



Visitors Center

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Nestled in the Hills of North Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi is the home of the University of Mississippi, also known as Ole Miss. Nobel Prize winning author William Faulkner made his home here and found inspiration in people and places of Oxford and Lafayette County which he fictionalized in his Jefferson and Yoknapatawpha County. Oxford has been featured in a publications such as *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Budget Travel*, *Southern Living* and *Garden and Gun*. Many writers have followed in Faulkner's footsteps, making Oxford their home over the years adding to the literary reputation Oxford has become renowned for. Touted as the "Cultural Mecca of the South", creativity abounds in Oxford as musicians, artists and writers alike find inspiration in Oxford's rich history, small town charm and creative community. Over the years Oxford has also been known for offering exception culinary experiences at the many restaurants in the community. From down home cooking to upscale culinary creations, Oxford is a food lovers delight. We invite you to experience all Oxford has to offer!



EXAMPLE ITINERARY

Itinerary can be edited to meet your group's needs over one day or two!

8:30am Start your day off with breakfast at one of Oxford's renowned restaurants or bakeries.

Big Bad Breakfast was featured in *Travel and Leisure* as one of the Best Breakfasts Around the World and **Bottletree Bakery** was touted for their strawberry humble pies by Oprah. Breakfast can also be arranged in the Theora Hamblett Room at the University Museum on the campus of the University of Mississippi.

9:30am Enjoy a driving tour of Oxford and Ole Miss with a Visit Oxford tour guide. Guide can either step on group's motor coach or enjoy a driving tour on one of Oxford's two double decker buses, imported from England. Buses can be rented and is a great way to see the sites of Oxford.

11:00am Stop at Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner's home, **Rowan Oak**.



12:15pm Lunch on the historic downtown square, where you will find a variety of restaurants to choose from, from southern down home cooking at Ajax Diner to upscale southern cuisine at City Grocery, there is something for everyone.

1:30pm After lunch, enjoy time on the **Square** to browse through the many shops, boutiques, art galleries, and bookstores on the downtown square. Square Books is a nationally recognized independent bookstore featuring a section on Mississippi writers as well as a section on William Faulkner. Enjoy coffee upstairs on their balcony overlooking the square.



3:00pm Tour the University Museum on the University of Mississippi campus. The Museum offers permanent



collections including: Theora Hamblett folk art exhibit, Millington-Barnard Collection of 19th century Scientific Instruments, David M. Robinson Collection of Greek and Roman Antiquities, and the Seymour Lawrence Collection of American Art. Special traveling exhibitions throughout the year.

4:00pm Tour the **L.Q.C. Lamar House Museum**.



6:00pm Dinner at **Taylor Grocery**, famous for its fried catfish or enjoy dinner on the downtown Square whether visiting one of James Beard winning Chef John Currence's four restaurants, or sampling soul food at Ajax Diner there is something for everyone!

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POINTS OF INTEREST INCLUDED IN THE DRIVING TOUR:

- Historic downtown square which is the cultural hub of the City.
- University of Mississippi campus (including Lyceum Building, Civil Rights Monument, Blues Marker, Confederate Cemetery and other historic buildings).
- St. Peter's Cemetery which is the final resting place of Nobel-Prize winning author, William Faulkner along with other notable Oxonians.
- Historic homes on North and South Lamar.

WHERE TO STAY:

HAMPTON INN WEST (662) 232-2442 110 Heritage Dr.	THE INN AT OLE MISS (662) 234-2331 University of Mississippi
HAMPTON INN EAST CONFERENCE CENTER (662) 234-5565 103 Ed Perry Blvd.	

ATTRACTIONS:

Rowan Oak **OPEN:** Tuesday-Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-4 Admission \$5.
Old Taylor Road 662.234.3284

Built by Robert Sheegog in 1848, Rowan Oak became home to Nobel Prize winning author William Faulkner in 1930. Faulkner christened the house "Rowan Oak" after the legend of the Rowan tree, believed by Celtic people to harbor magic powers of safety and protection. While residing there with his family, he wrote such masterpieces as *As I Lay Dying*, *Absalom, Absalom!*, *Light in August*, and *A Fable*. Rowan Oak remained home to Faulkner until his death in 1962. The house is now owned by the University and maintained for memorial and educational purposes.

University Museum **OPEN:** Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm. Admission is free to permanent collections and \$5 for special exhibitions (discounted fees for seniors & group tours) Intersection of University Ave. & South 5th St. 662.915.7073

The museums are home to several impressive, permanent collections including the Robinson collection of Greek and Roman antiquities, the Millington-Barnard Collection of 19th century scientific instruments, the personal collections of Mary Buie & Kate Skipwith, and an extensive collection of the work of Theora Hamblett, an native Oxonian folk artist. Each year the University Museums host eight to ten temporary exhibits in conjunction with various university departments and the local community. Traveling exhibitions from other museums are also represented.

L.Q.C. Lamar House **OPEN:** Thursday-Sunday 2pm-5pm and by appointment for group tours. Admission is \$5 and free to students 18 & younger. 616 North 14th St.

The L.Q.C. Lamar House is a remarkable place. Its meticulous restoration has revealed a handsome, though modest, Greek Revival structure worthy of preservation. It was home to Lucius Lamar while he reflected on defeat and resolved to work for reconciliation between North and South. As Oxford, Mississippi rose from the ashes, Lamar prepared to become a statesman in this house. Later, the house was Senator Lamar's retreat from the demands of Washington.

Burns Belfry

The Burns Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by freed slaves by 1869 in an area of Oxford once known as "freedmen's town." The current building was erected in 1910 and played a major role in the lives of many African-Americans in Oxford from 1910-1974, when a new Burns United Methodist Church was built several blocks away. In September of 2002, author John Grisham donated the church building to the Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation, with the understanding that it was to be rehabilitated and administered by the Oxford Development Association. Restored in 2013, the Burn Belfry Church will open with permanent exhibits fall of 2013.

Contact Visit Oxford:

Let us help you plan your stay by booking lodging and dining reservations to building an itinerary that fits your group's needs!

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Itinerary planning *Including: History, Literary, and Culinary focused itineraries*
- Double Decker bus rental, City of Oxford (662-232-2306)
- Tour Guides (driving tour and walking tour)
- Goody bags (including our comprehensive Visit Oxford Travel Guide and Self-Guided Walking Tour brochure)

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