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Mississippi Architecture Tour

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Day 1 - Natchez

The city of Natchez is home to more than 1,000 historic properties, including America's largest octagonal home, Longwood. The six-story, 30,000-square-foot Oriental villa incorporates elements of both the Moorish Revival and Italianate styles. Construction on the home began in 1860, but interior work was abruptly halted due to the outbreak of the Civil War, leaving only the basement level completed and furnished.



Day 2 - Vicksburg

Vicksburg National Military Park's ground feature 1,325 historic monuments and markers along a 16-mile tour road. The Illinois Memorial, which was dedicated in 1906, is especially impressive for its solemn grandeur. The design was inspired by the Roman Pantheon, incorporating granite and marble from the state of Georgia. Inside the memorial, sixty bronze tablets bear the names of the 36,325 Illinois soldiers who participated in the Vicksburg campaign.

Day 3 - Oxford

William Faulkner lived much of his life at his home, Rowan Oak, located near the University of Mississippi campus. The modified primitive Greek Revival style home was constructed in the 1840s and currently operates as a museum dedicated to the life and writings of the legendary American author. Visitors touring the home will gain a glimpse into the life of one of the 20th century's greatest novelists, the winner of a Nobel Prize for literature and two Pulitzer Prizes.



Day 4 - Biloxi

The Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art celebrates the life and works of the "Mad Potter of Biloxi." George Ohr was famous for his offbeat personality and eccentric pottery pieces, which are perfectly reflected in the unconventional design of the museum complex which was designed by the visionary American architect Frank Gehry. The museum features six pavilions, including four large metallic pod structures that house the museum's permanent collection.