusement park, complete with a roller coaster, as well as a giant aquarium, dozens of restaurants, nightclubs and movie theaters. On top of that, there are 520 stores! A quiet, light-rail service takes you from the Mall of America to downtown Minneapolis, where you can shop Nicollet Mall. And, there is no tax on clothing and shoes in Minnesota!

Minnesota is a land of contrasts. Explore the secluded canoe trails of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, go houseboating in Voyageurs National Park or relax at one of Minnesota's northwoods resorts. Or, experience the cosmopolitan Minneapolis/St. Paul area, with internationally-acclaimed art museums, professional sports teams and world-class entertainment.

## Minneapolis/St. Paul

Enjoy the best in contemporary American drama at the Guthrie Theater. Catch live concerts at the Target Center and Xcel Energy Center. Explore the Minneapolis Institute of Art, Walker Art Center and Sculpture Garden, Weisman Art Museum, and Science Museum of Minnesota. Or, cheer on the Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves, and Wild professional sports teams.

## Shopping and the Mall of America

Minutes from Minneapolis/St. Paul, you'll find Bloomington's Mall of America, boasting 520 stores, an indoor amusement park, an aquarium, restaurants, nightclubs and movie theaters. Shop Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis or browse St. Paul's charming Grand Avenue. Head to Stillwater and Red Wing for antiques, or find bargains at Albertville Premium Outlets.

Mall of America

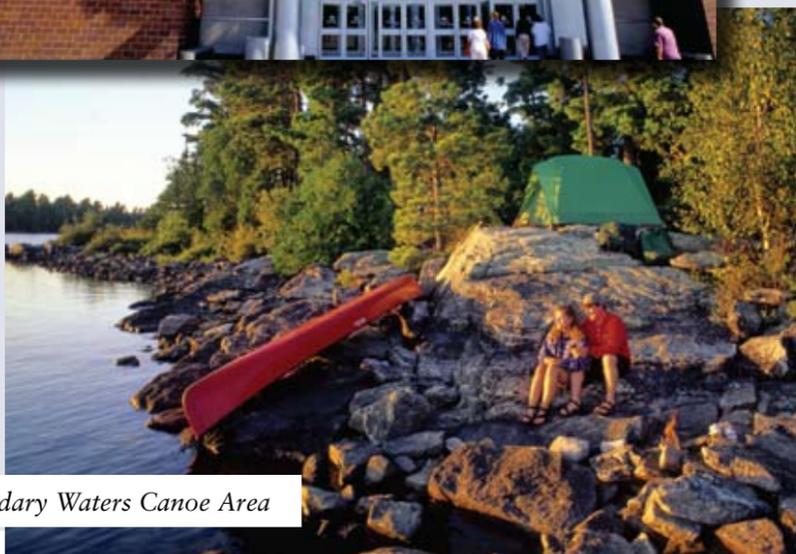


## Duluth/North Shore

Duluth is the gateway to Lake Superior, the largest of the Great Lakes. The community's many parks, trails and outdoor venues have earned it a spot in the Top Ten of "America's Greatest Outside Towns" by *Outside* magazine. Running from Duluth to the Canadian border, the North Shore Scenic Drive traces the spectacular Lake Superior coast.

## Brainerd Lakes Area

Gorgeous lakes, world-class recreation and natural beauty combine with attractions, shopping, dining and outdoor activities to make the Brainerd Lakes Area a memorable destination for family vacations, conferences or weekend getaways. Fish and boat on one of the area's 465 lakes. Golf dozens of wonderful courses. Hike or bike the 100-mile Paul Bunyan Trail.



Boundary Waters Canoe Area

Duluth Area



## Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness/Voyageurs National Park

*National Geographic Traveler* magazine named the Boundary Waters Canoe Area one of 50 places a serious traveler must visit in a lifetime. Voyageurs National Park stretches across 55 miles of the border country between Minnesota and Ontario and is the nation's only water-based national park.

## Mississippi River - Headwaters to Bluff Country

Follow the Mississippi River through beautiful resort country from its headwaters in Itasca State Park, to a lively metropolitan area. Then, travel to southeastern Minnesota's Bluff Country to see the river's newest attraction—the National Eagle Center.

## Laura Ingalls Wilder Highway/Walnut Grove

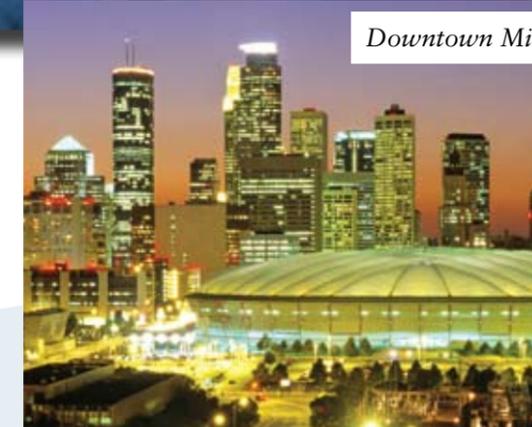
Take the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway and discover the story of the author of *Little House on the Prairie*. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Walnut Grove tells of the Ingalls family and other early pioneers.

## Native American Heritage/Grand Portage and Pipestone National Monuments

Grand Portage National Monument features a reconstructed fort, a stockade and reconstructed buildings. Pipestone National Monument preserves traditional pipestone quarries sacred to all American Indian tribes and includes a 1.2 kilometer trail overlooking pipestone quarries and a waterfall.

For more information on exploring Minnesota, visit [www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com) or call 1-888-TOURISM.

Downtown Minneapolis



## Event Highlights

**June**  
Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival  
Moorhead

**July**  
Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant  
Walnut Grove

**August**  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul

**November-December**  
Holidazzle Parade  
Minneapolis

Wisconsin is famous for its beautiful landscapes and mix of eclectic cultures. From the scenic lakes and forests of the Northwoods to the rolling hills of southern Wisconsin, every view is postcard perfect. Discover the outstanding outdoor recreation, unbeatable hospitality and friendly people of the Badger State.

