

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL TOUR

Route: Jackson – Vicksburg – Natchez – Washington, Mississippi

Mississippi has been home to some of the most defining moments in American history, from pivotal battles in the Civil War, such as the siege of Vicksburg, to the struggle for civil rights and much more. Experience Mississippi's history up close by visiting one-of-a-kind museums, historical sites and cultural attractions located throughout this tour.

JACKSON

Begin your tour in the capital city of Jackson. Go back in time by visiting the [Museum of Mississippi History](#) and the [Mississippi Civil Rights Museum](#) to hear the stories of Mississippians and how their experiences changed not only the state, but the entire country. Discover interactive exhibits, see engaging artifacts and hear stories from the people who led the charge for progress and equality. Learn more about Mississippi's political history, as well, and visit the [Old Capitol Museum](#) where some of the state's most significant legislative actions took place. While in Jackson, be sure to also tour the beautiful [Mississippi Governor's Mansion](#), one of the oldest continuously maintained governor's mansions in the United States.

Must See:

Museum of Mississippi History, 222 North Street, Jackson, MS (601)576.6800

Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, 222 North Street, Jackson, MS (601)576.6800

Old Capitol Museum, 100 State Street, Jackson, MS (601)576.6920

Mississippi Governor's Mansion, 300 East Capitol Street, Jackson, MS (601)359.3175

VICKSBURG

Charming and historic Vicksburg sits on bluffs high above the Mississippi River at the southern end of the Mississippi Delta. This location made the city a strategic port and "the Key to the South" during the Civil War, a nickname bestowed upon Vicksburg by Abraham Lincoln. For a really in-depth look at the history of Vicksburg during the Civil War, the [Vicksburg National Military Park](#) and [USS Cairo Gunboat and Museum](#) are musts. While in Vicksburg, be sure to also visit the [Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum](#), which is where the popular soft drink was first bottled.

Must See:

Vicksburg National Military Park, 3201 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS (601)636.0583

USS Cairo Gunboat & Museum, 3201 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS (601)636.2199

Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum, 1107 Washington Street, Vicksburg, MS (601)638.6514

NATCHEZ

Natchez, the oldest continuously occupied settlement in the Lower Mississippi River Valley, is certainly a city with its own unique charms and character. [Tours of Greek Revival and Federal homes](#) dating to the late 1700s and early 1800s are essential to the history of the Hospitality State. Nearby, don't miss the ceremonial mounds at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, who inhabited this area from AD 700-1730.

Must See:

Natchez Pilgrimage Tours, 401 High Street, Natchez, MS (601)445.4420

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, 3201 Clay Street, Natchez, MS (601)636.0583

WASHINGTON

While in Adams County, and to conclude your tour, stop by the birthplace of Mississippi's statehood, the [Historic Jefferson College](#), located just a few miles down the road in Washington.

Must See:

Historic Jefferson College, 16 Old N Street, Washington, MS (601)442.2901