



# Marine Corps League

## Southeast Division

Department of Mississippi

L.P. Mcelveen, Jr. Detachment 1454

Post Office Box 6576

Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525-6501

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## Lodging Details

### Convention Site:

IP Casino Resort Spa

850 Bayview Avenue

Biloxi, MS 39530

Tel: 1-228-436-3000

1-888-946-2847

[www.ipbiloxi.com](http://www.ipbiloxi.com)

Dates during which Convention Special Rates are available: Thursday, April 27, 2023  
(Early Arrivals) to Sunday, April 30, 2023.

### How to make individual reservation:

**Group Code: DDMD23C**

**Group Name: "MS State Convention of the Marine Corps League,"**

**Deadline for Booking Reservations at Group Rate: April 6, 2023.**

Guests may book their reservation online or by phone:

- Online Reservations: [DDMD23C](#)
- Call-In Reservations: 888-946-2847, press 1 for reservations, identify yourself as being with this group by using Group Name or Code.

**Convention Room Rates:**

Room Block	Room Type	Thur	Fri	Sat
		4/27/23	4/28/23	4/29/23
MS Convention of the Marine League	State of the Corp Standard King and Double Queen rooms	\$99.99	\$149.99	\$149.99
		5	23	23

\*These rates are net, non-commissionable and based on single or double occupancy. All rates are subject to a \$14.00 resort fee per night, and state and Harrison County room taxes that currently total 12%.

**PAYMENT:**

- Attendees will be responsible for paying their own room, taxes, resort fees and incidental charges.
- Credit card will be charged at time of reservation for first night's room and tax.
- Checks cannot be accepted at check-in or check-out. A credit card is required at check-in.

**If paying for a room with a check:**

When the reservation is made, it will be entered as non-guaranteed reservation.

Payment for the full amount of room, tax and resort fee for all nights (provided at time of reservation) must be received within two weeks after making the reservation or two weeks prior to arrival (whichever date comes first). If payment is not received within two weeks after making the reservation or two weeks prior to arrival (whichever comes first) the reservation will be automatically cancelled.

The hotel front desk does not accept checks **at check-in.**

The following information is REQUIRED and MUST BE INCLUDED when sending check as prepayment for room:

- Name of Guest(s) on each reservation that the check amount is to cover
- Reservation Confirmation Number(s)
- Group/Convention Name
- Arrival Date for each reservation that check is to cover
- Checks are not accepted at the hotel front desk

**Check-In:**

Check in time begins at 4:00 pm and checkout time is by 11:00 am. A credit card in the guest's name is required at check in for the \$100.00 security deposit. If

DEBIT card is used for this, please note that banks put a "hold" on the \$100 funds for several days (usually 3-5).



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## Registration Form

Please print all information clearly

Please complete one Registration Form per Delegate/Member

Delegate/Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Detachment(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Detachment, State, Regional or National Office(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Past Detachment, State, Regional or National Office(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

# Registration Fees and Costs

<b>\$20 per Delegate/Member (Individuals attending meetings but not including the Saturday Formal Dinner or other events: Delegate/Member Registration Fees:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>\$50 per individual attending the Saturday Formal Dinner: _____ Diners X @ \$50.00 =</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>\$12 per individual attending the Friday Night Baseball Game: _____ Attendees X @ \$12 =</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>\$25 per individual sailing on the Saturday Champagne Schooner Cruise 1345 – 1615 (1:45 – 4:15 PM): _____ Spouse/Guests X @ \$25 =</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>The Blind Tiger (TBT) Luncheon (Individual Expense) 1200 – 1330 (12:00 – 1:30 PM) Number of Individuals Requiring Reservations: _____ Spouse/Guests X @ \$0 (Individual Expense) =</b>	<b>\$ <u>0</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Please send Registration Form with payment by Check or Money Order Payable to:  
**MCL Det 1454** and mailed to:

**MCL Det 1454  
PO Box 6576  
Diamondhead, MS 39525**

Alternatively, payment can be made by Venmo using the following QR Code:  
or manually entering **MCL1454** and selecting **Tel: (504) 578-1386**



**If payment is made by Venmo, the Registration Form may be sent electronically to:  
Vet@MarineCorpsLeagueDet1454.org**

**Note:** Please keep a copy of your completed registration. Within five working days of mailing, you will receive an e-mail acknowledgement indicating that your registration form has been received. If you do not receive such an acknowledgement, please follow-up using the e-mail address shown in the heading.



