

In TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI
Where tomorrows are made!

**VISITORS GUIDE** 





From electricity to Elvis Presley, Tupelo has always been at the forefront of progressive thinking. The city has renewed itself many times, but one thing has remained true always ... Tupelo is an upbeat, happy city where people believe they can accomplish anything. **#VisitMSResponsibly** 





















WHERE TO REST YOUR HEAD IN TUPELO Looking for a great night's sleep? Tupelo has you covered. With over 2,200 hotel rooms, Tupelo has the perfect place to lay your head. Tupelo's newest options include **Hotel Tupelo**, the city's newest boutique property located in the heart of Downtown Tupelo, **Tru by Hilton** and **Home2 Suites** opened in early 2022 near the Barnes Crossing Shopping District.

WHERE TO SAVOR THE FLAVOR IN TUPELO An emerging culinary destination in the South, Tupelo's foodie scene is nothing short of spectacular. The city is home to more than 160 restaurants, with new eateries opening constantly. Among the newest culinary hotspots is Jobos, located inside Hotel Tupelo. A line forms every day at O' Lucky B's Famous Nachos and Tupelo Golden Spudz Bar & Grill serves some of the best burgers, loaded fries, and specialty spuds around. Chipotle Mexican Grill is the newest restaurant in the Barnes Crossing Shopping District.

WHAT'S COMING New things are popping up all over the place in the city where anything is possible. Tupelo will welcome Ethel Mae's, Mod Burger, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, Marco's Pizza, Just Love Café, Slim Chickens, and Asian Foods Market & Restaurant in 2022. The TownPlace Suites by Marriott will also break ground near the Barnes Crossing Shopping District in 2022. Visit tupelo.net to stay up-to-date on all of the newest happenings in town.

Like, Follow, and Share MyTupelo on social media!











The Tupelo Visitors Center is the perfect starting point for any trip to the city where anything is possible. From interactive exhibits that highlight the city's top attractions and a collective timeline of Tupelo's rich history, to displays focused on Elvis' childhood in Tupelo as told like never before, the Tupelo Visitors Center will fully prepare visitors for exploring this unique, southern town.



#### **Exhibits**

These exhibits are all located on the grounds of the Elvis Presley Birthplace and are viewable without charge:

- Walk of Life
- "Elvis at 13" statue
- "Becoming" statue
- "Elvis' Early Years" film
- Mississippi Blues Trail
   Marker
- Mississippi Country Music Trail Marker
- Mississippi Historic Landmark Marker
- Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel
- Story Wall
- Fountain of Life
- "Memphis Bound" car exhibit
- Gift Shop
- "Reflections" pond

These top-notch interpretive exhibits located on the grounds of the birthplace are well worth the small price of admission:

- Birthplace House Tour
- Elvis' Childhood Church
- Elvis Presley Museum

Culture

& History

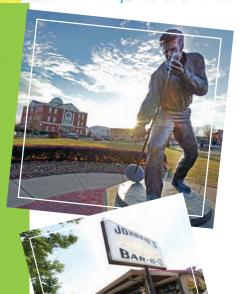


## Tupelo, Mississippi Elvis' Tupelo Driving Tour

Featuring 14 significant places he frequented in his youth...



- 1. Tupelo Visitors Center & Previous Site of Shakerag
- 2. Previous Site of Tupelo Fairgrounds
- 3. The Elvis Homecoming Statue
- 4. Tupelo Hardware Store
- 5. Lee County Courthouse
- 6. Lyric Theatre
- 7. Lee County Library
- 8. Milam Junior High
- 9. Previous Site of Mayhorn's Grocery Store
- 10. Johnnie's Drive-In
- 11. Lawhon Elementary School
- 12. Mud Creek Swimming Hole
- 13. Previous Site of Assembly of God Church
- Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum



Tupelo is proud to offer a shopper's paradise with a diverse collection of one-of-a-kind shops including pottery, antiques, unique bookstores, boutiques, and a regional mall. Three of our most distinct shopping areas are historic Downtown Tupelo, Midtown District, and the Barnes Crossing District. The shopping is great all over, so hit all the nooks and crannies, and you are sure to find a shop you love.