## Resorts

Across the Northwoods, lakeside resorts cater to family vacationers and serious anglers. Green Lake in central Wisconsin and Lake Geneva in southeast Wisconsin offer world-class golf and a number of upscale lakeside resorts. The Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, overlooks Lake Michigan and features an indoor waterpark. And the American Club in nearby Kohler is the Midwest's only AAA Five Diamond Resort Hotel.

## Historic Badger State

Learn about Wisconsin's earliest inhabitants at Aztalan State Park near Lake Mills. Immerse yourself in the cultures of Wisconsin's first European settlers at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle. Explore Wisconsin's frontier past at the Fort Crawford Museum and Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien. Visit the National Brewery Museum in Potosi and learn about the rich history of brewing in Wisconsin and the U.S. Discover Wisconsin's importance as a center of Great Lakes shipping at the Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.

Old World Wisconsin



## Arts & Architecture

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan offers a tantalizing array of modern art. The Milwaukee Art Museum overlooking Lake Michigan features an awe-inspiring winged design by famed architect Santiago Calatrava. The community of West Bend is home to a unique outdoor Sculpture Walk, as well as the Wisconsin Museum of Art. Wisconsin is also one of the best places to see outsider art—famous sites include Concrete Park in Phillips, Prairie Moon Center near Fountain City and the Dickeyville Grotto. Tours are also available of Ten Chimneys in Genesee Depot, the restored estate of actors Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, as well as Taliesin in Spring Green, the signature work and home of Frank Lloyd Wright.



Concrete Park in Phillips

Beautiful Wisconsin trail



## Lakes & Trails

Bicyclists, hikers, ATVers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers—even horseback riders—will find thousands of miles of the best designated trails in the U.S. And there's no better place to have fun on the water than Wisconsin. Explore the inland seas of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. Canoe and kayak the Wisconsin, Chippewa, Wolf and Flambeau rivers. Or, cast a line for musky, walleye and bass on one of thousands of tree-lined lakes in the Northwoods.



A Wisconsin Dells waterpark

## Milwaukee's Museums & Tours

On Milwaukee's lakefront, you'll find the Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, a great place for visitors of all ages to learn about the Great Lakes. The Milwaukee Public Museum is famous for its fascinating exhibits and panoramic displays. The Miller Brewery Tour gives you the inside story of Milwaukee's most famous export. And the Harley-Davidson Museum tells the story of Wisconsin's second-most famous export—the Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

## Wisconsin Dells

The Wisconsin Dells is the quintessential Midwestern family vacation destination, made famous by its incredible rock formations along the Wisconsin River, which can still be seen today on boat tours and "Ducks," which are special amphibious watercraft. The Wisconsin Dells is also home to some of the world's largest waterparks, both indoor and outdoor.

For more information on exploring Wisconsin, visit [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com) or call 1-800-432-8747.

## Event Highlights

**June-July**  
Summerfest  
Milwaukee

**July**  
Iola Car Show  
Iola

**July-August**  
EAA AirVenture  
Oshkosh

**August**  
Wisconsin State Fair  
West Allis

Iowa is overflowing with genuine hospitality, significant historic sites, sophisticated cities, beautiful rolling countryside and four seasons of nature at its very best. The land between two rivers awaits you with an easy, friendly, at-home charm that's sure to leave you refreshed and restored.

## McGregor/Marquette

Explore these sister cities nestled between the Mississippi River and the towering bluffs of northeast Iowa. Walk streets lined with 19th-century architecture, antiques and specialty shops. Take a guided tour of Spook Cave or sample wines from Eagles Landing Winery.

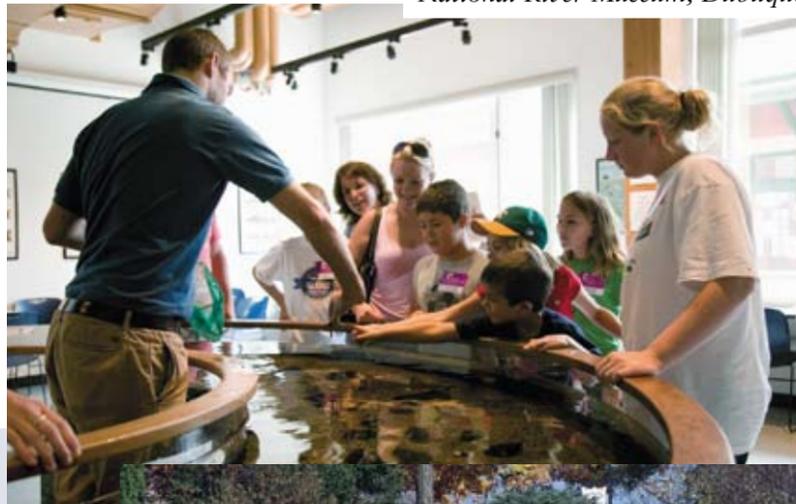
## Effigy Mounds National Monument

View prehistoric American Indian burial and ceremonial mounds dating from 500 BC to 1300 AD. The park is located on more than 2,500 acres of forested land along the Mississippi River bluffs.

## Dubuque

Get face to face with giant catfish and ancient sturgeon at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Take a ride on the Fenelon Place Elevator, the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway. Grab a bite at Breitbach Country Dining, now in its fifth generation of family ownership, just a short drive away in Balltown.

*National River Museum, Dubuque*



## Quad Cities

Enjoy AAA baseball at the historic Modern Woodman Park stadium on the riverfront, sweeping views of the Mississippi River through the floor-to-ceiling glass walls of the Skybridge, and the extensive collection of art in the Figge Art Museum.

## Muscatine

Shop for world-famous melons in the summer, view breathtaking fall color along river bluffs and enjoy eagle watching at Lock & Dam 16 each January. Try your hand at "clamming," button carding and button counting as you discover Muscatine's pearl button past (the city was once known as the "Pearl Button Capital of the World") at the Muscatine History & Industry Center.

## Burlington

Test your driving, walking or bicycling skills on Snake Alley, dubbed as the "Crookedest Street in the World" by "Ripley's Believe it or Not." Discover museums, downtown shopping and beautiful parks.



