

WELCOME TO MEMPHIS



Welcome to Memphis, the city most famously known as the birthplace of rock 'n' roll and the home of the blues. Capturing the essence of a city can be difficult, especially when that city boasts a history as unique as ours.

We'd like to offer a few suggestions for sightseeing trips, dining options, and places to stay while in the Bluff City. Enjoy your visit!



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With its rich history and diverse culture, Memphis has something for everyone.



A visit to Graceland is the ultimate rock 'n' roll experience.

GRACELAND: There's a reason this is the second-most visited residence in the nation. Cruise the mansion on your own or opt for the audio tour, narrated by Priscilla Presley. (3734 Elvis Presley Blvd., 901-332-3322)

SUN STUDIO: No trip to Memphis is complete without a stop by Sun, where rock 'n' roll was born. Stand in the same space as icons like Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, and Elvis. (706 Union Ave., 901-521-0664)

SOUTH MAIN ARTS DISTRICT: This Downtown district is home to art galleries, boutique shopping, and bars and restaurants.



The Stax Museum of American Soul Music pays tribute to all of the artists who recorded there with an amazing collection of more than 2,000 interactive exhibits.

STAX: The home of soul music, where Isaac "Shaft" Hayes famously uttered the words, "Can you dig it?" You'll dig it, we promise. (926 McLemore Ave. E., 901-942-SOUL)

THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM: Newly renovated to include state-of-the-art interactive exhibits, the museum is a humbling and enlightening journey through the past, a nod to how far we've come, and where we need to go. (450 Mulberry St., 901-521-9699)

MEMPHIS ZOO: Consistently ranked among the top zoos in the U.S., the Memphis Zoo provides a thriving incubator for Rhodes students who intern and conduct research with its award-winning staff. (Overton Park, 901-333-6500)



Located in the heart of Downtown, AutoZone Park is the home of Triple-A Redbirds baseball and Memphis 901 FC Soccer.

VERTON PARK: A great place to spend an afternoon relaxing by Rainbow Lake or taking a nature walk, the park—a 342-acre city treasure created in 1906—also contains the Memphis Zoo; the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, a stunning Beaux Arts structure opened in 1916; and the Overton Shell, an outdoor music venue that hosts more than 50 free concerts in the spring and fall. (Brooks Museum, 901-544-6200)

BEALE STREET: Your go-to for the musical genre that made the city famous. You can't miss stops at Rum Boogie Cafe, B.B. King's, King's Palace, Blues City Cafe—or any other fine blues hot spots. (Second and Beale, or ask any of the locals)



FedEx Forum, off of Beale St., is the home of the Memphis Grizzlies.



WHERE TO STAY

Do yourself a favor and stay downtown. Beale Street is the cultural heart of Memphis, you can find food, drink, and entertainment year-round.



The famous ducks in the Peabody fountain are a must-see!

THE PEABODY: The grande dame of Memphis hotels—a destination in and of itself, with one of the best lobby bars in the Mid-South. (149 Union Ave., 901-529-4000) Rhodes Discount Code #10294

HYATT CENTRIC: Perched along the banks of the Mississippi River, Hyatt Centric Beale Street is within walking distance of the city's famed entertainment district, and near the South Main Historic District. (33 Beale St., 901-444-3232)

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT: This spacious hotel is located on the Downtown trolley line and boasts a rooftop fire pit and swimming pool. (75 Jefferson St., 901-522-2200)

HILTON GARDEN INN: Located in the heart of Downtown just steps from AutoZone Park, FedEx Forum, and Beale Street. (201 Union Ave., 901-528-1540) Mention Rhodes for a discount.



RIVER INN OF HARBOR TOWN: Overlooking the Mississippi River in the heart of Mud Island's Harbor Town community. You're just minutes from Downtown. (50 Harbor Town Square, 901-260-3333)

THE DOUBLETREE: Located Downtown within walking distance of Beale Street, FedEx Forum, and many other attractions, the Doubletree offers a fitness center, pool, and: the newly added King & Union Bar Grocery in-house dining option on the first level. (185 Union Ave., 901-528-1800) Mention Rhodes for a discount.

