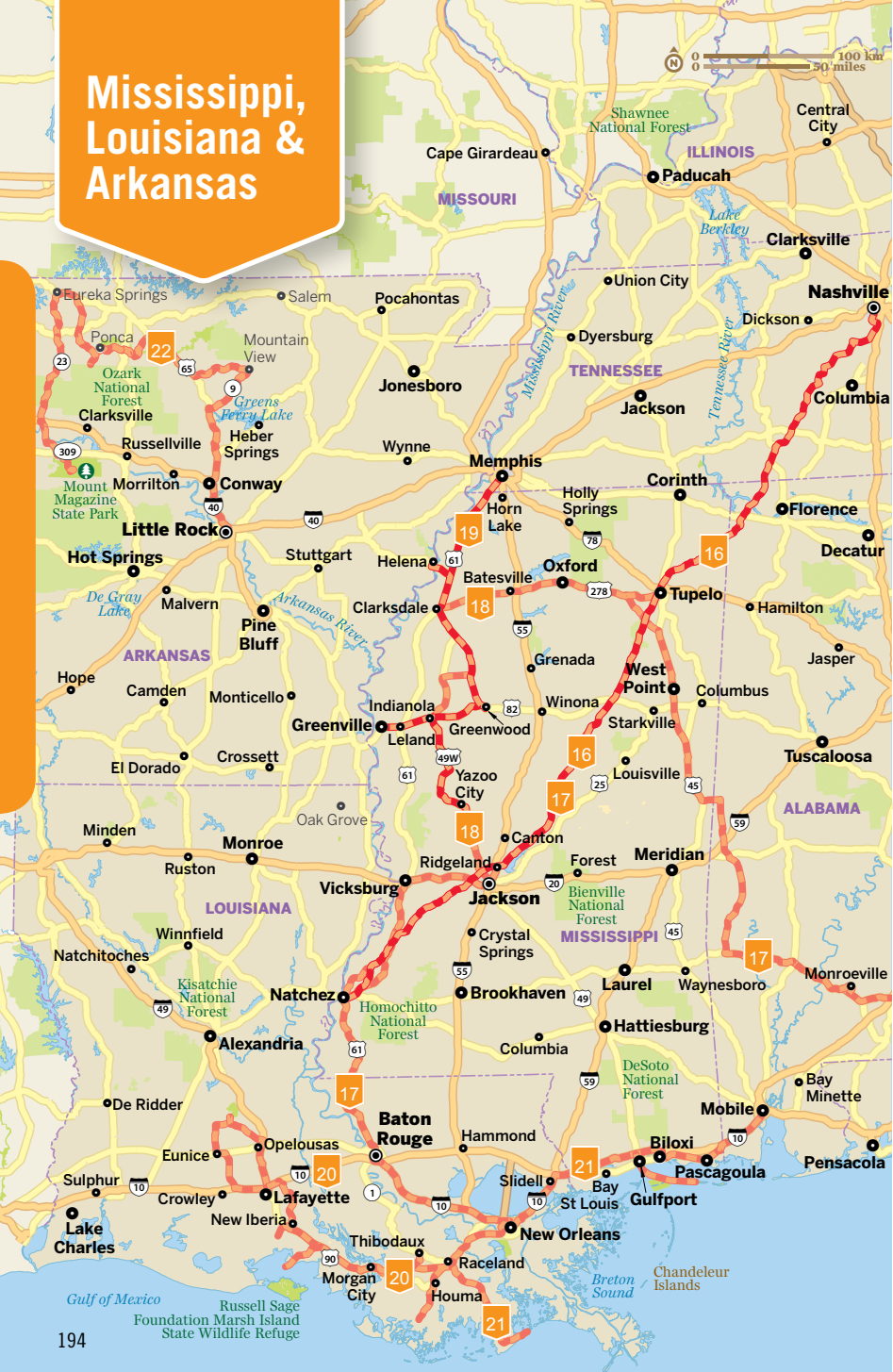


# Mississippi, Louisiana & Arkansas

**VENTURE INTO THESE THREE DISTINCT, ALLURING STATES** and you may just fall in love. Arkansas flaunts granite bluffs, scenic rivers, quirky mountain towns and narrow trails that lead to the edge of heaven. In sultry Mississippi, juke joints hum until the wee hours, historical Oxford is the kind of fun-yet-refined college town that reels you in, and the Natchez Trace Parkway is the most beautiful highway in the South. Then let Louisiana satiate you with the naughty flavor, period architecture and addictive soundtrack of New Orleans. Outside Crescent City, explore a fertile maze of plantations, misty bayous and swamps, and tasty Cajun towns. The complex, tortured, musical, joyful Southern soul is laid bare here, and you'll leave inspired.



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**Buffalo River** View from Steel Creek overlook (Trip 22)

### Classic Trip

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#### **Natchez Trace Parkway 3 days**

The journey south from Nashville stuns with natural beauty and American history.

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#### **Southern Gothic Tour 7 days**

Trace the backstories of the South's most revered literary legends.

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#### **Historical Mississippi 3 days**

Mississippi's complex history is on display from Oxford to Vicksburg to Natchez.

### Classic Trip

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#### **The Blues Highway 3 days**

A soulful ramble to the root of American popular music.

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#### **Cajun Country 4 days**

Explore bayous, dance halls, crawfish boils and folk ways in Louisiana's idiosyncratic Acadiana region.

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#### **Gulf Coast 4 days**

Glimpse the Gulf from Louisiana wetlands, Mississippi beaches, and industrial Alabama ports.

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#### **Backroads Arkansas 4 days**

Hike, paddle, zip and drive through Arkansas' soul-stirring countryside.



## DON'T MISS

### French Quarter

Wrought-iron balconies, brick-covered ivy, and Creole, Spanish and Caribbean architecture: the timeless French Quarter is an adult Disneyland. Explore it on Trips [18](#) [22](#) [27](#)

### Rowan Oak

William Faulkner spent years on this peaceful Oxford estate, and to see his home is to glimpse his soul. See it on Trips [18](#) [19](#)

### Clarksdale

The hub of the Delta has the Crossroads, a spectacular juke joint and comfortable digs from which to explore the blues. Visit it on Trips [19](#) [20](#) [27](#)

### Natchez

This laid-back river town is an antebellum time capsule, and a charming respite for a few days of strolling and contemplation. See it on Trips [17](#) [19](#) [27](#)

### Buffalo River

Scenic and protected, the crystalline Buffalo wends between majestic bluffs. Paddle the river on Trip [22](#)