It's a no-brainer to seek out music while in the birthplace of Elvis! Ask a local — we all keep our ear to the ground for the beat of the drum — or visit **tupelo.net** and the events calendar for up-to-date live music listings. Below is a quick guide of live music venues to get you started:



#### Amsterdam Deli & Grill 128 Main St. @amsterdamdeli

#### Blue Canoe

2006 N. Gloster St. bluecanoebar.com @Bluecanoetupelo

#### **Brick and Spoon**

1201 N. Gloster St. @BrickAndSpoonTupelo

#### Change

5339 Cliff Gookin Blvd. @changetupelo

#### Downunder

2006 N. Gloster St. downundertupelo.com @downundertupelo

Holland's Bar and Grill 5952 N. Gloster St. @hollandsgrills Lone Star Schooner Bar and Grill 3952 N. Gloster St., Ste. F

#### Lost + Found Coffee Co. 910 Robert E. Lee Dr. Ext. @lostandfoundcoffeeco

Nautical Whimsey 210 Main St. @Nauticalwhimseyofficial

#### Romie's Grocery

804 W. Jackson St. romies.net @romiesgrocery

#### Steele's Dive

4187 Main St. steelesdive.net @steelesdive

#### The Stables

206 N. Spring St. @stables.tupelo

#### Woody's

619 Gloster St. woodyssteak.com





## Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum

662-841-1245 elvispresleybirthplace.cor

Admission to some exhibits, others free

See page 3 for detailed information

#### **Tupelo Visitors Center**

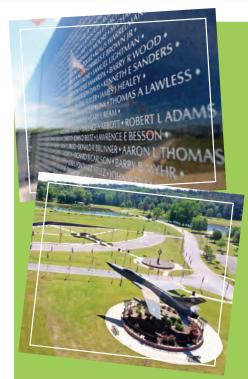
399 East Main Street 662-841-6521 tupelo.net

Free admission

See page 2 for detailed information







#### Vietnam Veterans Replica Wall Memorial

800 North Veterans Boulevard in Veterans Park 662-841-6440 Free admission

Located at Veterans Park just one mile south of I-22, Exit 87, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a permanent 300' black granite replica of the wall in Washington, D.C. It is inscribed with the names of 58,267 KIA's and MIA's of the Vietnam War.

#### Heritage Trail Enrichment Program

The Heritage Trails Enrichment
Program preserves Tupelo's rich
history and tells the city's story
through the interpretation of
major sites on a Chickasaw Native
American Trail, Civil War Trail, and
Civil Rights & African American
Heritage Trail. Each distinct trail
explores specific people, places,
and events that shaped Tupelo's
story during that time. The trails
preserve and interpret the
remarkable things that have shaped
what make this city what it is today.

Trail maps can be found at www.tupelo.net.





#### **Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo** 2272 North Coley Road 866-272-BISON (4766) tupelobuffalopark.com

Admission

What started out as a few buffalo on a cattle farm has quickly transformed into a herd of buffalo and over 300 exotic animals on a 200-acre park setting. More than 100,000 people come through the attraction each year to ride the monster bison bus, pet the farm animals, and revel in the height of the giraffe. Among the attractions are replicas of Chickasaw structures, a live pony carousel, party pavilions, trail rides, and reptile and bird exhibits.