*Snake Alley, Burlington*

*Covered bridge, Madison County*



## Fort Madison

See history come alive at an accurate reconstruction of the first military fort on the Upper Mississippi, complete with authentically dressed interpreters demonstrating daily tasks of soldiers and their families.

## Keokuk

Explore the town's unique history, encompassing Native Americans, the Civil War, industrial development, literature, natural wonders, Samuel "Mark Twain" Clemens and Victorian architecture. Enjoy the view of the Mississippi River from the historic swing span bridge-turned-observation deck.

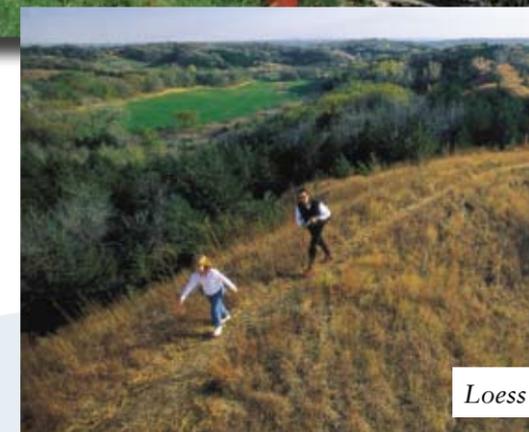
## Loess Hills

Discover the rare and spectacular natural landscaping of the Loess Hills region while traveling the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway. Meander through large cities (Sioux City, Council Bluffs) and charming small towns (Logan, Pisgah) while marveling at the rugged range that follows the vast Missouri River valley.

## Des Moines

Enjoy charm and history along with the amenities of a large city in Iowa's capital. Travel through five eras of farm history spanning 300 years at Living History Farms. Take a side trip to Winterset and see John Wayne's birthplace and the world-famous covered bridges of Madison County.

For more information on exploring Iowa, visit [www.traveliowa.com](http://www.traveliowa.com) or call 1-888-472-6035.



*Loess Hills*

## Event Highlights

May  
Tulip Time Festival  
Pella

June  
Glenn Miller Festival  
Clarinda

July  
Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival  
Davenport

August  
Iowa State Fair  
Des Moines

The Land of Lincoln offers an incredible variety of exciting attractions, historic sites, natural wonders and outdoor recreation. Enjoy the culture, architecture and excitement of Chicago, the third largest metropolitan area in the U.S. Or, step back 200 million years and explore the trails and scenic bluffs of the Shawnee National Forest. Illinois offers an amazing diversity of travel experiences.

## Great Museums

The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago features a breathtaking array of exhibits focusing on everything from space exploration and aviation to the human heart and geology. The Art Institute of Chicago is one of the most renowned art museums on earth, and the nearby Museum of Contemporary Art boasts one of the freshest and most provocative collections in the country. Chicago's Museum Campus features the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, the Field Museum and the John G. Shedd Aquarium. The Illinois Railway Museum in the community of Union is the largest railway museum in the country, with more than 250 railcars and locomotives on display. Rockford's Burpee Museum of Natural History features exhibits which take visitors back to the time of the dinosaurs and beyond.

Navy Pier in Chicago



## Zoos, Gardens & Wildlife

The Brookfield Zoo offers dolphin shows, an amazing ape exhibit and an exciting family play zoo. The Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago is one of the oldest zoos in the country and is located right in the heart of the city. In Decatur, the Scovil Zoo overlooks Lake Decatur and is home to more than 400 species of animals—and be sure to visit the nearby Children's Museum of Illinois. Alton, on the Mississippi River, offers more than 40 miles of bluffs and scenic shorelines for viewing bald eagles. Hanna City is home to the Wildlife Prairie State Park, a 2,000-acre zoological park for native animals. And in Rockford, the Anderson Japanese Gardens offer beautiful waterfalls, formal gardens, koi ponds and a teahouse modeled on 16th-century Sukiya-style architecture.

Polar Bear exhibit at the Lincoln Park Zoo



Shopping in Galena



## Looking for Lincoln

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage area encompasses numerous communities in central Illinois, including a remarkable array of places where Lincoln actually spent time. The area is rich in Lincoln history and stories. Be sure to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in downtown Springfield, a state-of-the-art facility chronicling the life of one of America's greatest figures. From the village of New Salem, where Lincoln spent his early adulthood, to his home and final resting place in Springfield, you'll be left with no doubt about why Illinois is known as the Land of Lincoln.



Springfield

## Intriguing History

Head to historic Galena and take a guided tour of the magnificent home of General Ulysses S. Grant. Tour Ronald Reagan's boyhood home in the river town of Dixon. Explore the historic community of Quincy, located on the Mississippi River and featuring homes dating back to the early 1800s. The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Hartford tells the story of America's most famous explorers. The Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island pays homage to the Native American tribes which have lived in the region for more than 12,000 years. Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville is a U.N. World Heritage Site that shelters the remains of an ancient city.

For more information on exploring Illinois, visit [www.enjoyillinois.com](http://www.enjoyillinois.com) or call 1-800-2CONNECT.

## Event Highlights

### June

Great Galena Balloon Race  
Galena

### June-July

Southern Illinois Music Festival  
Carbondale

### August

Chicago Annual Jazz Festival  
Millennium Park and Grant Park  
Chicago

### September

Route 66 Mother Road Festival  
Springfield

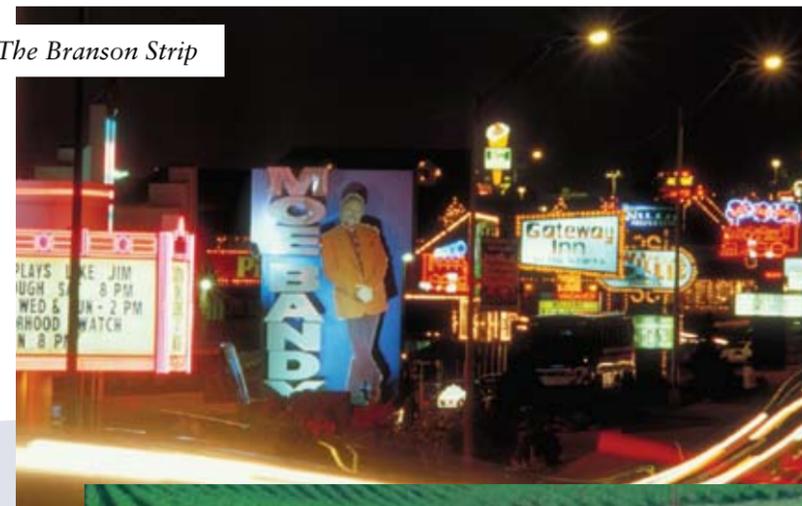
In Missouri, memories are made daily. From small communities to large metropolitan areas, discover the features that make Missouri extraordinary. No matter what you choose to do on your Missouri vacation, you'll find a whole new experience around every corner. Missouri offers a delightful mix of history, entertainment and recreation.

