

# ARTS, CRAFTS, AND CULTURE

## RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

I-55 EXITS 103 AND 105



### DAY 1 A DAY IN RIDGELAND

**ARRIVE** in Ridgeland and check in at one of our stylish and inviting hotels. After unpacking, stop by the **Ridgeland Visitors Center** located in the beautiful **Renaissance at Colony Park**. Our Visitor Center staff can't wait to welcome you to Ridgeland with a wealth of area information, tips for exploring, and maybe even send you on your way with a bag of Ridgeland goodies!

**STROLL** the cobble stone streets of the Old World style, **Renaissance at Colony Park**. Renaissance sets architectural artistry against lavish landscaping to create an experience beyond just scoring the perfect shopping finds. Not only will you discover local and high-end boutiques, lifestyle shops, and the state's only Apple Store but also interactive water features, sidewalk cafes, and an inviting village center.

**SAVOR** culinary creations designed to delight the artist at heart. With local in the name, **Local 463 Urban Kitchen** is a Ridgeland favorite serving southern comfort food with a big city twist. You can't go wrong with anything on this award winning menu, but might we suggest the **Honey-Rosemary Fried Chicken** or the outrageously delicious, **Dr. Pepper-Braised beef Short Ribs**. Enjoy your meal on the spacious outdoor patio or in the bright, contemporary dining room with walls adorned with the work of local artists.

**INDULGE** your sweet tooth after lunch with a treat from **The Whimsy Cookie Company**! This cookie shop isn't just famous for their signature **Goopy Butter Cookies**. Whimsy is co-owned by **Collins Tuey Smith**. You might recognize her as a member of the Tuey family whose life was documented in the Hollywood Blockbuster, **The Blind Side**.



RENAISSANCE AT COLONY PARK



LOCAL 463 URBAN KITCHEN



WHIMSY COOKIE COMPANY

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DRENCH DAY SPA

### UNWIND

from a day of treasure hunting. Return to your hotel or book an appointment at one of Ridgeland's boutique spas. From **Mani's and Pedi's Nail Salon** to Swedish, deep stone massages at **Drench Day Spa**, Ridgeland offers a variety of luxury treatments to have you looking and feeling refreshed. Don't worry guys, if "macho manis" are not your thing, head to the **Noble Barber** for a hot shave and a cold beer. Yes, there is a bar located right inside the barber shop.



SOULSHINE PIZZA FACTORY

### FILL

your soul with a pizza dinner at **Soulshine Pizza Factory**. Soulshine offers a diverse array of gourmet pizzas, calzones, oven-baked sandwiches and savory salads with a soulful, Delta twist. With 12 craft beers on tap, great vibes, and live music, there's no wonder why Soulshine is one of Ridgeland's favorite places to grab a slice.



B&B THEATRES NORTHPARK 14

### GRAB

your popcorn and prepare for a not-so-regular night at the movies with **B&B Theatres'** new **MX4D® Motion EFX Theatre**. MX4D® provides a totally immersive environment, where you actually "feel" the action on the screen from the built-in motion and effects in the seats and theatre around you. Enjoy the adrenaline rush as your **seat rolls and tilts** in a heart-pounding car chase. Immerse yourself in a sea-faring scene with **fog, wind**, and the **scent of ocean air**.

## DAY 2 MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS



### WAKE

up to Grab and Go breakfast at your hotel and get ready to experience the area's exceptional array of museums. We are heading to Mississippi's Capital and Ridgeland's neighboring city of Jackson to experience the art and culture of the **Mississippi Museum of Civil Rights, Museum of Mississippi History**, and **Mississippi Museum of Art**.

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MS CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

**LEARN** through the stories of a Mississippi movement that changed the nation. **The Mississippi Museum of Civil Rights** promotes a greater understanding of the Mississippi Civil Rights movement through eight interactive galleries. Cutting edge technology, carefully curated archival materials and a storytelling eye for detail bring compelling history to life at this nationally renowned museum.



MUSEUM OF MS HISTORY

**The Museum of Mississippi History** takes a longer, broader view of the state, with exhibits stretching back to the first native peoples and offering a full sweep of history with intimate and vivid touches like the music of Mississippi blues greats filling the air in a meticulously recreated Delta juke joint.



MS MUSEUM OF ART

**LUNCH** in a 1.2 acre park in the heart of downtown Jackson at the **Mississippi Museum of Art's Art Garden**. The garden boasts outdoor seating, walking pathways, and sculptures throughout. Groups can enjoy a catered lunch by the museum's restaurant, La Brioche in the garden before exploring the museum.



BILL WALLER CRAFT CENTER

**ENGAGE** in exciting works of art from Mississippi talents and beyond at the **Mississippi Museum of Art**. Known as one of the state's premier cultural attractions, the museum features world-class collections and a full calendar of exhibitions and events to inspire any group anytime of year.

**HEAD** back to Ridgeland with your mind and hearts full of artistic inspiration and cultural discoveries. Get ready to pour your inspirations into a creation of your own at the **Bill Waller Craft Center**.

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CRAFT CENTER RETAIL GALLERY

**CRAFT** with the Craftmen's Guild of Mississippi operating out of the **Bill Waller Craft Center**, a sleekly modern and inviting facility nestled in the lush trees of the **Natchez Trace Parkway**. Try your hand at **batiking**, **calligraphy**, **pottery**, **stained glass** or **wire wrapped jewelry**. Carve your own masterpiece in the **power carving class**, **create fish fly ties** that are so beautifully eye-catching they're often used as Christmas ornaments, or get your hands a little dirty in the **blacksmiths class**. Want to take a piece of Mississippi home with you? The Craft Center operates a **retail gallery** full of handcrafted treasures for everyone to enjoy.



ELY'S RESTAURANT & BAR

**RETURN** to your hotel and prepare to unwind from a fun filled day. Perhaps enjoying a **Pineapple Ely**, pineapple infused Tito's Vodka, while overlooking the bustling and beautiful Jackson Street, will do just the trick.



RENAISSANCE SHOW FOUNTAIN

**INHALE** the scents of sizzling award-winning steaks and fresh seafood as you find yourself seated in the upscale and contemporary dining room of **Ely's Restaurant & Bar**. One look at Ely's menu will leave no question as to why Ridgeland is known as the "**Steakhouse Capital of Mississippi**." After dinner, take a walk under the stars down the charming, **Jackson Street** or enjoy the sights and sounds of the **Renaissance Show Fountain**. You won't want to miss the more than 200 color changing LED lights and 62 robotic nozzles dancing together in a breathtaking, interactive show.

**REST** soundly in your hotel from a day full of arts, crafts, and culture.

### DAY 3

**GRAB** breakfast at your hotel and head home with all your treasures and experiences from Ridgeland. We hope to see you back soon!



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