CANOPY BY HILTON: Next to Autozone Park and a half-mile from FedEx Forum Arena, the Canopy by Hilton is perfect for those looking to visit Rhodes and catch a game from one of Memphis' premier sports teams. (164 Union Ave., 901 479-1001)

HU HOTEL: Beautiful panoramic views of the Mississippi River from their rooftop patio makes the Hu Hotel a great choice for those wanting to see great views of downtown. (79 Madison Ave, 901-333-1200)



The lobby of the Central Station Hotel



THE WESTIN: Located just behind Beale, a block away from the FedEx Forum and the music and blues clubs dotting the city's most famous street. (170 George W. Lee Ave., 901-334-5900) Rhodes Discount Code #53207

HAMPTON INN & SUITES - BEALE STREET: This comfortable hotel is within walking distance of Beale Street, the Downtown business district, and a host of major attractions. (175 Peabody Place, 901-260-4000)

HOTEL NAPOLEON: Located Downtown next to AutoZone Park and just steps away from Beale Street, this boutique hotel features turn-of-the-century architecture and a chic lobby bar. (179 Madison Ave., 901-526-0002) Mention Rhodes for a discount.

SPRING HILL SUITES: Located on the Downtown trolley line with easy access to all downtown venues. You're just a step away from the Memphis nightlife. (85 Court Ave., 901-522-2100)

CENTRAL STATION HOTEL BY HILTON: Housed in the old train station that has stood Downtown for over 100 years, the Central Station provides impressive views of Downtown, just a block away from the National Civil Rights Museum. (545 S. Main St., 901-524-5247)



THE MEMPHIAN BY MARRIOTT (Midtown): This modern hotel in Overton Square boasts both rooftop and streetside dining options. (21 South Cooper St., 901-538-7304) Mention the Rhodes College corporate rate.

EMBASSY SUITES MEMPHIS (East Memphis): Adjacent to the Regalia Shopping Center the Embassy Suites offer a quieter stay in the eastern part of the city. (1022 S Shady Grove Rd., 901-684-1777)



WHERE TO EAT

A quick dash will take you to some of the Rhodes community's favorite eateries close to campus.

CAFÉ ECLECTIC: Just a five-minute walk from campus, Café Eclectic serves breakfast and lunch and caters to the Rhodes neighborhood with its pastries, fresh-baked bread, sandwiches, soups, and specialty items. (603 N. McLean, 901-725-1718)

HUEY'S: A perennial winner in the *Memphis Flyer's* Best of Memphis competition, Huey's Midtown is known for its hamburgers (including meatless options), hand-breaded onion rings, and neighborhood atmosphere. (1927 Madison Ave., 901-726-4372)



INDIA PALACE: The all-you-can-eat lunch buffet here is one of Midtown's busiest and most delicious—but it's still quick to get in and out. Folks from Rhodes eat at India Palace regularly enough to practically consider it part of campus dining. (1720 Poplar Ave., 901-278-1199)

ECCO ON OVERTON PARK: A bistro inspired by Italian and Southern cuisine, upscale but casual, located close to campus in the Evergreen Historic District. Menu features everything from antipasto plates and pasta to seafood and ribeye steak. (1585 Overton Park Ave., 901-410-8200)



The Broad Avenue Arts District is just blocks from campus.

The Broad Avenue Arts District offers a variety of dining options plus shopping, gourmet coffee, a craft brewery, and an outdoor performance venue that hosts free music and arts programming.