#### Natchez Trace Parkway

2680 Natchez Trace Parkway 800-305-7417 nps.gov/natr www.scenictrace.com

-ree admission

A 444-mile national scenic byway that runs from Natchez, Mississippi, to Nashville, Tennessee, the Natchez Trace Parkway began as a footpath for Native Americans 8,000 years ago. Offering a scenic, leisurely journey for motorists, cyclists, and hikers year-round, the Natchez Trace Parkway is a byway into the past. Parkway headquarters are located in Tupelo, and the Visitor Center offers a variety of exhibits, displays, and an orientation program. Information can also be found at



8 | TUPELO VISITORS GUIDE TUPELO VISITORS GUIDE | 9





#### Mississippi's Final Stands Civil War Center

607 Grisham Street, Baldwyr (just north of Tupelo) 662-365-3969 finalstands.com

#### **Admissior**

A 2,500 square-foot interpretive center laying out the history of the Battle of Tupelo/Harrisburg and the Battle of Brice's Crossroads is located near a 1,200-acre battleground where the Battle of Brice's Crossroads was fought. The Interpretive Center is a great place to begin to explore the last two stands made by soldiers in Mississippi during the Civil War. From the center, you can visit many sites interpreted throughout the region that lay out the two battles including battlefields, cemeteries, and trails.

#### Oren Dunn City Museum/Tupelo Veterans Museum

689 Rutherford Road 662-841-6438 orendunncitymuseum.com

#### Admission

In the telling of Tupelo's history, the Oren Dunn City Museum captures the essence of the American story in rural America. From a vintage village, including an original dogtrot cabin, to year-round educational programming, visitors at the museum are invited to re-live the history of a community named the "First All-America City."

Tupelo Veterans Museum, housed inside the city museum, displays a private collection compiled to remember the wars fought by Americans. Chronologically, the museum's treasures begin with the Civil War and feature a document signed by Abraham Lincoln, a pistol, a soldier's diary, and items soldiers carried in their pockets.





#### Pvt. John Allen National Fish Hatchery

111 Elizabeth Street 662-842-1341 fws.gov/southeast//private-john-allen

Free admission

Operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the hatchery spawns fish to stock rivers, lakes, and reservoirs for restoration and for the benefit of anglers.

### Mississippi Hills Exhibit Center

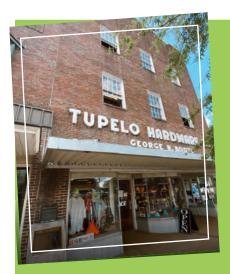
398 East Main Street 662-269-2580 mississippihills.org

Free admission

The Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area covers a 30-county region affectionately known as the "Hill Country." Culture is heavily influenced by the intersection of the Appalachian Region and the Mississippi Delta, while the Hills has its own cultural persona evident throughout the region. The center displays little-known facts about Mississippi legends and offers an abundance of information on members throughout the region. It's your best stop to understand the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.







#### **Tupelo Hardware Company**

114 West Main Street 662-842-4637 tupelohardware.com

#### Free admission

Founded in 1925, by the same family that owns it today, Tupelo Hardware Company played a pivotal role in music history. In January 1945, Gladys and Elvis Presley entered Tupelo Hardware to look for Elvis a birthday present. The story goes that Elvis wanted a rifle, and being very protective of her young charge, Gladys refused. It is said that Elvis reacted quite loudly to the refusal, and a store employee and Presley family friend reached into a case and brought out a guitar and handed it to the boy, hoping to calm him down. Elvis loved the guitar and agreed to purchase it instead of the rifle

#### Lyric Theatre

200 North Broadway 662-844-1935 tctwebstage.com/wordpress/

#### Admission

This historic theatre is one of the finest live theatre facilities in the South.



#### TCT Off Broadway

213 East Franklin Street 662-844-1935 tctwebstage.com/wordpress/

Tupelo Community Theatre's Off-Broadway venue is located just a few blocks from the organization's legendary Lyric Theatre and is a smaller, more intimate venue.



#### Link Centre 1800 West Main Stree 662-690-4011 link-centre org

A multi-tenant, nonprofit facility which is home to organizations ranging from North Mississippi Symphony Orchestra to West of Shake Rag Improv Group, with three performance hall/rental venues and a commercial kitchen.



#### Queen's Reward Meadery

1719 McCullough Boulevard 662-823-6323 queensreward.com

Mississippi's first and only meadery is a small-batch meadery that produces a wide variety of meads from traditional dry and sweet to fruit-flavored meads including cranberry and lemonade. All the honey used in Queen's Reward's meads is locally sourced.







