



BEST OF

MISSISSIPPI

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What to eat, see, and do in the Magnolia State, all voted for by discerning readers with a taste for what makes Mississippi the BEST.



DINING OUT

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

Table 100

Flowood | 601.420.4202 | www.tableonehundred.com

Restaurateurs Bill Latham and Al Roberts have done it again. Table 100 hit the scene and had metro Jackson residents heading down Lake-land Drive for its delicious dishes prepared by a German chef. "Chef Mike," as he is known at the restaurant, infuses his menu with his international culinary experiences and Southern flavors, giving Mississippi a new spot to rave about.



Sombra Mexican Kitchen, Ridgeland
The Market Café, Louisville
Krilakis, Ridgeland
Half Shell Oyster House, Biloxi

BEST APPETIZER

Guacamole made tableside, Babalu Tacos & Tapas

Jackson | 601.366.5757 | www.babalums.com

Located in Jackson's hip and funky Fondren Arts District, visitors flock to Babalu for its tasty and eclectic tapas-style menu, but it's the fresh Guacamole made tableside that they just can't get enough of. Rumor has it they make more than 700 batches every single week.



Crescent City Grill, Hattiesburg:
Crabmeat Wontons
The Market Café, Louisville: Fried
Pimiento Cheese Balls
Harvey's, Tupelo: Broccoli Bites
Ely's, Ridgeland: Eggplant Ely

BEST STEAK

Shapley's

Ridgeland | 601.957.3753 | www.shapleys.ms

Shapley's owners Julie and Scott Koestler take pride in serving the finest cuts of meat and the freshest seafood with unparalleled service. The longevity of this superior steakhouse, established in 1985, is attributed to its loyal staff, chefs, and patrons. It's no surprise they walk away with the "Best of Mississippi" title year after year.



Tico's, Ridgeland
Char, Jackson
The Caboose, McComb
Doe's Eat Place, Greenville

BEST BURGER

Mugshots

Biloxi, Flowood, Hattiesburg, Starkville, and Meridian | www.mugshotsgillandbar.com

There isn't a larger or more diverse selection of gourmet burgers to be found in the Magnolia State. Yep, there's a burger on the menu called "Anthony's Peanut Butter Burger," and along with many other unique creations, there is something to please everyone. Each burger offers a half-pound of beef served on a toasted sourdough bun and a side of house-made beer batter fries.



Majestic Burger, Jackson and
Ridgeland
Burgers & Blues, Ridgeland
Rooster's, Jackson
Brian Michael's Meat Market &
Deli, Starkville

BEST PIZZA

Pizza Shack

Jackson | 601.352.2001 | www.thepizzashack-jackson.com

These are knife-and-fork pizzas, laden with a wide expanse of offerings from smoked Gouda to gyro meat. Try one of their one-of-a-kind creations such as Chicken Curry Delight or the Cajun Joe for a delicious escape from pepperoni.



Soulshine Pizza Factory, Jackson,
Flowood, and Oxford
Sal & Mookie's New York Pizza &
Ice Cream Joint, Jackson
Stromboli's Italian Eatery, Starkville
Old Venice Pizza Co., Oxford

BEST FRIED CHICKEN

Julep Restaurant & Bar

Jackson | 601.362.1411 | www.juleprestaurant.com

Julep's crispy fried breasts of chicken are bathed in a honey-rosemary glaze for a unique dish that has honored them with many titles—even top 10 in the nation by *USA Today*. You will never look at a piece of fried chicken the same way again.



Two Sisters' Kitchen, Jackson
Mama Hamil's, Madison
Peggy's, Philadelphia
Old Country Store, Lorman

BEST BREAKFAST - Big Bad Breakfast

Oxford | 662.236.2666 | www.citygroceryonline.com

A huge hit with both the college crowd from Ole Miss and visitors to the Grove, the wait for “BBB” can be more than an hour on Sunday mornings. From Tabasco/Brown Sugar Bacon to “The Awesome” omelet, experience breakfast in a way that only James Beard award-winning chef John Currence can conjure up.



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Primos Café & Bake Shop, Flowood and Ridgeland
Broad Street Baking Company, Jackson
Starkville Café, Starkville
City Bagel, Starkville



DINING OUT

BEST DELI

Newk's

statewide | www.newkscafe.com

Newk's has quickly grown in popularity and in location, with new locations out of state. Described as an express casual dining experience, their array of salads, sandwiches, soups, and pizzas are equally tasty.