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## **Carpooling**

In an effort to facilitate transportation to the various events, we are attempting to coordinate rides when and where possible. Please note that this is a strictly voluntary effort. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that transportation will be available. If you wish to participate in this effort, please respond to the following questions.

### **Friday Baseball Game**

Are you able to offer transportation to and from this event for Convention Attendees and/or their guests?

\_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many persons can you accommodate?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or Members of your party require transportation to and from this event?

\_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many persons in your party require transportation?

### **Saturday Luncheon (TBT) and Schooner Cruise**

Are you able to offer transportation to and from this event for Convention Attendees and/or their guests?

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If so, how many persons can you accommodate?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or Members of your party require transportation to and from this event?

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If so, how many persons in your party require transportation?

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## AGENDA

### Thursday, 27 April 2023

Early Arrivals – No Planned Group Activities

### Friday, 28 April 2023

- 1300 – 1700 Convention Registration/Check In**  
**Location: IP Casino Ballroom 2 Foyer**  
Silent Auction and Raffle Items  
Available for Viewing/Bidding
- 1400 – 1700 Hospitality Suite Open for Informal Socializing**  
**Location: IP Room Number will be provided**  
**during Convention Registration**
- 1630 – 1730 Commandants' Meeting**  
**Location: IP Casino Ballroom 2**
- 1830 - \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball Game: Biloxi Shuckers vs Mississippi Braves**  
**Location: MGM Park – 105 Caillavet Street, Biloxi, MS**  
**Individual Transportation**
- 2030 - \_\_\_\_\_ Informal Gathering – Refreshments/Dinner**  
**Location: IP Casino “Sportsbar” (Individual Expense)**

**Saturday, 29 April 2023**

**0830 - 0855 Opening Ceremonies**

**Location: IP Casino Ballroom 2**

Secure the Quarters  
Posting of Colors  
Chaplain's Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Marines Hymn

**Memorial Service**

Chaplain's reading of the names of Members  
who have passed and sounding of the bell

**0900 – 0950 Business Meeting**

Introduction of Visitors  
Officer Roll Call  
Reading of Previous Minutes  
Chaplain's Report  
Paymaster's Report

**0950 – 1000 Break**

**1000 – 1045 Old Business**

Suicide Prevention  
Young Marines  
MCL Scholarship Awards – 2023

**1045 – 1100 Break**

**1100 – 1200 New Business**

Bylaws  
Election of Officers

**1200 – 1300 Lunch Break (Individual Expense)**

**1200 - 1300 Marine of the Year/Associate Member of the Year Meeting**

**Committee Members Only**  
**Location: IP Casino Ballroom 2**

**1300 – 1345 New Business (Continued As Necessary)**

**1345 – 1350 Closing Ceremonies**

Chaplain's Closing Invocation

**1350 – 1400 Break**



- 1400 – 1600 Pack Growl**  
**Location: IP Casino Ballroom 2**
- 1600 – 1630 Silent Auction Closing / Cruise Raffle Drawing**  
**Location: IP Casino Ballroom 2**
- 1630 Adjournment**
- 1630 – 1730 Hospitality Suite Open for Informal Socializing**  
**Location: IP Room Number will be provided during Convention Registration**
- 1630 – 1800 Free Time – Preparation for Dinner**
- 1800 First Shuttle Bus to Boomtown Casino**  
**Location: Front Entrance of IP Casino**
- 1815 Second (Final) Shuttle Bus to Boomtown Casino**  
**Location: Front Entrance of IP Casino**
- 1800 Doors Open – Boomtown Events Center**
- 1800 – 1845 Before Dinner Refreshments (Cash Bar)**  
**Location: Boomtown Casino Event Center**
- 1845 – 1900 Last Call Before Ceremonies**
- 1900 Bar Closes for Duration of Ceremonies**
- 1900 – 1910 Opening Ceremonies**  
Posting of Colors  
Chaplain’s Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Marines Hymn
- 1910 – 1915 Remarks by State Commandant Clifton Addison**
- 1915 – 1930 Remarks by Guest Speaker Ken Hopper**
- 1930 Bar Reopens**
- 1930 – 2030 Dinner**
- 2030 – 2040 Closing Remarks by State Commandant Clifton Addison**
- 2130 Bar Closes**

- 2130**      **First Shuttle Bus to IP Casino**  
**Location: Front Entrance of Boomtown Casino**
- 2145**      **Second (Final) Shuttle Bus to IP Casino**  
**Location: Front Entrance of Boomtown Casino**



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## Formal Dinner, 29 April, 2023

**Background.** As the hosts of the 2023 Mississippi Marine Corps League State Convention, this Detachment made a diligent search of what we felt were the best potential sites along the Mississippi Gulf Coast including all of the Casinos.