#### **GumTree Museum of Art**

211 West Main Street 662-844-2787 gumtreemuseum.com

This facility is noted for its Impressive revolving exhibits and oroduction of the annual Gumtree Art & Wine Festival.

#### **BancorpSouth Arena**

375 East Main Street 662-841-6528 bcsarena.com

#### Admission

This 10,000-seat venue plays host to everything from major music events like Elton John and Tim McGraw to meetings and trade shows.







#### Elvis Guitar Trail

More than 25, six foot guitars - all Elvis-themed - have become a permanent part of Downtown Tupelo's cityscape making the perfect photo op during your visit.

For a full list of guitars, visit tupelo.net.

#### **Music Trails**

The Mississippi Blues Trail marks a unique journey in the land that spawned the single most important root source of modern popular music. The Mississippi Country Music Trail marks the heritage of country music, a direct descendant of the Blues. Trail markers at the Elvis Presley Birthplace and the Shake Rag community at the Tupelo Visitors Center recount Tupelo's heritage.



14 | TUPELO VISITORS GUIDE | 15



### Eat Well...

Tupelo's culinary scene is as much a part of the experience as visiting the city's many unique attractions. From lipsmacking barbeque and crispy, fried chicken to farm fresh creations and traditional southern meat-and-three, Tupelo's restaurants can satisfy even the pickiest of palates.











Visit www.tupelo.net/about-tupelo/ to request a Restaurant Guide. Follow and tag #tupelofoodie on social media.