Bulldog Deli, Starkville
Broad Street Baking Company,
Jackson
Beagle Bagel, Jackson, Ridgeland, and
Madison
The Depot Bistro, Hattiesburg

BEST BARBECUE

The Little Dooley

Starkville, Columbus East and North
662.323.6094 | www.littledooley.com

Mississippi's favorite barbecue joint is still serving the homemade sauce that made Margaret Ann and Barry Wood's spot famous. Their humble beginning in a Starkville gas station has evolved into three bustling locations, but their sauce is just as good as ever.



Hickory Pit, Jackson /The Haute Pig,
Madison
The Shed Barbeque & Blues Joint,
Ocean Springs and Gulfport
Petty's BBQ, Starkville
Lumpkin's BBQ, Jackson

BEST TAMALES

Doe's Eat Place

Greenville | 662.334.3315 | www.doeseatplace.com

Doe's Eat Place has come a long way since its bootlegging days. Opened as a honky-tonk in the 1940s, the original restaurant is in the back, where word spread about Mamie Signa's tamales. Today, the only thing criminal about Doe's Eat Place is how good those Hot Tamales are.



Tony's Tamales, Jackson and
Ridgeland
Fat Mama's, Natchez
Shapley's, Ridgeland
Buddy's, McComb

BEST CORNBREAD

Cock of the Walk

Natchez, 601.446.8920 | Pochahontas,
601.362.0438 | Ridgeland, 601.856.5500
www.cockofthewalk.biz

Some come for fresh fried catfish, others for the fresh cast-iron skillet of cornbread. Hot, buttery, and decadent, it satisfies with every bite. Top it off with a pot-o-greens or a side of fried dill pickles and all will be right with the world.



Mama Hamil's, Madison
Primo's, Flowood and Ridgeland
Ajax, Oxford
The Veranda, Starkville

BEST SWEET TEA

McAlister's

statewide | www.mcalistersdeli.com

Not only has Mississippi fallen in love with this nectar of the South, but a good portion of the country has, too. McAlister's perfectly sweetened concoction is a welcome treat on hot summer days, with or without the large slice of lemon.



Newk's, statewide
Broma's Deli, McComb
Bon Ami, Jackson
Bulldog Deli, Starkville

BEST SUSHI

Little Tokyo & Sakura Bana

Little Tokyo—Ridgeland, 601.991.3800
Sakura Bana—Jackson, 601.982.3035
www.littletokyoms.com

Little Tokyo brought the finest sushi to Mississippi before sushi was hip. Once known as Little Tokyo I and II, the Jackson location is identified as Sakura Bana, but you can still find their creative rolls and superior sushi at both spots.



Umi Japanese Steak House & Sushi
Bar, Starkville
Nagoya, Jackson and Madison
Fatsumo, Jackson /Chef Scott's
Restaurant, Ocean Springs
Two Stick, Oxford

BEST SWEET SHOP/BAKERY - Campbell's Bakery Inc.

Jackson | 601.362.4628 | www.campbellsbakery.ms

What can't Campbell's make? From birthday cakes to cookies, give the bakers a theme and let them run with it. Even though their Iced Teacake Cookies look more like artwork than sugar and flour, they are a customer favorite and found in the display case every day.



Broad Street Baking Company, Jackson
Primos Café & Bake Shop, Flowood, and Ridgeland

Crazy Cat Bakers, Jackson
Jody's Bakery, Hattiesburg

BEST SEAFOOD Mayflower Café

Jackson | 601.355.4122

The Mayflower Café in downtown Jackson has been serving fine seafood since the early 1930s, but it was its recent foray into films (spotted in a scene in the recent Oscar-nominated film *The Help*) that has thrown it into the spotlight. However, the regulars who frequent here on a predictable schedule can say that the Mayflower offers the best and freshest seafood around. Order anything broiled, and you won't be disappointed.



Walker's, Jackson
Mary Mahoney's, Biloxi
Half Shell Oyster House, Biloxi
AJ's, Flowood

BEST FINE DINING Nick's

Jackson | 601.981.8017 | www.nicksrestaurant.com

The longstanding winner of the best fine dining award does it again. Settling into their Fondren location, the menu boasts eclectic dining to match the heart of the Arts District. Chefs Steven D'Angelo and Frank Szymanski infuse their dishes with the freshness and quality of the Gulf Coast and New Orleans.



Walker's, Jackson
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville
Purple Parrot, Hattiesburg
Parlor Market, Jackson

BEST BUFFET Mama Hamil's

Madison | 601.856.4407 | www.hamils.com

Mama Hamil's Southern Cookin' is just \$9.50 for lunch and \$12.50 for dinner—and that's all you can eat. This buffet is full of Southern foods, from barbecue ribs to black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, and pecan pie.