## Branson

Branson has more theatre seats than Broadway, offering comedians, magicians, variety and dinner shows, and live music, ranging from Rock 'n' Roll and Country to Gospel and Bluegrass. See ongoing live shows and limited engagements from some of the nation's top performers. Branson also offers boating and world-class bass fishing on Table Rock Lake and the Lake of the Ozarks, as well as excellent golf courses with unbelievable scenery.

## Kansas City

Experience the Old West at the Benjamin Ranch. Check out a lively performance at a local jazz club. Shop in elegant surroundings at the Country Club Plaza. Or, roll up your sleeves and enjoy some of America's best barbeque. Kansas City offers a fantastic diversity of sights, sounds and experiences.



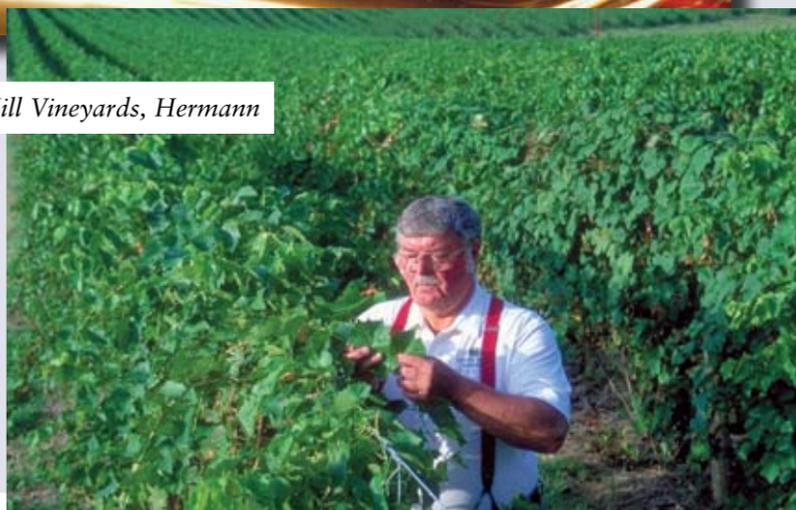
The Branson Strip

## St. Louis

Discover the "Gateway City," home to more than 3 million people and some of America's most exciting attractions. Take a ride to the top of the Gateway Arch and explore the Museum of Westward Expansion. Tour the spectacular St. Louis Zoo and the St. Louis Art Museum, home to 30,000 works of art. Spend a day with the family riding the roller coasters at Six Flags amusement park.

## Food & Drink

From Southern fried food to ethnic culinary delights, Missouri has it all. Spend the day in Hermann enjoying locally-made wine and German sausage, or visit Kansas City for savory barbecue and ribs. Take the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour in St. Louis or escape to the rolling country roads of Missouri's wine country and see for yourself why Missouri is recognized internationally for its award-winning vintages.

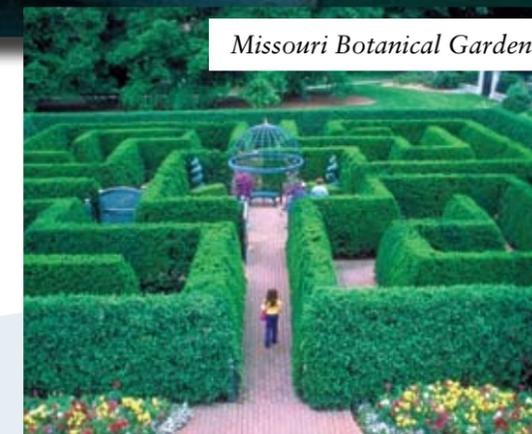


Stone Hill Vineyards, Hermann

Canoeing on the Current River



Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis



## Outdoor fun

With beautiful state parks, rivers and caves throughout the state, you'll find many opportunities for outdoor adventure. Make time for an outdoor getaway, whether canoeing a sparkling Missouri stream or hiking the rugged Ozark Trail. Camp in the Mark Twain National Forest or venture underground to tour one of Missouri's many caves.

## St. Charles

Visit historic St. Charles, Missouri's first state capital, for history and fun. Relax at the Ameristar Casino and Resort, a luxury hotel complete with 4-star dining and spa services. Stroll historic downtown St. Charles and discover this unique river city's fascinating history.

## History

Learn about Missouri's historic role in westward expansion, the Civil War, and even Walt Disney World. Explore Missouri's oldest settlement in Ste. Genevieve. Head to St. Joseph and learn about the history of the famous Pony Express. See the boyhood home of Mark Twain in Hannibal.

For more information on exploring Missouri, visit [www.VisitMO.com](http://www.VisitMO.com) or call 1-800-519-2100.

## Event Highlights

### July

Fair St. Louis  
St. Louis Riverfront

### September

Tour of Missouri Professional  
Cycling Race  
12 host cities statewide

### October

Octoberfest  
Hermann

### November-December

Branson Area Festival of Lights  
Branson

Discover the many faces of Kentucky. Enjoy the beauty, excitement and hospitality that are the distinctive trademarks of this scenic state. The breathtaking Kentucky Appalachians, the lush green Bluegrass Region, winding caves and picturesque waterways—there are many ways to experience Kentucky's Unbridled Spirit.

