

The CIVIL WAR In Mississippi

Many of the fiercest battles of the Civil War were fought on Mississippi soil. It was a time considered by many to be the darkest hour in this nation's history. Tour countless battlefields, monuments and historic cemeteries, to capture a glimpse of history re-lived at exciting reenactments staged throughout the year.

Day 1 Corinth

Begin your tour in Corinth, just 20 miles south of Shiloh Tennessee. This town was at the strategic junction of four major railroads, and thus became the site of the bloodiest battle in Mississippi history. Learn about this and other events at the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center. Next, tour Battery Robinett, the reconstruction of one of five earthen batteries built by the Federal army. Visit the historic Corinth Train Depot, Curlee House and the Northeast Mississippi Museum with Civil War displays and artifacts.

Day 2 CORINTH TO BALDWIN TO TUPELO 51 MILES. TUPELO TO ABERDEEN TO COLUMBUS 63 MILES

Continue south to Baldwin and Brice's Cross Roads, site of a major Confederate victory under General Nathan Bedford Forrest. In Tupelo, examine the Tupelo National Battlefield and continue on to the nearby town of Aberdeen. Tour the Gregg-Hamilton House, a planter's cottage once owned by a Confederate Congressman. Travel to Columbus.

Day 3 COLUMBUS TO JACKSON ...146 MILES

Visit Friendship Cemetery, where in 1866 several ladies decided to decorate the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers. This kind act attracted national attention, leading to the creation of Memorial Day. Tour some of this historic town's antebellum homes and churches. Travel to Jackson, the state capital once known as "Chimneyville" because it was put to the torch on three separate occasions by Union forces. Tour the Old Capitol Museum, the Governor's Mansion, Boyd House, "The Oaks," City Hall and Manship House, all of which survived the war.

Day 4 JACKSON TO VICKSBURG ...44 MILES

Continue to Vicksburg, the "Gibraltar of the Confederacy." Be sure to watch the film, "The Vanishing Glory," and browse through the Old Court House Museum. Drive through the monumental Vicksburg National Military Park, and tour the USS Cairo Museum. Head south on Highway 61 to Port Gibson, the town Ulysses S. Grant declared "too beautiful to burn." Tour Grand Gulf Military Park. Don't miss the Ruins of Windsor, the largest antebellum mansion ever built in Mississippi.

Day 5 PORT GIBSON TO NATCHEZ ...43 MILES

Drive to Natchez, the oldest permanent settlement on the Mississippi River. Over 500 antebellum structures line the streets of this charming old river city. Many of the mansions they built still stand as testimony of the opulent era of King Cotton and are open daily for tours. Take a quiet stroll through Natchez National Cemetery and Natchez City Cemetery. Visit nearby Washington and Historic Jefferson College, once attended by Jefferson Davis and occupied by Union troops.

Day 6 NATCHEZ

Spend the morning browsing through the many antique shops throughout the town. Have lunch in the mysterious ambiance of King's Tavern, built at the very terminus of the old Natchez Trace. Then tour several antebellum homes and Natchez Under The Hill.

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