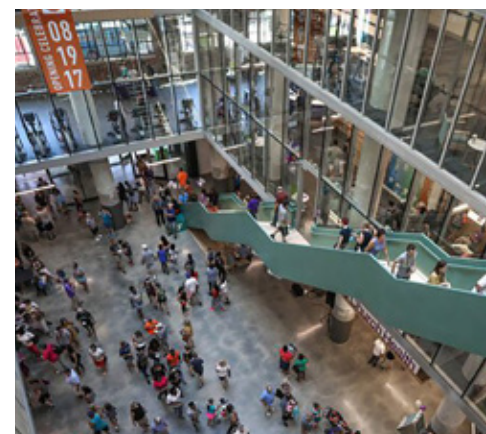
Bounty on Broad: Offers gluten-free fine dining. (2519 Broad Ave., 901-410-8131)

Broadway Pizza: Old-fashioned pizza with everything on it. (2581 Broad Ave., 901-454-7930)

The Cove: The place for oysters and cocktails (2559 Broad Ave., 901-730-0719)

The Liquor Store: Serves breakfast all day, vegan treats, Cuban sandwiches, and incredible homemade pop-tarts (trust us, just order them.) (2655 Broad Ave., 901-405-5477)

City and State offers imported coffee and local treats with a Memphis spin. (2625 Broad Ave., 901-249-2406)



Crosstown Concourse offers many attractions and activities you can find at <http://crosstownconcourse.com/directory>.

The Crosstown Concourse is a vertical urban village that houses a variety of businesses. Located just two miles from campus, you can find everything from food to art to healthcare—even living space. (1350 Concourse Ave)

FARM BURGER: Enjoy a wide selection of seasonal craft burgers featuring ethically and locally sourced ingredients from Memphis farmers. Outside of burgers, be on the lookout for farm-fresh salads, hand-cut fries, handmade shakes, and local brews from Memphis Made Brewing, Crosstown Brewing Co., and Wiseacre Brewing Co. (901-800-1851)

MEMPOPS: Mempops are hand-crafted popsicles that come in flavors that are unique and as genuine as the city they are named after. In their own words, "Have you ever seen someone enjoy a Mempop with a frown on their face?" (901-425-2724)

FRENCH TRUCK COFFEE: Whether you're enjoying a cup of their New Orleans iced coffee, buying a bag of their delicious coffee beans, or sitting at their iconic yellow tables and catching up with a friend, French Truck Coffee has something for everyone. (901-878-3383)

GLOBAL CAFÉ: A truly global food hall with team members that have hailed from over 14 different countries, Global Café hosts immigrant/refugee food entrepreneurs cooking and selling a mix of affordably priced and authentic dishes from their home countries. (901-512-6890)



At Overton Square, you'll find Midtown's only movie theater, live performances at Ballet Memphis, Playhouse on the Square, Circuit Theater, and the Hattiloo Theatre. Many of the restaurants on the Square feature outdoor seating, great for Memphis weather!

LOCAL ON THE SQUARE: The Local gastropub features hand-crafted cocktails and a menu incorporating fresh, locally sourced ingredients. (2126 Madison Ave., 901-725-1845)

BOSCO'S SQUARED: This brewpub serves fresh fish, steaks, and sandwiches but is best known for its wood-fired pizzas. Bosco's brews award-winning hand-crafted beers—from golden ales to robust stouts and porters—to complement every dish. (2120 Madison Ave., 901-432-2222)

BAYOU BAR & GRILL: A casual sports bar, the Bayou serves Cajun specialties, including muffulettas, po-boys, and red beans and rice. There's often live music, and there's always a game playing. (2094 Madison Ave., 901-278-8626)

PORCH AND PARLOR: This Southern steakhouse offers a selection of the finest prime steaks and chops in the heart of Overton Square. Reservations required. (2125 Madison Ave., 901-725-4000)

BABALU TACOS & TAPAS: A fun, hip restaurant serving up bold flavors using fresh ingredients from local suppliers, featuring gourmet tacos and Latin-style tapas with a southern twist. (2115 Madison Ave., 901-274-0100)