## Adventure Tourism

Kentucky is your playground for Unbridled Adventure. The diverse landscape, with numerous waterways and variety of wildlife, provides an unbelievable getaway for outdoor enthusiasts. Ride the ATV trails of Harlan County on trails cut in the mountains of reclaimed coal fields. Shoot the rapids on the Big South Fork or the Russell Fork, or climb a sheer cliff face in the Red River Gorge. Explore the longest cave system in the world at Mammoth Cave National Park, or relax on a houseboat on one of Kentucky's gorgeous lakes.

## The Bourbon Trail

Bourbon was invented in Kentucky and is one of the Commonwealth's signature products. Tours are available at seven Kentucky distilleries, each unique in its own right. Did you know there are federal guidelines to ensure bourbon is really bourbon and not whiskey? Did you know bourbon must be made from a formula that is at least 51 percent corn and has to be aged at least two years in a new charred oak barrel? These are just a few of the facts you will learn as you explore Kentucky's distilleries.

Bourbon barrels aging



These are just a few of the facts you will learn as you explore Kentucky's distilleries.

## Horses

Kentucky is known world-wide as the home of the Kentucky Derby. Experience the excitement of horse racing year-round at one of our many tracks located across the state. To learn the true history of the horse, visit the Kentucky Horse Park, located just north of Lexington off I-75, where over 1,200 acres have been dedicated to the horse. Other horse-related attractions include two museums, live shows, horseback riding, carriage rides and camping.



Kentucky is a center for horse racing

Wasioto Winds Golf Resort in Pineville



## Lincoln

Travel the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail. The Abraham Lincoln National Historic Site in Hodgenville located on the grounds of his birthplace. A replica of the log cabin where he was born is enclosed in a stately memorial. Visit nearby Knob Creek, where Lincoln spent his early childhood days. In Lexington, tour the family home of the 16th President's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln.



Daniel Boone's grave in Frankfort

## Wine

Kentucky has a long and distinguished place in the history of American wine making. The Commonwealth was the site of American's first commercial vineyard, planted in 1798 for the Marquis de Lafayette. Tour wineries throughout Kentucky, taste a variety of wines and experience firsthand the process that creates these fine vintages.

## Golf

Grab your clubs and head to Kentucky! With more than 180 public golf courses scattered across the state, it's a sure bet that you'll find one suited to your style of play. Kentucky's State Resort Parks offer some of the finest golf in the country, with six "Signature Series" courses designed to challenge your skills.

For more information on exploring Kentucky, visit [www.kentuckytourism.com](http://www.kentuckytourism.com) or call 1-800-225-8747.

## Event Highlights

April  
Rolex Three Day Event  
Lexington

May  
Kentucky Derby  
Louisville

June  
Brass Band Festival  
Danville

September  
Bourbon Festival  
Bardstow

Explore “The Natural State” and find a balance between relaxation and adventure. Hike, climb and tour the Ozark and Ouachita mountains. Enjoy river views and pristine wetlands in the Mississippi River Delta. Relax at Hot Springs National Park or one of Arkansas’s many famous spas. Golf some of the finest courses in the U.S. Visit the Clinton Presidential Center & Park in Little Rock or Clinton’s boyhood home in Hope.

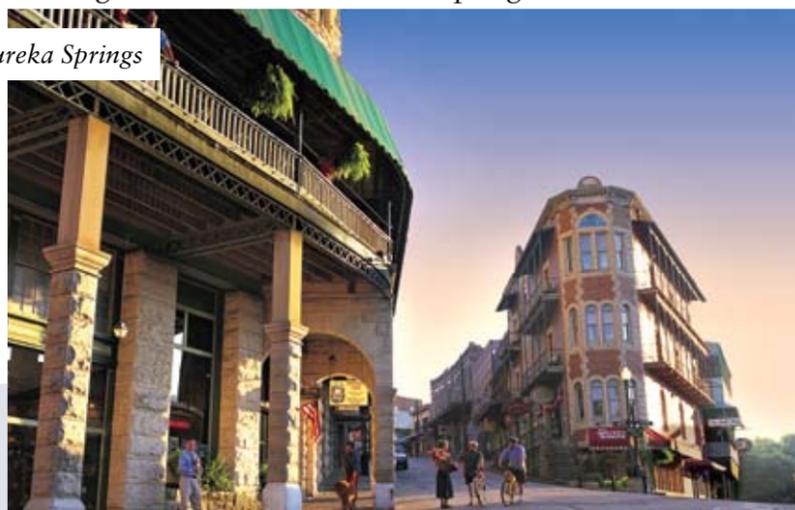
## Fishing, Boating and Paddling

More than 600,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs provide visitors with endless boating, fishing and watersports options. Arkansas lakes are famous for their tremendous fishing—Bull Shoals is one of the top bass fishing waters on earth. Several Arkansas rivers are home to some of the largest trout in North America, including the famous White River. Paddlers can choose from a number of incredible wild rivers, including the Caddo, Mulberry and Cossatot, and the breathtaking Buffalo National River.

## Caves

Below scenic mountains, lush valleys, and clear-running streams is a dazzling underworld—the limestone caves of the Ozarks. The unique geology of the region makes it one of the best places on earth for the development of caves. Wild caving tours are available in Hurricane River Cave, Cosmic Caverns, War Eagle Cavern and Blanchard Springs Caverns.

Eureka Springs



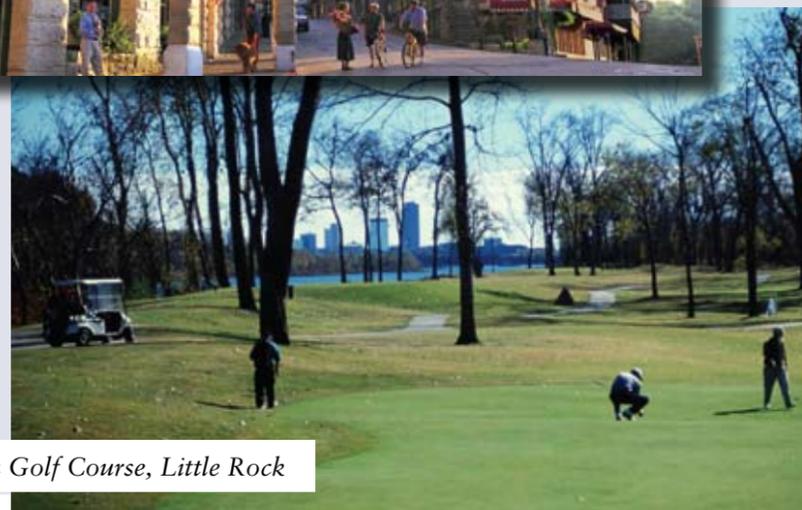
## Wine Country

Near where the Arkansas River winds between the Ozark Mountains and the Ouachita Mountains, you’ll find Arkansas Wine Country. The history of Arkansas wine dates back to 1880. Today, visitors can enjoy free tours, wine tastings and special events at several Arkansas wineries.