Two Sisters' Kitchen, Jackson
Movie Star, Hattiesburg

BEST OTHER ETHNIC FOOD Keifer's

Jackson | 601.353.4976 | www.keifers.net

Keifer's is now sporting a new location (don't worry, it's just across the street from where it anchored for more than 30 years) that looks uncannily like the old place. The best part—the delicious wraps they are known for haven't changed a single bit. For years, people have attempted to unearth the secrets to their zazeeki sauce and famous feta dressing, now made in 60-gallon batches three times a week instead of the food processor Paula Coe and Rick Olson started out with. Upgrading is necessary when seating 225 hungry medical personnel, Millsaps kids, and then some.



Aladdin, Jackson and Flowood
Zorba's Greek Tavern, Starkville
Thai House, Jackson
Krilakis, Ridgeland

BEST KID-FRIENDLY Sal & Mookie's New York Pizza and Ice Cream Joint

Jackson | 601.368.1919 | www.salandmookies.com

Pizzas flying, red and white checked tablecloths, and an ice cream flavor known as "Superman" make this New York pizza joint in the heart of Jackson kid- and family- friendly. Any night of the week, the place is teeming with kids playing with Wikki Stix, attempting to win the next "Mookie's Wikki Wall Award," and it's okay if your little cousin spills his milk—twice. Friendly service, a bustling atmosphere, and delicious pizza means that kids give Sal & Mookie's a double thumbs up.



Rocket City Diner, Hattiesburg
Burgers and Blues, Ridgeland
Newk's, statewide
Cock of the Walk, Ridgeland and Natchez

BEST BRUNCH SPOT Restaurant Tyler

Starkville | 662.324.1014
www.eatlocalstarkville.com

Why have a plain breakfast when you can order unique creations from Starkville's Chef Ty Thames? Branch out with an Eggs Benedict Po' Boy or a crawfish etouffee omelet known as the "Crawditty," or indulge in one of his famous Belgian waffles like "The Cherry Garcia," featuring vanilla bean ice cream, cherry whipped cream, and candied pecans. Of course you can always order the Classic Breakfast if you are feeling less adventuresome.



Julep Restaurant and Bar,
Jackson
Mint, Ridgeland
Char, Jackson
Que Sera Sera, Jackson



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DINING OUT

BEST ITALIAN

Bravo! Italian Restaurant and Bar

Jackson | 601.982.8111 | www.bravobuzz.com

Bravo's incredible offering of wood-fired pizzas, pastas, and seafood will make you think you've landed in Tuscany. Part of the triumvirate of restaurants owned by Jeff Good and Dan Blumenthal, this neighborhood favorite in Highland Village is good for date night, lunch, or any occasion. You won't be saying anything other than "M... Bene" as you leave.



Amerigo, Ridgeland
Old Venice, Oxford
Stromboli's Italian Eatery, Starkville
Fratesi's, Ridgeland

BEST MEXICAN FOOD

Sombra Mexican Kitchen

Ridgeland | 601.707.7950 | www.sombramexican-kitchen.com

Sombra is locally owned and a creation from the masterminds behind Amerigo and Char. It offers the freshest ingredients in a rustic and chic setting. Items such as the Black Bean and Goat Cheese Tamale or Mexican Kitchen Nachos set it apart from the ordinary Mexican restaurant around the corner.



Papito's, Jackson, Flowood, Madison, and Oxford
El Potrillo, Madison

La Terraza, Starkville
Mexican Kitchen, Hattiesburg

BEST BLUE PLATE

Primos Café & Bake Shop

Flowood, 601.936.3398 | Ridgeland, 601.898.3600 | www.primoscafe.com

For nearly a century, Primos has been a Jackson staple, providing an array of baked goods and fresh, made-from-scratch dishes. From meatloaf to fried green tomatoes, Primos holds the tradition of a sit-down lunch sacred. Come early, because finding a parking spot or a seat can be difficult during the lunchtime rush.



The Veranda, Starkville
Ajax, Oxford
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville
Trace Grill, Ridgeland

BEST OUTDOOR DINING

Walker's Drive-In

Jackson | 601.982.2633 | www.walkersdrivein.com

Located on North State Street in the heart of Fondren, Walker's is hard to miss with its retro, neon-pink sign. While not a "drive-in" in the usual sense of the word (you won't be eating in your car), the outside patio offers a great spot to people watch while enjoying some of Walker's famous tamales.