LAFAYETTE'S MUSIC ROOM: Featuring a variety of southern-inspired offerings for lunch, dinner, and brunch, Lafayette's also boasts live music seven nights a week, from both local and touring acts playing rock 'n' roll to jazz to blues to everything. (2119 Madison Ave., 901-207-5097)

BELLY ACRES: A farm-to-fork burger establishment that uses grass-fed beef, free-range chicken, and locally sourced ingredients. Their menu also features an excellent veggie plate and vegetarian options that rival their burgers! (2012 Trimble Place., 901-529-7017)

MEMPHIS PIZZA CAFÉ: Voted "Best Pizza" in the Memphis Flyer readers' polls every year since 1994, this eclectic restaurant also serves calzones, sandwiches, and salads. (2087 Madison Ave., 901-726-5343)

THE SECOND LINE: Casual atmosphere with a courtyard patio, serving up New Orleans-style po-boys and seafood. (2144 Monroe Ave., 901-590-2829)

SWEET NOSHING'S: Chocolates, candies, jellybeans, ice cream, fudge, and gourmet flavored popcorn popped right in the store. Try the Memphis Mix—BBQ and caramel! (2113 Madison Ave., 901-288-4753)



Satisfy your sweet tooth at Sweet Noshings.



A 10-minute drive south of campus, the COOPER-YOUNG DISTRICT combines a close-knit residential neighborhood with some of Memphis' favorite restaurants.

BAIN BARBECUE AND BAKERY: Bringing Texas-style barbecue and sweets to Memphis, Bain's has made its niche in the Cooper-Young district with an expansive breakfast menu and creative daily and weekly Memphis-themed specials. (993 S. Cooper St., 901-657-3314)

YOUNG AVENUE DELI: The Deli, as it's known to locals, serves traditional deli favorites, pizzas, specialty sandwiches, and salads, along with an impressive list of beers on tap. Midtowners also flock to the Deli to hear local and touring bands, play pool, or watch a Memphis Tigers or Grizzlies game on the giant projector screen. (2119 Young Ave., 901-278-0034)

ALCHEMY: Known for its knowledgeable bartenders and expertly made cocktails, Alchemy serves contemporary fare that reflects the chef's German and Italian heritage and the culinary traditions of New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. (940 S. Cooper St., 901-726-4444)

IMAGINE VEGAN CAFÉ: An all-vegan café tailored towards making accessible and delicious vegan food with a compassionate and community-focused mindset. Imagine is a great option for those looking for good vegan and vegetarian options or a nontraditional Southern meal. (2158 Young Ave., 901-654-3455)



The outdoor patio at the Beauty Shop.

THE BEAUTY SHOP: Named for its former incarnation—where Priscilla Presley went for her famous beehive 'do—this restaurant offers a quirky blend of modern American cuisine that lies somewhere between fine and casual dining. (966 S. Cooper St., 901-272-7111)



SOUL FISH CAFE: After opening in 2006, Soul Fish Cafe quickly became the favorite spot for Memphians who crave authentic Southern comfort food. It's the place to get your fill of fried catfish, hush puppies, po-boys, and fresh vegetables. (862 S. Cooper St., 901-725-0722)

Tsunami: Awarded annually for its Pacific-themed small plates and meticulously curated cocktail menu, Tsunami has brought culinary inspiration from Tahiti, New Zealand, and Australia to Memphis diners. (928 Cooper St., 901-274-2556)



A wealth of restaurants await visitors in DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS, but here are a few of our favorites:

ITTA BENA: On the second floor of B.B. King's Blues Club on Beale, this hip, modern eatery serves the best Southern and Cajun-American dishes around. Diners at Itta Bena are just upstairs from the bluesy sounds of B.B. King's Blues Club below. Overlooking bustling Beale Street, it's the best of both worlds: a view of the raucous revelry below in a quiet, sophisticated setting. (145 Beale St., 901-578-3031)