#### **LODGING**

#### America's Best Value Inn

4701 Leeb Drive 662-269-6220 americasbestvalueinn.com

#### America's Best Value Inn/Barnes Crossing

897 Harmony Lane 662-205-4441

#### **Baymont Inn**

625 Spicer Drive 662-844-7660 Reservations: 1-877-229-6668 baymontinntupelo@gmail.com baymontinns.com

#### **Best Western Plus Inn and Suites**

3158 North Gloster St. 662-847-0300 Reservations: 1-800-780-7234 bestwestern.com

#### **Candlewood Suites**

979 North Gloster St. 662-553-4649 Reservations: 866-539-0036 candlewoodsuites.com

#### Clarion Inn

852 North Gloster St. 662-844-4343 choicehotels.com

#### **Comfort Inn**

1532 McCullough Boulevard 662-840-0340 | 877-226-3539 choicehotels.com

#### **Comfort Suites**

1064 Carter Cove 662-432-1550 | 877-424-6423 choicehotels.com

#### Commodore Motel

1800 East Main St. 662-842-9074

#### **Courtyard by Marriott**

1320 North Gloster St. 662-841-9960 Reservations: 1-800-321-2211 courtyard.com

#### Days Inn

1015 North Gloster St. 662-842-0088 Reservations: 1-800-329-7466 daysinn.com

#### Econolodge

879 Mississippi Drive 662-840-2380 econolodge.com

#### **Economy Inn**

708 North Gloster St. 662-842-1213



#### Fairfield Inn and Suites

3070 Tom Watson Road 662-680-6798

#### Hampton Inn and Suites

1116 Carter Cove 662-821-0317 Reservations: 1-800-426-7866

#### Hilton Garden Inn

363 East Main Street 662-718-5500 tupelo.stayhgi.com

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

1612 McClure Cove 662-620-8184 Reservations: 1-800-465-4329 hiexpress.com/tupeloms

#### **Holiday Inn & Suites**

923 North Gloster Street 662-269-0096 Reservations: 1-800-465-4329

#### Home 2 Suites by Hilton

1005 Landmark Blvd. 662-350-6256

#### **Hotel Tupelo**

314 East Main Street 662-362-6200

#### LaQuinta Inn & Suites

1013 North Gloster Street 662-847-8000 Reservations: 1-800-753-3757 lq.com

#### Motel 6

767 East Main Street 662-844-5610 motel6.com

#### Quality Inn

1190 North Gloster Street 662-842-5100 Reservations: 1-800-228-5150 comfortinn.com/hotel/ms408

#### **Red Roof Inn**

1516 McCullough Boulevard 662-840-8300 redroof.com

#### Scottish Inn

401 North Gloster Street 662-842-1961 Reservations: 1-800-251-1962

#### Super 7

1500 McCullough Boulevard 662-844-1904 Reservations: 1-800-466-8356

#### Super 8 Motel

3898 McCullough Boulevard 662-842-0448 super8.com

#### Surestay Hotel by Best Western

832 A North Gloster | 662-346-4156 Reservations: 1-800-780-7234 bestwestern.com

#### Travelers Motel

915 North Gloster Street 662-844-2221

#### Tru by Hilton

1003 Landmark Boulevard 662-350-6258

#### Wingate by Wyndham

186 Stone Creek Boulevard | 662-680-8887 Reservations: 1-800-337-0077 tupelowingateinn.com

Enjoy the great outdoors by visiting Tupelo's area golf courses, lakes, campgrounds, and trails.



#### **Golf Courses**

Bel Air Golf Course (9 holes) 2107 Country Club Road, Tupelo | 662-841-6446

Tupelo National Golf Club (18 holes) 3481 Big Oaks Boulevard, Saltillo | 662-844-8002

Natchez Trace Golf Course (18 holes) 978 County Road 681, Saltillo | 662-869-2166

Pontotoc Country Club Highway 6 East, Pontotoc | 662-489-1962

#### Campgrounds

**Tombigbee State Park** 264 Cabin Drive. Tupelo | 662-842-7669

**Elvis Presley Lake & Campground** 272 Road 995, Tupelo | 662-620-6314

#### Trace State Park

2139 Faulkner Road, Belden | 662-489-2958

The Campground at Barnes Crossing 125 Campground Road, Tupelo | 662-844-6063





#### Trails

Music Bend Nature Trail 99 North Veterans Blvd., Tupelo | 662-841-6440

Tupelo Cross Country Trail at Ballard Park (1 mile) | 662-841-6440

Blackland Prairie Section of Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail (6 miles)

Access at mile marker 266 across from the Visitor Center and at Old Town Overlook. Map available at nps.gov/natt.







#### **Airline Service**

Airline service in Tupelo is provided through Tupelo Regional Airport. For more information on flight providers and schedule, visit flytupelo.com or call the airport at 662-841-6570.



#### **Car Rentals**

Budget Car Rentals at Tupelo Regional Airport 1-800-527-0700/662-840-3710

Hertz Car Rentals at Tupelo Regional Airport 662-680-9482

#### **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**

551 Daybrite Drive 1-800-RENT-A-CAR/662-842-2237

Thompson Square Shopping Center 890 Barnes Crossing Road, Suite 1 662-840-9314

#### **U-Save**

1973 Cliff Gookin Boulevard 662-840-8888



### Taxi Services include: A1 Cab 662-691-8294

City Cab 662-871-3500

**Metro Cab** 662-523-3800

**Tupelo Cab Co.** 662-872-1133

Yellow Cab 662-840-4300



#### **Bus Service**

Bus service is provided by Greyhound located at 2831 S. Eason Boulevard, 662-842-4557.



#### Climate

The climate of Tupelo is mild with average summer highs of 92 degrees and lows of 68 degrees. Average winter temperatures range from highs of 54 degrees to lows of 32 degrees.



#### In Case of Emergency

North Mississippi Medical Center is located at 830 South Gloster Street. Seek emergency medical service by calling the emergency room at 662-377-4157 or an ambulance service by calling 662-377-4159 or by dialing 911.

# JOIN US at Tupelo's Festivals and Special Events





Blue Suede Cruise



Tupelo Elvis Festival

Tupelo is the kind of place where positivity leads. And, with positivity, there is always possibility. It has changed the world, it has shaped who we are, and it is what's making a better, safer tomorrow for us all.

**#VisitMSResponsibly • #MyTupelo** 



**#VisitMSResponsibly · #MyTupelo** 









399 East Main Street 662.841.6521