Keifer's, Jackson
Babalu Tacos & Tapas, Jackson
Burgers and Blues, Ridgeland
Que Sera Sera, Jackson

BEST CATFISH

Jerry's

Florence | 601.845.8860 | www.jerryscatfish-house.com

When you see the giant igloo (surrounded by cars from around the country) and a line out the door, you know that you have found Jerry's. Famous for its delicious catfish, Jerry's is fried-food heaven (think of everything from frog legs to dill pickles) on Highway 49 South.



Cock of the Walk, Natchez,
Pocahontas, and Ridgeland
Penn's, statewide
The Little Dooney's, Starkville
Old Taylor Grocery, Taylor

BEST COFFEE SHOP

Cups: An Espresso Cafe

Jackson, Madison, Flowood, Magee, Brandon, and Ridgeland | www.cupspressocafe.com

Cups has been roasting its own coffee here in Mississippi since 1995, and the unparalleled flavor can be smelled when walking into one of its many locations. The "Blondie" is for those with a sweet tooth, while the "Shot in the Dark" is not for the faint of heart. Not just for the artsy crowd, Cups will satisfy coffee addicts all over the state.



Strange Brew, Starkville
Fusion, Ridgeland
Sneaky Beans, Jackson
Cuppa, Louisville



Mint, Ridgeland: Cheesecake
Restaurant Tyler, Starkville: Stuffed Pancakes
Char, Jackson: Pecan Caramel Butter Crunch Cake
Ely's, Ridgeland: Chocolate Cashew Pie



PHOTO BY: MICHAEL STRONG

BEST DESSERT - Tiramisu, Amerigo

Ridgeland | 601.977.0563 | www.amerigo.net

This light, creamy confection could possibly be the best tiramisu ever made. In fact, customers are known to order it by the panful to take home. You might find some better...say, in Italy.



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BEST MUSEUM - Mississippi Museum of Art

Jackson | 601.960.1515 | www.msmuseumart.org

In the heart of downtown Jackson, the Mississippi Museum of Art features a beautiful space with high ceilings and light wooden floors—and the best of Mississippi artists. While art visitors can enjoy a lunch at The Palette café in the large entryway of the museum, the openness of the architecture reflects their mission statement “to engage Mississippians in the visual arts.” In the spirit of this statement, the new Art Garden opened last fall, a public green space in the middle of downtown, with outdoor art installations and a performance stage.



Mississippi Children’s Museum, Jackson
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson
Ohr O’Keefe Museum, Biloxi
B.B. King Museum, Indianola



GETTING OUT

BEST GOLF COURSE Dancing Rabbit

Philadelphia | 866.44.PEARL | www.dancingrabbitgolf.com

Dancing Rabbit Golf Club's two courses provide 700 acres of lush, idyllic, natural beauty. Designed by Tom Fazio and Jerry Pate, the courses seamlessly blend nature and professionalism.



Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point
Annandale Golf Club, Madison
Fallen Oak Golf Club, Saucier
Country Club of Jackson, Jackson

BEST PERFORMING ARTS VENUE Thalia Mara

Jackson | 601.960.1537 | www.cityjackson.ms.us/visitors/thaliamarara

Thanks to Thalia Mara, the prestigious International Ballet Competition (IBC) makes its way to Jackson every four years, and the hall that bears her name hosts many other worthy events.



MSU Riley Center, Meridian
New Stage Theatre, Jackson
Gertrude C. Ford Center, Oxford
Saenger Theatre, Hattiesburg

BEST WEEKEND TRIP Natchez

800.647.6724 | www.visitnatchez.org

Natchez boasts antebellum homes, biking and walking trails, along with camping, hunting, boating, and fishing. Antiques stores and art galleries are also fun, and when the sun goes down, the music starts to play. One weekend might not be long enough.



Mississippi Gulf Coast
Oxford
Starkville
Holly Springs

BEST ATTRACTION FOR KIDS

Mississippi Children's Museum

Jackson | 601.981.5469 | www.mississippichildrensmuseum.com

Boasting more than 40,000 square feet dedicated to having fun, children can explore Mississippi's heritage, literacy, health, the arts, and industry. This spacious and exciting museum will make anyone wish they were a kid again.



Geyser Falls, Choctaw
Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport
Jackson Zoo, Jackson
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson

BEST FAIR OR FESTIVAL Neshoba County Fair

Philadelphia | 601.656.8480 | www.neshobacountyfair.org

"Mississippi's Giant House Party" takes place in the form of the Neshoba County Fair. It's been around since 1889, and fairgoers can enjoy music, horse races, a pageant, livestock shows, political speaking, amusement rides, and flea market/crafts show.