## Golfing

The diverse geography of Arkansas creates a beautiful backdrop for some excellent courses. Golf resorts in the Ozarks are truly stunning. The Ouachita Mountains features tall pines, rivers, lakes and natural springs. The Arkansas Delta and Grand Prairie region courses are naturally suited to Scottish links-style courses. Little Rock golf courses are some of the most popular in the state.

Rebsamen Golf Course, Little Rock



Clinton Presidential Center & Park in Little Rock



## Music

The Arkansas Delta is rich in Blues history. Visit the Delta Cultural Center at Helena-West Helena to explore the background of the music genre that exemplifies life in the Delta. In the Ozarks, the small town of Mountain View is the Folk Music Capital of the World and features free musicals on the Court Square every Saturday night.



Blues & Heritage Festival, Helena

## Spas

The hot waters of Hot Springs National Park have been rejuvenating travelers since Spanish explorer De Soto discovered them in 1541. You’ll also find a number of spas in Little Rock. Eureka Springs, in northwest Arkansas, was once famed for its healing waters; today, it offers historic lodging and spa getaways to the weary traveler.

## Clinton Presidential Center & Park

The Clinton Presidential Library is located on the banks of the Arkansas River in the River Market District of downtown Little Rock. The library and museum include authentic replicas of the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room. The Clinton Library contains the largest collection of presidential papers and artifacts in U.S. history.

For more information on exploring Arkansas, visit [www.arkansas.com](http://www.arkansas.com) or call 1-800-NATURAL.

## Event Highlights

### April

Arkansas Folk Festival  
Mountain View

### June

Hot Springs Music Festival  
Hot Springs

### July

Pops on the River  
Little Rock

### October

Arkansas Blues and Heritage Festival  
Helena-West Helena

From the Grand Ole Opry to Beale Street, Tennessee brings to life the history and tradition of American music. Tour historic Civil War battle sites. Learn about the history of the Civil Rights movement in the U.S. Tour some of the world's finest distilleries. Discover some of America's most beautiful landscapes in the majestic Smoky Mountains.

## Nashville's Country Music

Learn about Country music legends past and present at the Country Music Hall of Fame. Experience a live show at the Grand Ole Opry. Visit the legendary Ryman Auditorium and walk in the footsteps of Nashville's most famous performers. Tour RCA's historic Studio B, where some of American music's most groundbreaking performances were recorded. And don't miss the Bluebird Café, where the next crop of Nashville's best perform.

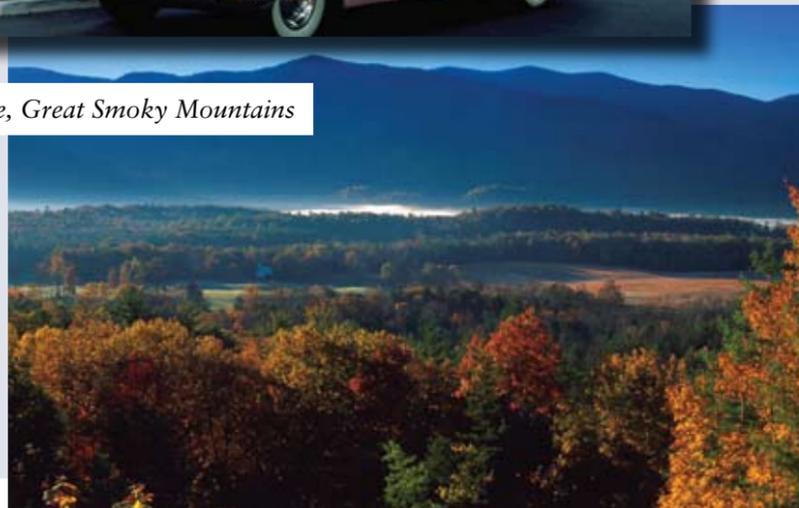
## The Music of Memphis

Rock 'n Roll, Country and the Blues all have their roots in Memphis. The Memphis Rock 'n Soul Museum tells the story of Memphis' role in the development of American music. The Stax Museum of American Soul celebrates the legacy of soul music. And no trip to Memphis would be complete without a visit to Graceland, home of Elvis Presley.