GUS'S WORLD-FAMOUS FRIED CHICKEN: You've never had fried chicken until you've feasted on Gus's version: a little spicy, a lot juicy—and the winner of the Nat'l Fried Chicken Festival in New Orleans. GQ Magazine listed Gus's as one of the five restaurants worth flying to for a meal in the United States. (310 S. Front St., 901-527-4877)

FLIGHT RESTAURANT: From Asia to Europe, Latin America to Southern USA, the ever-evolving menu features globally influenced cuisine and gourmet fusion presented in traditional entrees and tapas style "flights" that are great for sharing. (39 S. Main St., 901-521-8005)

McEWEN'S ON MONROE: An eclectic blend of styles with an emphasis on Southern food raised to new and unusual heights. A warm, relaxed atmosphere and charming personality have made McEwen's one of the most popular downtown restaurants. (120 Monroe Ave., 901-527-7085)



The Arcade has the honor of being the city's oldest restaurant. It doesn't get any more Memphis than this!

ARCADE RESTAURANT: Go back in time with a visit to this funky, art-deco diner, the oldest in Memphis, for breakfast or lunch. Nothing fancy about this place, just simple food—sandwiches, pizzas, and milkshakes—served with a smile. (540 S. Main St., 901-526-5757)

CATHERINE AND MARY'S: A culmination of recipes from owners Andrew Ticer and Michael Hudman's grandparents, an Italian philosophy of dining, and Southern ingredients, Catherine and Mary's is a unique Italian dining option in the heart of the city. (272 S Main St., 901-254-8600)

SLIDER INN: Enjoy small plates and sliders for lunch, brunch, or a late-night snack. Popular options include buffalo chicken, mushroom & Swiss, or vegan sliders paired with a selection of local craft beers. (363 Mulberry St., 901-729-6900)

MAJESTIC GRILLE: An upscale steakhouse serving award-winning entrees in a 1913 silent film house. You can enjoy a fresh-grilled filet while enjoying the art deco style that makes Majestic uniquely Memphis. (145 S. Main St., 901-522-8555)

FLYING FISH: Step through the screen doors and enter a relaxed “lakefront” atmosphere with simple, hearty fare. Selections include fresh fried catfish, crab, fish tacos, boiled shrimp, and just about anything else from the water. Family-friendly and open daily for lunch and dinner. (105 S. Second St., 901-522-8228)

GOOD FORTUNE: Offering scratch made noodles and dumplings with a host of vegetarian options, Make sure to ask them about their amazing drink menu as well. (361 S Main St., 901-590-3510)



While there is no debate among residents that our fair city is a mecca for barbecue, one question divides the masses: wet or dry?

Translation: “wet” ribs are slathered in a thick sauce, hot or mild, while “dry” ribs come with a light vinegar baste seasoned with flavorful coatings of dry rub before cooking. Try both, and decide for yourself! Whether you're looking for a sandwich or a rack of slow-cooked ribs, you'll find it at these local favorites.

THE BAR-B-Q SHOP: Get a taste of the best of both wet and dry ribs at this Midtown restaurant, and if you're feeling adventurous, try the barbecue spaghetti. One of the few 'cue joints that also serves brisket, there's a little bit of everything here. (1782 Madison Ave., 901-272-1277)

BLUES CITY CAFÉ: Located on world-famous Beale St., the Café's ribs—rubbed with secret seasoning, hickory smoked, and basted with a maple BBQ sauce—have been featured on Bobby Flay's cooking show and in *Bon Appetit*. (138 Beale St., 901-526-3637)

COZY CORNER: This family-owned and operated restaurant nestled between Midtown and Downtown serves up juicy ribs slathered in a hot sauce that's more flavor than heat, but it distinguishes itself from all other barbecue restaurants with its sliced pork sandwiches rather than the usual chopped or pulled style favored by its peers. (726 N. Parkway, 901-527-9158)



You'll need extra napkins at Central BBQ.