Because of booking conflicts and because of the lingering effects of Covid, only two of the potential sites were willing to offer a proposal and of the two, we felt that the IP Casino offered the best facilities, pricing and access to local attractions.

Ideally, the formal dinner would have also been held at the IP Casino, the Convention site. However, because of booking conflicts at the IP, it was necessary to book Saturday's formal dinner at another location.

**Location.** We have chosen to use the Event Center of the Boomtown Casino (676 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530 // T: 800-627-0777 // [www.BoomtownBiloxi.com](http://www.BoomtownBiloxi.com)).

**Transportation.** Boomtown is about a 15-minute walk from the IP Casino.

Should you choose to drive, there is ample free parking at the Boomtown Casino.

Additionally, we have also arranged with the IP Casino to provide a limited shuttle service between the IP and Boomtown. Tentatively, there will be two shuttle bus runs from the IP to Boomtown. These will be (subject to change) one at 1730 and one at 1745. There will also be two shuttle bus runs from Boomtown to the IP. These will be at 2100 and 2130 (again, subject to change).

**Dress.** Marine Corps League formal or coat and tie. For active duty, Marine Corps Dress Greens or higher (or other service equivalent). Cocktail dress.

## Schedule of Events

- 1800: First Shuttle Bus from IP to Boomtown  
1815: Second Shuttle Bus from IP to Boomtown  
1800: Doors Open – Boomtown Events Center  
1800 - 1845: Before Dinner Refreshments (Cash Bar)  
1845 – 1900: Last Call Before Ceremonies  
1900: Bar Closes for Duration of Ceremonies  
1900 – 1910: Opening Ceremonies  
    Posting of Colors  
    Invocation  
    Pledge of Allegiance  
    Marines Hymn  
1910 - 1915: Remarks by State Commandant Clifton Addison  
1915 – 1930: Remarks by Guest Speaker Ken Hopper  
1930: Bar Reopens  
1930 – 2030: Dinner  
2030 – 2040: Closing Remarks by State Commandant Clifton Addison  
2130: Bar Closes  
2130: First Shuttle Bus from Boomtown to IP  
2145: Second (Final) Shuttle Bus from Boomtown to IP

## Menu

In an effort to offer a wide regional selection catering to the tastes and needs of as many attendees as possible, we have selected the following buffet menu which includes beef, chicken and seafood. However, should any attendee have special needs, we ask that these needs be noted clearly on your registration form.

*Caesar Salad*  
*Tomato, Cucumber, Red Onion Salad with Feta Cheese and Balsamic Vinaigrette*  
*Cajun Crawfish Remoulade*  
*Bronzed Grouper with Basil Cream*  
*Pan seared Chicken Breast with Garlic Butter*  
*Double Smoked Brisket of Beef with BBQ Glaze*  
*Honey Garlic Roasted Potatoes*  
*Southern Squash Casserole*  
*Key Lime Pie*  
*Homemade Red Velvet Cake*

**Cash Bar.** There will be a cash bar which will be closed during the remarks portion of the program. There will also be available a selection of soft drinks, coffee and water.

**Champagne.** As the hosts of the Convention, Detachment 1454 will be offering a bottle of Champagne (sparkling wine) to each table. It is requested that this bottle be **reserved for toasts which might be offered during the program.**



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## **FRIDAY NIGHT BASEBALL GAME**

The following background information was extracted from Wikipedia:

The Biloxi Shuckers are a Minor League Baseball team of the Southern League and the Double-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. They are located in Biloxi, Mississippi, and are named in reference to the city's oyster industry and seafood heritage. The Shuckers play their home games at MGM Park.

The team began play in 2015 after the Southern League's Huntsville Stars relocated to Biloxi following the 2014 season. With Major League Baseball's restructuring of Minor League Baseball in 2021, the Shuckers were placed in the Double-A South, which became the Southern League in 2022.

The Mississippi Braves, or M-Braves as they are referred to locally, are a Minor League Baseball team based in Pearl, Mississippi, a suburb of Jackson. The team is the Double-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves and plays in the Southern League.