Mississippi State Fair, Jackson
Cotton District Arts Festival, Starkville
Double Decker Arts Festival, Oxford
Peter Anderson Festival, Ocean Springs

BEST FLEA MARKET Canton Flea Market

Canton | 601.859.8055 | www.cantonmsflea-market.com

Started in 1965 as a local art show with art hung on the iron fence around the Madison County courthouse, The Canton Flea Market now attracts 1,000 artists and craftsmen from around the country. The Flea Market is one of the largest outdoor crafts markets in the South.



Tupelo Gigantic Flea Market, Tupelo
Flowood Flea Market, Flowood
Flea Market at Menge, Pass Christian
First Monday Trade Days, Ripley

BEST FARMERS MARKET Mississippi Farmers Market

Jackson | 601.354.6573 | www.mdac.state.ms.us/departments/ms_farmers_market

From peaches to potatoes, the Mississippi Farmers Market is about as fresh and locally grown as it gets. Located off High Street near the State Fairgrounds, there is an assembly of craftsmen and artisans as well. Enjoy live entertainment and activities every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Starkville Community Market, Starkville
Livingston Farmers Market, Madison
Old Fannin Road Farmers Market, Brandon
Downtown Tupelo Farmers Market, Tupelo



GETTING OUT

BEST HIKING AREA/ DESTINATION

Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail

800.305.7417 | www.nps.gov/natt

Once the route of highwaymen, the 450-mile foot trail that became the Natchez Trace can still be driven from Natchez to Nashville. Five separate trails forged by Native Americans and totaling over 60 miles can also be explored on foot.



Ridgeland/Ross Barnett Reservoir Trails, Brandon, Ridgeland, and Flowood

Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo
LeFleur's Bluff State Park, Jackson
Noxbee Refuge, Brooksville

BEST PLACE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION

The South Warehouse

Jackson | 601.939.4518 | www.thesouthwarehouse.com

Wide and spacious with plenty of room for dancing, throwing the garter, and tables for guests, "The South" exudes charm and history. The building once housed a McRae's department store in 1950. A high ceiling with exposed beams and brick walls contrasts with soft floral arrangements to create a space that is welcoming and graceful.



Old Capitol Inn, Jackson
Old Waverly, West Point
Dunleith, Natchez
Fairview Inn, Jackson

BEST PARK

LeFleur's Bluff State Park

Jackson | 601.987.3923 | www.mdwfp.com/parks

Before it was Jackson, the state's capital was known as LeFleur's Bluff, after French-Canadian explorer Louis LeFleur formed a trading post on the banks of the Pearl River in the late 1700s. The 305-acre park features a golf course, camping, fishing, and picnicking spots, and nature trails. There is also a large and beautiful jungle gym for children.



Strawberry Patch Park, Madison
Winner's Circle Park, Flowood
Roosevelt State Park, Morton
Percy Quin State Park, McComb

BEST HISTORIC SITE

Vicksburg National Military Park

Vicksburg | 601.636.0583 | www.nps.gov/vick

Even if you aren't a history buff, the National Military Park located on the banks of the Mississippi River is a fascinating place—not just of Mississippi's history, but our nation's past. While the North and South didn't agree during the War, Presidents Lincoln and Davis did agree that "Vicksburg is the nail head that holds the South's two halves together...Vicksburg is the key."



The city of Natchez
Old Capitol Museum, Jackson
Rowan Oak, Oxford
Beauvoir, Biloxi

BEST HOTEL OR RESORT

The Alluvian

Greenwood | 662.453.2113 | www.thealluvian.com

What makes a hotel in the middle of the Delta so special? Maybe it's the Viking Cooking School or Giardina's Restaurant, the Spa, or the 45 luxurious rooms and five spacious suites. Regardless, the seclusion, Southern charm, and finest quality and attention to detail make The Alluvian a winner.



Hotel Chester, Starkville
Fairview Inn, Jackson
Old Capitol Inn, Jackson
The Eola Hotel, Natchez

BEST BED AND BREAKFAST

Fairview Inn

Jackson | 601.948.3429 | www.fairviewinn.com

Found on the National Register of Historic Places, the Fairview is minutes away from Jackson's downtown, museums, theaters, and Fondren's Art District. It's the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.



Old Capitol Inn, Jackson
Monmouth Plantation, Natchez
Cedar Grove Inn, Vicksburg
The Cole House, Philadelphia

BEST DOWNTOWN AREA

Oxford

662.948.3429 | www.oxfordms.com

Most commonly known as the Square, a visit downtown reveals the inspiration behind William Faulkner's fictional Yoknapatawpha County. Even today, Faulkner surveys the scene from his bench in a corner of the Square.