CENTRAL BBQ: Central BBQ has been ranked in the top three barbecue restaurants in Memphis since 2003 and has taken top honors ten times. A favorite of Rhodes students, Central is known for some not-so-traditional items, including BBQ nachos and smoked hot wings. (Midtown, 2249 Central Ave., 901-272-9377) (Downtown, 147 E. Butler St., 901-672-7760) (East Memphis, 6201 Poplar Ave. 901-417-7962) (Summer Ave., 4375 Summer Ave. 901-767-4672)

PAYNE'S BAR-B-QUE: Off the beaten path and decidedly unpretentious, this BBQ shack sets itself apart from all others by one thing: mustard-based coleslaw. Those who try Payne's version of the Memphis staple swear by it with an almost cult-like fervor. (1762 Lamar Ave., 901-272-1523)

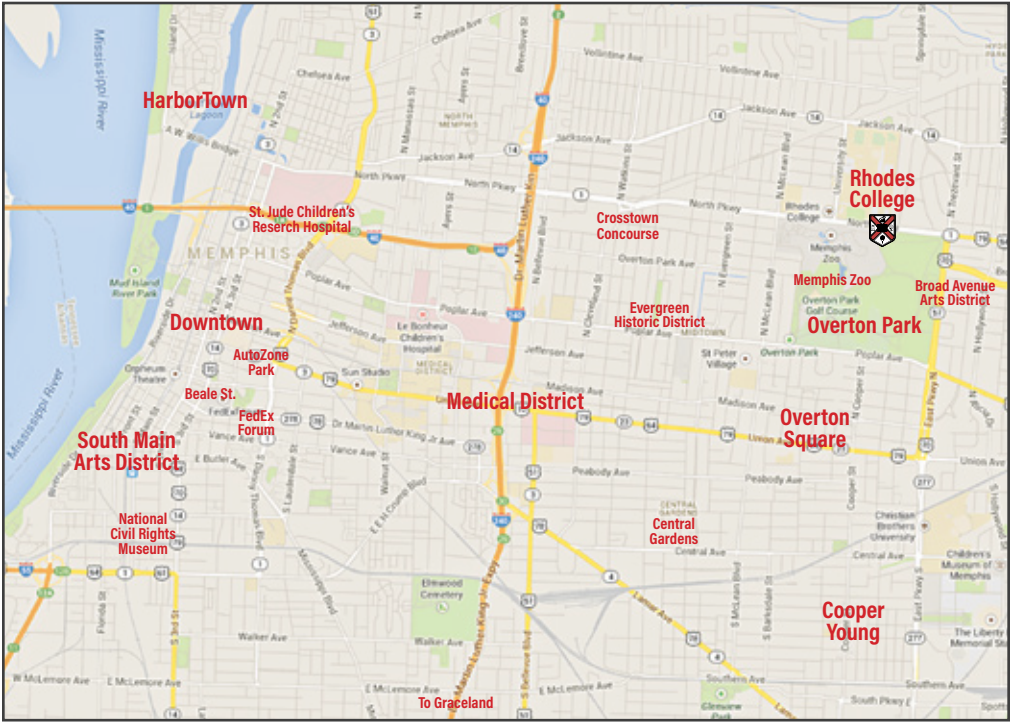


CORKY'S RIBS AND BBQ: Wet ribs are the house specialty here, though dry ribs are also on the menu. Grab a handful of napkins and get ready to have a delightfully messy meal that will leave you licking your fingers. (5259 Poplar Ave., 901-685-9744)

THE RENDEZVOUS: Located in a back-alley downtown, this decades-old restaurant is famous for its dry ribs and is a must-stop on the city's barbecue circuit. Don't be intimidated by the line snaking out of the door and into the street; they serve 'em up quickly, and no one leaves hungry. (52 S. Second St., 901-523-2746)



At the Rendezvous, you can sink your teeth into a slab of what makes Memphis, well, Memphis.



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