At 1830 on Friday, 28 April 2023, the two teams will meet at MGM Park (105 Caillavet Street, Biloxi, MS 39530) and Convention attendees and their guests as well as other friends of the Marine Corps League have been invited to attend and to be recognized.

Discounted ticket pricing, choice seating and special recognition of the Marine Corps League will be available but tickets must be purchased in advance.

This event is open to the registered guests of those attending the Convention as well as Members, spouses, guests and friends of the three Gulf Coast Detachments.

Registration for and attendance at the Convention is **NOT necessary** but registration for the game and prepayment will be necessary.

**Note:** There are a limited number of tickets available at the price indicated on the Registration Form. Tickets are sold on a **first come, first served basis**. Ticket cut-off date is **1 April 2023**.



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## **Saturday Lunch and Champagne Schooner Cruise**

On Saturday, 29 April 2023, Delegates and Members will be attending to the important business of the Convention. This will allow time for spouses and guests to escape and enjoy some of the many attractions of Biloxi and a few such attractions are shown below.

However and as the hosts of this year's Convention, we felt that a true taste of Biloxi would be in order. We have therefore planned a group luncheon (individual expense) for those wishing to attend followed by a Champagne (sparkling wine) 2+ hour cruise aboard one of the Biloxi Schooners.



For the luncheon, we have chosen The Blind Tiger (TBT (265 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS ([www.TBTBiloxi.com](http://www.TBTBiloxi.com)))) because of its casual atmosphere, beautiful beach view, great regional fare and proximity to the Schooner Pier Complex.

The cruise will take you around the Biloxi harbor, beaches and adjacent offshore areas. Boarding will be at the Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS and

will begin at approximately 1345 with sailing at 1400. It is anticipated that return will be at approximately 1615.

This event is open to the registered guests of those attending the Convention as well as Members, spouses, guests and friends of the three Gulf Coast Detachments.

Registration for and attendance at the Convention is **NOT necessary** but registration for the cruise and prepayment will be necessary. The cost for the cruise will be \$25 per person which includes the Champagne, selected soft drinks, water and a small selection of snacks.

**Note:** There are a limited number of spaces aboard the Schooner and reservations will be made available on a **first come, first served basis**. Reservation cut-off date is **1 April 2023**.

Please note that there is limited space aboard the Schooner and this will be a first come, first served basis.

Those not wishing to join in the group luncheon have many other nearby restaurant choices including Margaritaville and Saltgrass both of which are within walking distance to the Pier.

There is ample free parking available at the Pier Complex, The Blind Tiger and Harrah's Casino which is a TBT partner. If you park at Harrah's Casino, there is a covered walkway running across Beach Boulevard to TBT.

**Dress:** It is recommended that those going on the cruise dress very casually and that deck or similar nonslip shoes be worn. Additionally, schooners are known for their salt spray and while that is part of the fun, a rain jacket or slicker may be appropriate.



# Other Things to Do in Biloxi

Extracted from [BusyTourist.com](http://BusyTourist.com)

**Please Note: The following have likely paid a fee to BusyTourist.com to have their information included. We do not endorse any of these and there are many other places of interest on the Gulf Coast. For example, there is the NASA Infinity Center near Pearlington, the old towns of Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis, multiple cruises along the coast, casinos, breweries and many other sites of interest.**

Biloxi is a premier travel destination situated on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi. Known for its seafood industry as well as its rich maritime history, Biloxi is a city in Harrison County. Rife with tourist attractions, picturesque beaches, a booming gambling industry, and a family-friendly environment, it's a wonderful place to travel for both relaxing and exciting vacations.

Biloxi attractions are not hard to come by, however, narrowing down what to do during your visit can be challenging. With so many amazing things to do in Biloxi, pinning down an itinerary can be overwhelming.

World-class resorts, wonderful restaurants, tons of museums and historical sights, amusement parks galore, water sports for days, casinos aplenty, and many other attractions are all at your disposal when visiting Biloxi. If you're looking for remarkable attractions and destinations to enjoy all year long, take a look at this awesome collection of Biloxi locales.

## 1. Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum

Established in 1986, the [Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum](#) catalogs the unique history of maritime history specific to Biloxi, Mississippi. One of many cool points of interest, the museum preserves and shares seafaring history as it relates to the nearby Gulf Coast. Through an array of exhibits that include artifacts, photographs, an art gallery, and more, the museum brings to light the lives and experiences of seafarers. If you're looking for an interesting way to learn about local heritage in Biloxi, check out this museum.