Starkville
Ocean Springs
Historic Fondren in Jackson
Natchez



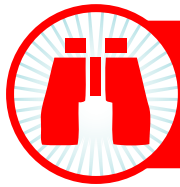
BEST PLACE TO FIND NEW COLLECTIBLES AND HOME ACCESSORIES - Summerhouse

Ridgeland | 601.853.4445 | www.summerhousestyle.com

Owned by interior designer Lisa Palmer, Summerhouse is like a breath of fresh air. The freshest names in contemporary design, bright colors, and artwork by Southern artists Paul Edelstein, Carol Cox Peaster, Connie Chapman, and Dayann Gunter give this hot spot a reputation that is well deserved.



Hearron Fine Gifts,
Ridgeland
Nancy Price Interiors,
Jackson
Annelle Primos and
Associates, Jackson
Persnickety, Madison



SEEKING OUT

BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT ANTIQUES

Interior Spaces

Jackson | 601.956.4199 | www.interiorspaces-ms.com

Located in Deville Plaza, Interior Spaces continues to find (and sell) the best antiques! With more than 40 dealers and a wide selection to choose from, Interior Spaces sells furniture, art, and accessories to enhance any home.



Interiors Market, Jackson
Antique Shops of Jackson
St. Martin's Gallery, Jackson
M. Nicholas Collection, Jackson

BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT FURNITURE

Batte Furniture & Interiors

Jackson | 601.366.0335 | www.battefurniture.com

In operation since 1883, Batte Furniture & Interiors has ample experience selling high-quality furniture. Customer service is unparalleled, and it is clear their aim is to provide items of "heirloom quality," creating beautiful and understated home spaces.



Miskelly's, Pearl
Summerhouse, Ridgeland
Ross, Pearl
Malouf Furniture and Design,
Greenwood

BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT ART

Southern Breeze Gallery

Ridgeland | 601.607.4147 | www.southern-breeze.net

With more than 60 artists, there is a plethora of art to choose from at Southern Breeze. With clear influences from Cubists to Impressionists, and Southern landscapes—sensitivity shines through each piece. Southern Breeze not only offers assistance in selecting the right art for you, but its experts will also visit your home to assess your needs. If you don't find what you are looking for, commissions are accepted through the store.



Brown's Fine Art & Framing,
Jackson
View Gallery, Ridgeland
Japonica Gallery, McComb
Fondren Art Gallery, Jackson

BEST PLACE TO FIND A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

A Daisy a Day

Jackson | 601.982.4438 | www.adaisyaday-jackson.com

A Daisy a Day provides the widest selection of flowers for any occasion. The perfect presents for Birthdays, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, prom, and anniversaries are a quick stop or phone call away. Creative designs and stellar service make A Daisy a Day a cut above the rest.



Alford's Flowers, McComb
Oxford Floral Company, Oxford
Drake's Designs Florist & Gifts, Inc.,
Jackson
The University Florist, Starkville

BEST GIFT SHOP

Persnickety

Madison | 601.853.9595

Gift giving has never been so easy! Two full floors of exquisite offerings, a china department, and accessories that will suit any occasion make Persnickety simply the best place to find the perfect gift for the special person on your list.



Apple Annie's, Brandon
The Purple Elephant, Starkville and
Columbus
Giggleswick, Starkville
Kademi, Philadelphia

BEST YARD AND GARDEN SHOP

Callaway's Yard & Garden Center

Ridgeland | 601.957.1731 | www.callaways.ms

Serving the Jackson community for more than 50 years, Callaway's offers a garden center and nursery with everything from perennials to tropical plants, complete with pottery, fountains, and one of the largest outdoor furniture selections in the state—all to make a garden space flourish. Their services extend to landscaping and irrigation, and around Christmas time, you'll find more than just poinsettias to decorate your home.



Lakeland Yard and Garden Center,
Jackson
Martinson's Gardenworks,
Ridgeland
Madison Fireplace & Patio, Madison
Sprout, Starkville

BEST PLACE TO FIND TRENDY FASHIONS

Deep South Pout

Starkville | 662.324.6055 | www.deepsouth-pout.com

This new haven for all Southern fashionistas sells an incredible array of women's apparel, shoes, jewelry, and accessories. Fun colors and funky designs await those who enter and leave a little trendier.



