

VISIT
Greenwood
MISSISSIPPI
CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Day One

- 8:00 Depart for Greenwood
- 11:00 – 12:30 Lunch at **Delta Bistro** or the **Crystal Grill**
- 12:30 – 2:00 **The Help Driving Tour** – On May 13, 2010, DreamWorks Studios formally announced that a major motion picture based on Mississippi native Kathryn Stockett’s bestselling novel *The Help* would be filmed in Greenwood, Mississippi. We became home for several months to cast members such as Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Mike Vogel, Allison Janney, Sissy Spacek, Jessica Chastain, Ahna O’Reilly, Cicely Tyson, Dana Ivey, Chris Lowell, Aunjanue Ellis, Leslie Jordan, Mary Steenbergen, and many more. Take the driving tour and see the locations used in the film, where the stars stayed during filming of the movie as well as hot spots for cast and crew sightings.
- 2:00 – 3:00 Tour **The Museum of the Mississippi Delta** – While it chronicles the history of Leflore County and the Mississippi Delta with an emphasis on cotton agriculture, Greenwood’s Museum of the Mississippi Delta also houses an eclectic collection of items that weave a fascinating history of the area’s past. The museum focuses on the five “A’s”: art, archaeology, agriculture, antiques and animals.
- 3:00 Check into hotel
- 6:00 Dinner at the **Viking Cooking School** where students enjoy demonstration lessons from expert instructors and notable chefs in a complete Viking kitchen

Day 2

- 9:00 – 11:00 Explore **Historic Downtown Greenwood** – The beauty of Greenwood’s downtown shopping district is its walkability, with everything you could imagine within a short stroll from any starting point. World-class antiques, unique children’s fashions, Mississippi-made gifts and art, ladies’ and gentlemen’s clothing, hunting supplies and one of the state’s most diverse bookstores: It’s all just around the corner and the parking is free. Remember where you

left your car, because you'll have lots of bags to carry back! If shopping isn't your thing, take in the historic charm of downtown. Many of the city's downtown buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Several of the buildings have also received state and national historic preservation awards for their meticulous renovations.

- 11:00 – 11:30 Drive to Indianola
- 11:30 – 1:00 Tour the **B.B. King Museum in Indianola** – The life of B.B. King provides the backdrop for the Museum to share the rich cultural heritage of the Mississippi Delta. Through an authentic presentation of music, art, artifacts and video, along with our educational programming, the Museum honors its namesake as an internationally renowned and influential musician. The museum celebrates Delta blues music heritage and the local culture, encourages and inspires young artists and musicians, and enriches the lives of all who visit the museum campus.
- 1:00 Depart for home

Other Touring Options

Dinner in Greenwood: There are a myriad of options for dining while in Greenwood. Try fine dining at Giardina's, the eclectic menu of Delta Bistro, the neighborhood setting of Webster's Bar & Grill, down home cookin' at the Crystal Grill or a legendary steak at Lusco's.

Complete dining list: <http://ms-greenwood.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=299>

MS Blues Trail Markers – Greenwood has a special relationship with the blues – a music born of field hollers used in the days when cotton was picked by hand. The MS Blues Trail is a work in progress of the Mississippi Blues Commission. Currently, there are nine MS Blues Trail markers in Leflore County. They commemorate Robert Johnson's gravesite, B.B. King's birthplace, Hubert Sumlin, Elks Hart Lodge No. 640, Baptist Town, Guitar Slim, Blues Disc Jockeys, Furry Lewis and WGRM Radio Station. When the Blues Trail is complete, it will consist of more than 100 historical markers throughout the state noting significant places and faces in the story of America's music. www.msbluestrail.org

Robert Johnson Life & Legacy Driving Tour – Robert Johnson lived only 27 years, but he wrote 29 songs that changed music forever. Many people know Johnson because of his mysterious "deal with the devil" at the Crossroads that supposedly gave him his guitar playing ability. He is much more than that. In fact, he is considered one of the great influencers of rock and roll. He was ranked fifth in Rolling Stone's list of 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time. Everyone from Robert Plant to Bonnie Raitt list him as an influence. Take the Life & Legacy Tour and see sites that were relevant to Robert Johnson in Leflore County. This self guided tour includes all three of Robert Johnson's graves, his death location and places that he stayed and played in Greenwood.