[www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

115 E 1st St, Biloxi, MS 39530

## 2. Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

[Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art](#) houses the ceramic artwork of acclaimed artist George E. Ohr. If you're looking for unique things to see, especially with regard to the arts, this is the place to go. Known as the "mad potter of Biloxi," Ohr is the namesake for the museum and his stunning breadth of work is predominantly displayed. Notably, Ohr's pieces include works of pottery, clay, rock, and ceramics as well as photographs and artifacts related to Ohr himself. Moreover, the museum also shares exhibits of other local artists whose works are representative of the Gulf Coast.

Additionally, the museum is home to a lovely ceramics studio that is open to the public. The studio frequently hosts special events such as yoga classes, wheel classes, and sculpting classes. Finally, during a visit to the museum's wonderful gift shop, you can pick up posters, local artwork, books, and other great merchandise. If you'll be spending time in MS, be sure to enjoy all of the wonderful things to see at Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art.

**Note of Interest:** The O'Keefe portion of the name refers to the late Jerry O'Keefe who with his wife were major supporters of the museum. Jerry O'Keefe was a Marine fighter pilot during WWII and as an ace was awarded the Navy Cross.

[www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

386 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **3. Beau Rivage Resort**

This upscale waterfront resort is a premier MS destination; in fact, it's one of the loveliest vacation spots in all of MS. [Beau Rivage Resort](#)'s Gulf Coast accommodations feature major amenities, sightseeing, restaurants, and so much more. For starters, rooms at this impeccable resort have sweeping views of both the Mississippi Gulf Coast as well as historic downtown Biloxi. Not only are the rooms well-outfitted, but they're also dog friendly. Beyond all the plentiful amenities, the resort has excellent entertainment that includes special events and headlining artists. Furthermore, Beau Rivage Resort is home to an astounding eight fabulous restaurants. The icing on the cake at this resort is the thrilling on-property casino. With a resort such as this nearby, you'll never wonder what to do in Biloxi.

<https://beaurivage.mgmresorts.com/>

875 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **4. Hard Rock Hotel**

This trendy yet super exciting hotel franchise is one of many awesome places to go in Biloxi, MS.

The [Hard Rock Hotel](#) is a music-themed resort situated near to the coast with sweeping views of the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway. Essentially, Hard Rock Hotel is a one-stop shop with excellent accommodations, entertainment, eateries, relaxation, and astounding sightseeing opportunities.

Come for the views and stay for the fun, either way, you won't be disappointed with a stay at this hotel.

Some of the amazing features just for adults that you can expect at the Hard Rock Hotel include a full casino, live headliners, and an epic nightclub. After a late-night out, there's no better way to spend your time at the hotel than relaxing in the pool, a private cabana, or even the spa. Finally, no matter your appetite, the Hard Rock Hotel is home to a whopping 11 eateries ranging from fine dining to buffets and cafes to quick bites.

[www.hrhibiloxi.com](http://www.hrhibiloxi.com)

Address: 777 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

## **5. Ship Island**

[Ship Island](#) is a beautiful Gulf Coast beach that's fun to visit during the summer months for traditional beach recreation but also a lovely place to tour in the off-season. Whether you're wondering what to see in Biloxi today or this weekend, Ship Island is an excellent site for outdoor recreation. During warmer months, you can visit Ship Island without the inconvenience of having to overpack. Concessioners rent chairs and umbrellas while picnic pavilions with restrooms are open to the public.

Additional island features include a snack bar, a docking pier, and lifeguarded beaches. Although the island is definitely preferable in the summer, the views of the Intercoastal Waterway are unprecedented all year long. So even though some of the amenities close up in the off-season, a visit to Ship Island should be added to your itinerary any time of the year. One of the most awesome beaches near Biloxi, Ship Island is highly recommended.

**Note of Interest:** Several Biloxi/Gulfport offer scheduled trips to Ship Island.

[www.nps.gov/guis/planyourvisit/ship-island.htm](http://www.nps.gov/guis/planyourvisit/ship-island.htm)

Address: Biloxi, MS 39530

## **6. Biloxi West Beach Boardwalk**

A beautiful Biloxi attraction to enjoy during the day or at night and for adults or families, the Biloxi West Beach Boardwalk is a must-do. A lovely place to stroll at sunrise or sunset, or anytime in between, the boardwalk offers splendid views of the Gulf Coast. Situated on a half-mile stretch of the beach, just south of Restaurant Row, Biloxi West Beach Boardwalk represents the city's first stretch of a longer segment to be built in the future. As it stands, the boardwalk is handicap accessible, provides access to Mississippi beaches, and has ample public parking. Of note, the boardwalk is constructed of a winding path that weaves along the uneven perimeter of the beach. Moreover, the path is well-lit for those glorious nighttime strolls. Whether taking a morning jog, pushing your baby's stroller midday, or capping off a date-night after dinner, the Biloxi West Beach Boardwalk is one of many beautiful places to visit in Mississippi.

