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Ridgeland: Hospitality as an Art Form

It takes an adventurous spirit to create culinary masterpieces, patience and skill to complete a 100-mile bike ride and colorful vision to transform a blank canvas into a true work of art. Ridgeland, Mississippi has grown from a small artist colony to a premier shopping and dining destination with over 160 restaurants and quality accommodations.

Stop at any - or all! - of the merchants on the Ridgeland Retail Trail, a virtual collection of specialty shopping malls, exclusive boutiques and antique stores, all within minutes of one another. If you've shopped till you've dropped, you will need to recharge at one of our quality hotels, many just steps away from luxurious spas.

If local cuisine is more your flavor, Ridgeland can cure any craving, whether white tablecloth or waterfront. World-renowned chefs with the finest steak and seafood are situated yards away from casual dining and craft beer. And there's no need to hop on an airplane if you want authentic international dishes! From Mediterranean to French to Latin to Japanese, dinner in our city is a global experience.

While in town, you will also want to explore the Natchez Trace Parkway, a 444-mile National Scenic Byway that connects Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi and runs right through Ridgeland. Travelers on this path enjoy miles of scenic trails and a roadway perfect for motorcycling, RVing and bicycling. Each stretch of "The Trace" is different, home to state parks, riding trails, Civil War historic interpretations, American-Indian artifacts, cultural and heritage opportunities and recreational waterways.

One such waterway is the 33,000-acre Ross Barnett Reservoir featuring parks, campgrounds, boating, fishing, swimming, paved trails, pavilions, and wildlife viewing. Perfect for both relaxing picnics and exhilarating events like the Dragon Boat Regatta and the Heatwave Classic Triathlon.

Situated between the Natchez Trace Parkway and the reservoir is the 20,000 square foot Mississippi Crafts Center showcasing a colorful array of traditional arts and contemporary crafts created by artisans of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. Shopping for art in Ridgeland doesn't end there as you can admire and purchase works at one of our many art galleries displaying unique works by local and regional artists.

We even have a whole weekend dedicated to the arts! Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival is a splendid celebration of America's finest artists offering unique and inventive works created from your favorite mediums. Visitors enjoy a multitude of other festival activities such as the Children's Creative Crafts Corner, student art gallery and live music, as well as the Santé South Wine Festival, an international showcase of the world's premier wines and some of Mississippi's most succulent culinary delights.

Be sure to visit www.visitridgeland.com to view our wide range of special events and festivals, and with the capital city of Jackson just moments away, it's easy to plan an extended trip while staying in Ridgeland. Connect with us today on Facebook or Twitter or give us a call at 800.468.6078 to experience Ridgeland's most abundant art form – our hospitality.

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The Ridgeland Tourism Commission

The Ridgeland Tourism Commission markets and promotes the City of Ridgeland as a destination of travel providing support for the Ridgeland Tourism industry and fostering awareness of the industry's significance to create economic growth and opportunity through its travel industry.