Material Girls, Jackson
CoatTails, Ridgeland
Libby Story, Ridgeland
Friend Girl Things, McComb

BEST SOURCE FOR THE WELL-DRESSED WOMAN

CoatTails

Ridgeland | 601.853.1313 | www.coattailsllc.com

Even the window displays exude elegance, preparing you for Mississippi's finest upscale shopping experience. At CoatTails, the service is excellent, and there are two floors and countless designer lines to browse. Whether it's a casual night out or a black-tie wedding, CoatTails will have you turning heads.



Maison Weiss, Jackson
Deep South Pout, Starkville
High Cotton, Jackson
McB's, Hattiesburg

BEST BRIDAL SHOP

Bridal Path

Jackson | 601.982.8267 | www.bridalpathinc.com

For the sixth year running, Bridal Path has taken the cake, and it's no surprise after being selected as one of the 50 best independent wedding salons in the nation by *Brides* magazine. A comprehensive selection of designer gowns, bridesmaids' dresses, and attire for the mothers of the bride and flower girls makes Bridal Path Mississippi's source for wedding fashions.



Imaginations, Brookhaven
Kay's Creations, Tupelo
A Southern Affair, Jackson
Christine's Couture, Starkville

BEST KITCHEN SHOP

Everyday Gourmet

Jackson and Ridgeland | 800.898.0122 | www.theeverydaygourmet.com

Whether for a seasoned cook or beginning chef, Everyday Gourmet has every gadget and gizmo to help do it right. Carrying everything from Viking and Le Creuset cookware to Gail Pittman Pottery and Annieglass, you are sure to find the perfect wedding gift or piece for your collection; their wide range of products sets them apart, and their helpful staff is eager to assist with all of your cooking needs.



Thyme, Starkville
The Kitchen Table, Hattiesburg
On the Menu, Ocean Springs
Viking Cooking Store, Greenwood

BEST PLACE TO FIND CHILDREN'S APPAREL

Popfizz

Jackson | 601.977.1000 | www.popfizzkids.com

From fashion forward and fun to traditional and time-honored, Popfizz has it all for infants through junior sizes for girls and boys. Find the perfect shower gift, birthday happy, or fun accessory for your tot or teen at one of the state's largest children's clothing stores. Offering everything from shoes to accessories and more, Popfizz is your little one's one-stop clothing store.



Polka Tots, Starkville
Lemon Meringue, Ridgeland
Sweet Dreams Children's Boutique,
Madison
Polka Dot Pony, Jackson



BEST SOURCE FOR THE WELL-DRESSED MAN

The Rogue & Good Co.

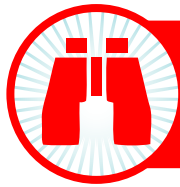
Jackson | 601.362.6383 | www.therogue.com

Ladies—do you like your Southern men well dressed and freshly pressed? Gentlemen—want to minimize shopping time but maximize the experience? The Rogue takes care of all sartorial needs, from the golf course to the office, with brands such as Southern Tide and Robert Talbott, among others. Specialty "The Rogue Brand" neckwear and khaki trousers can also be found here.



Kinkade's, Ridgeland
George Sherman Clothiers, Starkville

Great Scott, Jackson
Reed's, Tupelo



SEEKING OUT

BEST MOTHER OF THE BRIDE SHOP

Fashion Post

Jackson | 601.982.8267 | www.fashionpostjxn.com

Fashion Post will have mothers dressed up and ready to go on the big day. Carrying products by Jade and Mon Cheri, even the brand names suggest a certain elegance. Fashion Post also carries shoes and Spanx products to have mom poised and ready for pictures.



CoatTails, Ridgeland
Imaginations, Brookhaven
Barbara's Boutique, Ridgeland
Kay's Creations, Tupelo

BEST PLACE TO FIND BABY ITEMS

Sweet Dreams Children's Boutique

Madison | 601.856.2080

Stop in for the perfect gift for the new arrival or find just what you need to outfit your little one in style. With a vast selection of nursery décor, custom-designed bedding, elegant cribs, clothing, and accessories, your bundle of joy will have only Sweet Dreams after shopping at Mississippi's finest baby boutique.



Polka Tots, Starkville
Smitten, Ridgeland
Nursery Rhymes LLC, Jackson
Expectations Maternity Shop,
Brookhaven and Hattiesburg

BEST PLACE TO FIND ANTIQUE JEWELRY

Juniker Jewelry Company

Jackson | 601.366.3754 | www.junikerjewelry.com

A fourth-generation family business, Juniker Jewelry provides a level of care and attention to detail that is unrivaled. Antique, one-of-a-kind jewelry from the Elizabethan, Victorian, Edwardian, art nouveau, art deco, and retro periods is available for style-savvy shoppers. The exclusive Mississippi Heritage Collection features jewelry settings designed and crafted to honor antique styling.