Graceland in Memphis



Cades Cove, Great Smoky Mountains



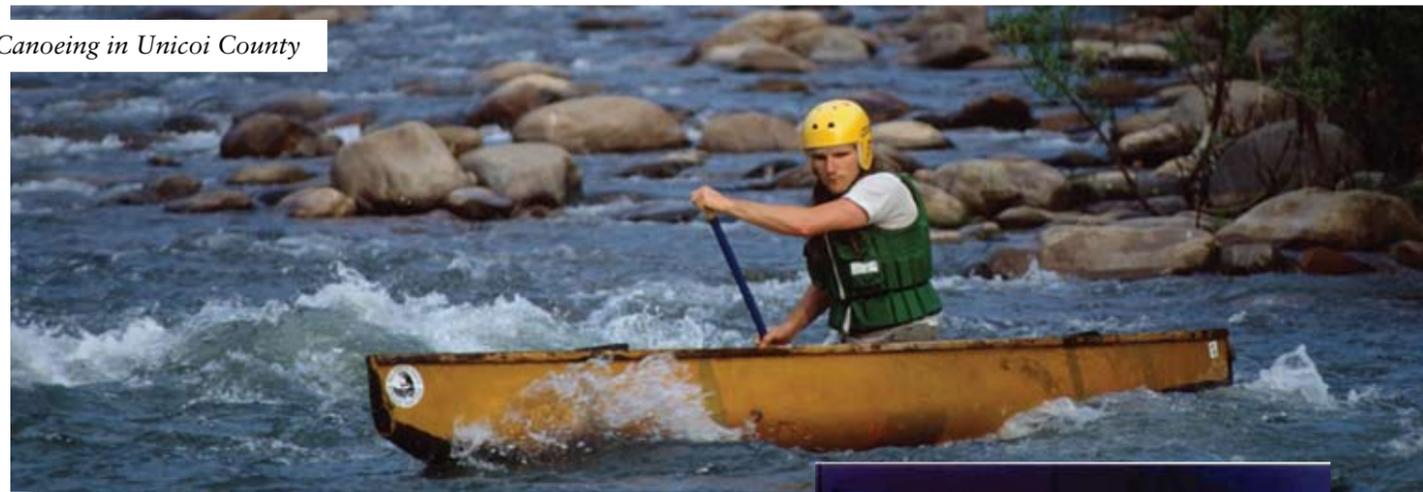
## Great Smoky Mountains

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park is one of America's great natural treasures. You'll find driving tours as well as hiking trails running through these ancient mountains. Gaze out over the misty hilltops from numerous vantage points. The many mountain streams, waterfalls and secluded valleys provide endless delights to the adventurous traveler. In addition to outdoor activities in the park, visitors will find fun things to do in communities such as Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville.

## World-famous Distilleries

Tennessee whiskey is legendary for its superior quality and long history. Tour Maker's Mark, Pritchard's, George Dickel and

Canoeing in Unicoi County



Jack Daniels—the world's most famous whiskey distilleries. You'll gain an appreciation for the centuries-old tradition of whiskey making in Tennessee.

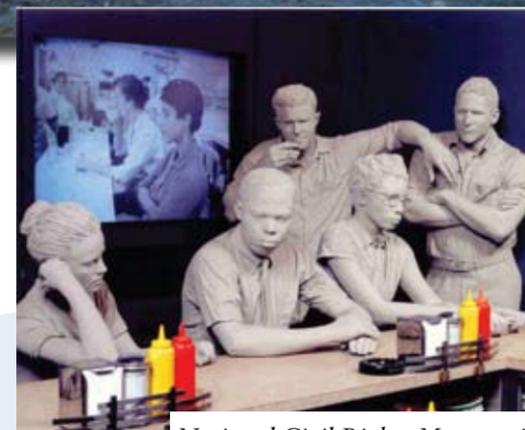
## Outdoor Adventure

With 54 state parks and four national parks, Tennessee offers visitors incredible outdoor fun. Backpack along the Appalachian Trail. Raft, kayak or canoe your way down the Ocoee River. Head to Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains for hiking and camping. Visit one of Tennessee's many lakes and reservoirs for great bass fishing.

## Historic Homes and Battlegrounds

Tennessee's historic sites present a rich tapestry of American heritage. Follow several trails highlighting important historical events and major battles in the Civil War, such as Shiloh, Franklin and Chickamauga. Learn about legendary American figures, such as Davy Crockett and Elvis Presley. Explore Tennessee's African-American Heritage and learn about the state's most important civil rights figures. Visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and the boyhood home of author Alex Haley in Henning.

For more information on exploring Tennessee, visit [www.tnvacation.com](http://www.tnvacation.com) or call 1-615-741-2159.



National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis

## Event Highlights

### May

West Tennessee Strawberry Festival  
Humboldt

### June

Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival  
Manchester

### July

Fiddlers' Jamboree and Craft Show  
Smithville

### August

Elvis Week  
Memphis

# Mississippi

Discover the rich history and natural beauty of Mississippi. Sample Southern delicacies and listen to the Blues in the place where it was born. Visit fantastic art museums and tour some of America's most historic homes. You'll find it all in Mississippi.

## Historical Homes

Discover numerous antebellum homes of varying architectural styles in Natchez. Visit Beauvoir, the Biloxi home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Tour Rowan Oak, the Oxford home of writer William Faulkner. Visit the Tupelo birthplace of Elvis Presley.

## What's Cooking?

Restaurants in Mississippi specialize in mouthwatering cuisine fine enough to satisfy the most sophisticated palate. From savory barbecue and crispy fried catfish, to seafood gumbo and hot tamales, you're going to love the taste of Mississippi.

## Mississippi's Culture & Heritage

Visit the state's museums, historical homes, Civil War sites and landmarks. Tour Mississippi's Civil War history sites, including the Vicksburg National Military Park, the U.S.S. Cairo Gunboat and Museum and the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center.

Viking Cooking School in Greenwood, MS



Longwood, Natchez, Mississippi



## Fine Arts

Mississippi features such noteworthy art museums as the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art and the Mississippi Museum of Art. See the work of the state's craftsmen at the Mississippi Crafts Center.

## Music & the Mississippi Blues Trail

As the birthplace of the Blues, Mississippi has influenced Jazz, Rock 'n Roll, Country and Gospel. Follow the Mississippi Blues Trail, from street corners where musicians played for tips to places they called home and even to their final resting places.

Mississippi Gulf Coast



## Agritourism

Visit a cotton farm and find out how cotton became "king." Stroll along the banks of a catfish pond or visit a museum that will take you from pond to plate. Sample the culinary delights at an old country bakery, taste an aged vineyard wine, or cast your net into warm Gulf waters for some succulent shrimp.

## Trails

Bike the historic Natchez Trace Parkway, the De Soto National Forest or the Clear Springs Trail System in the Homochitto National Forest. Horseback ride on the Shockaloe National Recreation Horse Trail or the Longleaf Trace Trail in south Mississippi.

