

RIDGELAND: A SOUTHERN SURPRISE

Located on the historic Natchez Trace Parkway and just north of the state capital in central Mississippi, Ridgeland is for the active traveler who desires outdoor recreational opportunities, flavorful dining experiences and some of the state's finest shopping.

DAY 1

Arrive in Ridgeland and check into one of our 17 comfortable hotels. Our newest addition is the AC by Marriott, conveniently located at the Township at Colony Park, a new-urbanist style shopping, dining, and living area. Speaking of shopping...

Enjoy an afternoon along the Ridgeland Retail Trail at districts including Renaissance at Colony Park, Northpark mall, and the Railroad District at Jackson Street. Whether you're on the hunt for big-name retailers, antique treasures, or a one-of-a-kind specialty boutique, we've got you covered.

Return to the Township and take a quick stroll to dinner at Sombra Mexican Kitchen or Anjou. At Sombra, try a favorite combination: a Mississippi Margarita (made with local Cathead Honeysuckle) and Flagship Tamale Platter. At Anjou, save room for White Chocolate Bread Pudding or Creme Brulee.

DAY 2

Rise and shine! Head to the 33,000-acre Barnett Reservoir and take your pick of a rental boat from Main Harbor Marina or a guided tour by Pearl River Kayaks. Popular options include the "Wildlife & Bird Watching", "Kayak Fishing", and "Flora, Fauna, and Fungi" tours.

Dock your kayaks and enjoy lunch with a view. Nearby Pelican Cove Grill and Crab's Seafood Shack will each have you relaxing with a cool drink in hand. Pelican Cove is a true Ridgeland favorite with its signature drinks, hot eats, big screen TVs, and lively back deck with live entertainment throughout the day.

Take your pick of afternoon activities. Relax with a massage at Drench Day Spa, take a cooking class at Everyday Gourmet, or continue the outdoor fun with a bike ride along the Chisha Foka Multi-Use trail. Catch a matinee at B&B Theatres or Malco at the Renaissance or attend a local event.

Dine at one of Ridgeland's over 140 restaurants and learn how our foodie destination reputation came to be. Whether a selection of broiled oysters from CAET, the perfect cut at Ely's, or the favorite local spot for Italian, Amerigo, Ridgeland is full of flavor.

DAY 3

Wake to the aroma of coffee and breakfast at Fusion Coffeehouse or the Dapper Doughnut.

Explore the Bill Waller Craft Center, a modern facility nestled in the trees of the Natchez Trace Parkway that is home to the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. Try your hand at a class, catch a demonstration, and take home a piece of Mississippi from the retail gallery. We hope to see you again soon!