Van Atkins Jewelers, New Albany
Albriton's Jewelers, Jackson
Russell's, Greenwood

BEST PLACE TO FIND NEW JEWELRY

Turkoyz

Jackson, Hattiesburg, and Oxford | 601.264.3335

Turkoyz shimmers when you walk in—shelves upon shelves of jewelry organized by type, color, and material. Have your pick from high-fashion metal to semi-precious stones, as well as an assortment of frames, handbags, and other festive gifts.



Juniker Jewelry Company, Jackson
Albriton's Jewelers, Jackson
B. Fine Art Jewelry, Ridgeland
Stein Jewelry Company, Madison

BEST SALON

Barnette's Salon

Jackson and Ridgeland | 601.362.9550
www.barnettessalon.com

According to *Elle* magazine, Barnette's ranks in the top 100 salons in the country. The expert staff will give you the cut, coloring, and style you need to let down your hair and show off the new you.



Watercolor Salon, Ridgeland
Salon 11, Ridgeland
La Rousse, Oxford
Highlights Hair Salon, Starkville

BEST DAY SPA

Aqua the Day Spa

Jackson and Ridgeland | 601.362.9550
www.aquathedayspa.com

With two locations—at Banner Hall in Jackson and Renaissance in Ridgeland—there's no excuse to avoid being pampered. Aqua offers a wide range of services, including massages, facials, body treatments, manicures, pedicures, and more.



Brickerton Day Spa, Columbus
The Alluvian Spa, Greenwood
Drench Day Spa, Ridgeland
Vitality Skin & Spa, Starkville



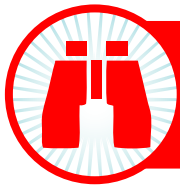
BEST PLACE TO FIND SHOES & ACCESSORIES - Maison Weiss

Jackson | 601.981.4621 | www.maisonweiss.com

Shoes and accessories can make or break an outfit, and at Maison Weiss you will always find the perfect touch. Names like Tory Burch, Jimmy Choo, Chloe, Prada, and even those beautiful red-soled Louboutins will have you in designer heaven.



Deep South Pout, Starkville
CoatTails, Ridgeland
My Favorite Shoes, Oxford
Material Girls, Flowood, Ridgeland,
Oxford, and Hattiesburg



SEEKING OUT

BEST PLACE TO PAMPER YOUR PET

Diva Dog

Ridgeland | 601.856.1616

Hair dye, teeth brushing, and custom-made birthday cakes...oh wait, this is for your dog? Now it's time for man's best friend to sit back and relax (or run around to their heart's delight) while being groomed at the pet spa. Whether its rhinestone collars, the perfect pet bed, or special treats, look no further as Diva Dog has all your puppy needs covered.



The Dog Wash, Jackson
Chateau La Pooch, Madison
The Shaggy Hound, Greenville and Starkville
Pampered Pooch Pet Grooming of Pontotoc, Pontotoc

BEST PLACE TO FIND A GREAT BOOK

Lemuria

Jackson, 601.366.7619 www.lemuriabooks.com

The Lemurians were said to be able to communicate through mental telepathy until the gods grew displeased, took away this highly useful skill, and left them with books. However, the literary crowd isn't complaining, since it left us with Lemuria. This is everything a bookstore should be—somewhere to browse for hours on end without really knowing what you're looking for and stumbling across a great read.



Square Books, Oxford
Turn Row Book Company, Greenwood
Pentimento Books, Clinton
Main Street Books, Hattiesburg

BEST PLACE TO FIND GREAT STATIONERY

Fresh Ink

Jackson | 601.982.0235 | www.fresh-ink.com

Fresh Ink in Highland Village supplies wedding invitations, thank-you cards, and other stationery that will have Emily Post applauding good manners. From engraved wedding invitations to letterpress announcements, Fresh Ink can customize to suit everyone's needs. There is no excuse to forgo thanking your great-aunt for the lovely garden gnome she sent you last Christmas.



The Paper Place, Jackson
Holmes Stationers & Gifts, Summit
Sincerely Yours, Madison
Ann's Stationery Inc., Starkville

BEST RESALE OR CONSIGNMENT SHOP

Repeat Street

Ridgeland | 601.605.9393 | www.repeatstreet.net

For the third year running, Repeat Street provides an ever-changing collection of resale items. Men's and women's clothing and home decor are waiting to be discovered in this mecca filled with approximately 3,000 new items each week!



Repeat Street Revolution, Starkville
Bargain Boutique, Jackson
Leap Frog, Madison
Twice Is Nice, McComb



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