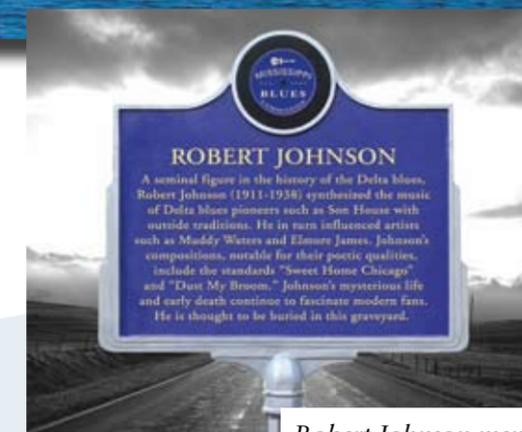
## Casinos

Mississippi casinos offer non-stop gaming, top-name entertainment and affordable luxury accommodations. From Tunica—the third largest gaming destination in the U.S., to Biloxi along the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi casinos can be found throughout the state.

## Golf

Play some of the most exciting course layouts designed by golf's greats. Mississippi has over 145 golf courses to choose from and can provide just the right golfing vacation for every preference and budget.

For more information on exploring Mississippi, visit [www.visitmississippi.org](http://www.visitmississippi.org) or call 1-866-SEEMISS.



Robert Johnson memorial marker

## Event Highlights

**April**  
Juke Joint Festival  
Clarksdale

**June**  
Elvis Presley Festival  
Tupelo

**August**  
Natchez Food & Wine Festival  
Natchez

**September**  
Mississippi Delta Blues  
& Heritage Festival  
Greenville

Immerse yourself in the rich culture of this truly unique state—come see, hear, taste, smell and feel Louisiana for yourself. Sample spicy boiled crawfish in Cajun Country. Listen to Jazz in the French Quarter. Explore expansive plantation homes. Experience Louisiana with all your senses.

## Culinary Trails

French, Spanish, Native American, African, Caribbean and Acadian—Louisiana’s colorful ancestry is reflected in an incredible diversity of flavors. Explore one of seven culinary trails in Louisiana and discover a homegrown mix of restaurants, shops, festivals and markets. Sample classic Creole cuisine, from trout almandine to bananas Foster. Taste Cajun specialties like gumbo, etouffee, jambalaya, boudin, and bisque. Dig into traditional Southern fare, like barbecue, fried catfish, biscuits, beans, cornbread and cobbler. Are you hungry yet? Then it’s time to explore Louisiana’s fabulous culinary trails.

## African American Heritage Trails

If you love Louisiana for its food, music, and fun, the African American Heritage Trail is yet another great reason to visit. Louisiana’s new African American Heritage Trail takes you to the places that have inspired

generations to add their unique flavor to the world. Tour stately plantations and find out about the African craftsmanship, ingenuity, and family life. Discover the Cane River Creoles, descendants of French settlers and Africans who lived on the isolated frontier of Northwest Louisiana. Visit the birthplace of Arna Bontemps, a leading writer in the Harlem Renaissance. Find out about P. B. S. Pinchback, who became America’s first African American Governor in 1872!

## Music

Jazz has been called “America’s only original art form,” but it’s just one page in the Louisiana songbook. Louisiana is the birthplace of Louis Armstrong, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, Tim McGraw, Lucinda Williams, Wynton Marsalis, Harry Connick, Jr., Mahalia Jackson,

Shrimp Creole



Aaron Neville, Allen Toussaint and countless others. What inspired them may inspire you. Enjoy fantastic live music at venues throughout Louisiana. Catch a live show at the Liberty Theater in Eunice, home to the “Rendez-vous des Cajuns” radio and TV program, a kind of Cajun “Prairie Home Companion.”



Louis Armstrong

## Culture

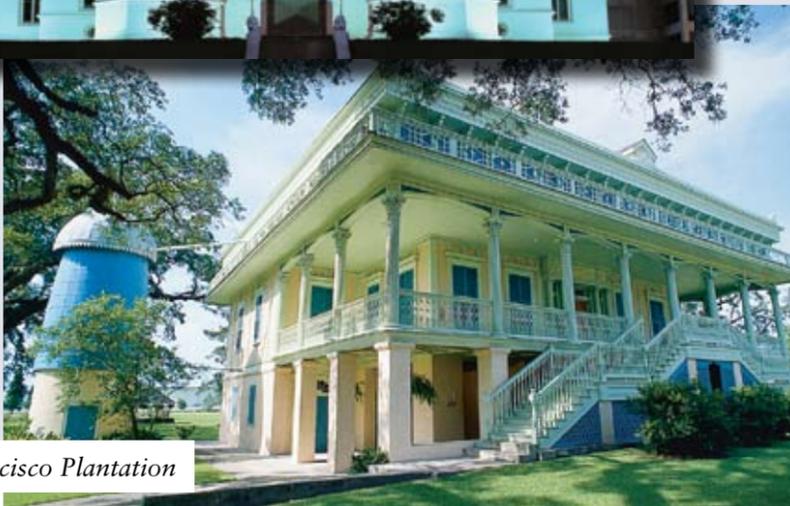
Louisiana culture reflects the long-lasting influences of our European and African ancestry. Walk into any fourth- or fifth-generation Louisiana home and you’re sure to find gumbo on the stove, pecan pie in the fridge, home grown tomatoes on a window sill, or some variation of uniquely Cajun and Creole foods. Louisiana’s own style of architecture—wrought iron balconies and port coheres of the French Quarter, plantation homes along the Mississippi River and raised cottages found through out Cajun Country—are being built and rebuilt to this very day. Louisiana music, too, has a sound and a story all its own. A wailful mix of West Indies voodoo chants, African tribal drums and Nova Scotian fiddles tells tales of loves and lives lost and a new world found.

For more information on exploring Louisiana, visit [www.louisianatravel.com](http://www.louisianatravel.com) or call 1-800-677-4082.

Old State Capitol



San Francisco Plantation



## Event Highlights

### February

Mardi Gras Celebrations  
Throughout the State

### March

Audubon Pilgrimage  
St. Francisville

### April-May

Jazz and Heritage Festival  
New Orleans

### December

Natchitoches Christmas Festival  
Natchitoches



Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
Mississippi River Country  
222 State Street, Suite 400  
Madison, WI 53703

experience  
**MISSISSIPPI RIVER**  
ten states. one river.

