



MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

ITINERARIES Days of Discovery

Day 1: *Savor the Flavor of Gulf Coast Culture*

Enjoy an excursion aboard the **Biloxi Shrimp Trip**. For 70 minutes, enjoy tales of shrimping, fishing and Biloxi history. Cross the street to see the new **Hurricane Katrina Memorial** built by *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. Spend some time at the **NEW Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art** to experience the creations of George Ohr, our very own "Mad Potter". Don't miss the **Pleasant Reed Interpretive Center**, a replica of the original house that former slave Pleasant Reed built in 1887. Become a "foodie" for the afternoon with a **culinary demonstration** or **southern tea** offered by one of our local chefs. Visit **Beauvoir**, The Jefferson Davis Home circa 1852, last home of the President of the Confederacy and the place where he penned his memoirs. If the Gulf of Mexico beckons, relax on a sail aboard the **Biloxi Schooners**, replicas of the oyster schooners used from the late 1800's to the early 1900's or ride with **Ship Island Excursions** aboard the *Pan American Clipper*. Docked at the Gulfport Harbor, watch for dolphins as you cruise to Ship Island, home of Ft. Massachusetts and some of our most beautiful beaches. After dark enjoy the shows, entertainers and gaming at our coastal **casino resorts**.

Day 2: *Old Town and the Real McCoys*

Travel east to **Old Town Ocean Springs**. Spend the morning visiting the many boutiques, galleries and restaurants of this quaint artisan town. Don't miss a visit to the **Walter Anderson Museum of Art** to enjoy the distinctive works of this renowned artist. Enjoy nature at the **William M. Colmer Visitor Center** (Gulf Islands National Seashore – Mississippi), now open daily from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visitors can find the park's passport stamp there, view a park orientation film and exhibits, and purchase items at the book store. Catch a glimpse of the endangered **Mississippi Sandhill Crane**. The refuge consists of more than 19,000 acres in four units and is now part of the Gulf Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Visitor's Center: Tuesday - Saturday, 9am - 3pm. A three-quarter mile nature trail adjacent to the Visitor Center winds its way through pine savanna, tidal marsh, and pine scrub.

For a truly unforgettable experience, meet the *real McCoys*! Let Captains Lynn or Benny with **McCoy's River and Marsh Tours** (limit 24 pax) take you on the Pascagoula River, one of the most pristine river swamps in America and the last waterway of its size in the USA which is unimpeded by any artificial structure. Greet some gators at the **Gulf Coast Gator Ranch**, the oldest gator farm in Mississippi.

Day 3: *From the Bay to Beyond the Milky Way*

Looking for someplace special? **Spend the day in the Bay**. After a beautiful Gulf View drive west, you will cross the Bay of St. Louis into a shopping and dining paradise. Mississippi's West Coast is home to more than 200 resident artists who create fine and folk pieces exhibited in galleries that will take your breath away. **Visit St. Rose de Lima**, an African American based Catholic Church which holds a truly magnificent surprise! While riding through this historic

town see firsthand their post-Katrina rebirth. The **historic L & N Train Depot**, new home to the Hancock County's CVB, is a convenient rest and information stop.

If you're intrigued by outer space, blast off to **StennisSphere** and discover why America comes to NASA's Stennis Space Center prior to going into space. Before you begin your journey into space, you will be taken to the Launch Pad to prepare for your mission then on to a narrated tour through the nation's largest rocket test complex where space shuttles' main engines are tested.

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Volunteer to work with organizations continuing to rebuild the coast. Hands-On, Habitat and others still need help.

Charter fishing captains stand ready to take you some to the some of the finest fishing spots in the south.

Premiere golf by some of the hottest designers: Tom Fazio, Jerry Pate, Jack Nicklaus, Mark McCumber, Davis Love, Arnold Palmer and more.

Shopping Meccas - Handcrafted collections, boutiques and antiques charm our coastal towns creating our own coastal arts trail. **Prime Outlets** with Hilfiger, Polo, Nike, Gap, Banana Republic, and many more shops at great outlet prices. Just minutes away, **Crossroads Mall**, is home to TJ Maxx, Old Navy, Academy Sports, Shoe Carnival, and more.