Address: Biloxi, MS 39531

## **7. Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum**

One of the most fun tourist attractions in Biloxi, Mississippi, the [Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum](#) houses the relics of the region's Fat Tuesday celebrations to date. Celebrating and highlighting more than 300 years of local history, the museum focuses specifically on the people who have tirelessly made the region's Mardi Gras celebrations such a special time of year. Furthermore, the museum houses an awesome collection of Mardi Gras artifacts such as photographs, costumes, and memorabilia.

Another excellent feature of the Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum is that a knowledgeable guide will share tidbits and facts about the region's historical celebrations. Beyond that, a small theatre shows films that document and share just how the locals celebrate Mardi Gras. Finally, if you're visiting the museum during Mardi Gras, the museum guides will happily share tricks and pointers to make your experience

all the more enjoyable. One of many unique places to visit in Biloxi, the Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum is highly recommended.

[www.coastalmardigras.com](http://www.coastalmardigras.com)

792A Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **8. Biloxi Tour Train**

The [Biloxi Tour Train](#) is a charming way to see this quaint Mississippi town. One of a host of Biloxi attractions you won't want to skip, these tours are aboard a tramcar of sorts that looks more like a train than it functions. Nonetheless, Biloxi Tour Train is a family-owned and operated attraction that answers the question of what to do when visiting Mississippi. The train lovingly referred to as the "Shrimp Train," travels around town taking in all of the most significant historical sights. While aboard the Biloxi Tour Train, passengers will take in sights rich in heritage and culture. With a guided tour of the town's historic district, passengers will disembark knowing more about the town's rich past as well as a thing or two about Southern hospitality. Best of all, the tour leaves from the beautiful Biloxi Lighthouse, a historical site in its own right. If you're seeking fun and unique activities to do during your visit to MS, be sure to check out Biloxi Tour Train.

[www.biloxitourtrain.com](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com)

1080 Robertson St, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **9. Fly Llama Brewing**

With so many things to do in Biloxi, narrowing down awesome activities to do with adults can be overwhelming. However, don't pass up an opportunity to visit [Fly Llama Brewing](#). This awesome craft brewery is situated along the Gulf Coast and uses locally sourced ingredients to brew friendly beers and hard seltzers. Using a combination of traditional and new-fangled brewing methods, Fly Llama Brewing crafts amazing beers. Open six days a week, Fly Llama Brewing is a top attraction to visit today or this weekend. Of note, Fly Llama Brewery was founded in 2014 by one of only 139 certified brewmasters in the country. During a visit to the brewery's Tap Room, visitors can imbibe on one of many lagers, IPAs, seltzers, and more. If you're looking for one of the [top places to go](#) with adult parties, Fly Llama Brewery is a must-do.

[www.flyllamabrewing.com](http://www.flyllamabrewing.com)

186 Bohn St, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **10. Biloxi Shrimping Trip**

Mississippi is known for its fresh seafood industry and shrimp is likely its most popular catch.

As a result, visitors come from far and wide to try their hand at shrimping. To make that a more attainable goal, [Biloxi Shrimping Trip](#) is one of the best activities to do on the Gulf Coast. Upon departure for your shrimping trip, shrimp nets are cast with a narrated play-by-play of how and what is being done. While the shrimp net does its job, passengers aboard the Biloxi Shrimping Trip tours are exposed to an array of interesting marine life. You'll see sea life such as Blue Crabs, Flounders, Stingrays, Squid, and so much more. Notably, the tour lasts for approximately 70 minutes, but the memories from this experience will last a lifetime. Best of all, the crew of the tour boat will both educate

and entertain you as you wait to pull your net. One of the most unique activities to do in Mississippi, the Biloxi Shrimping Trip is highly recommended.

[www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com)

Address: 693 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **11. Jefferson Davis Presidential Library**

If you're looking for history-rich things to do in Biloxi, be sure to pay a visit to the [Jefferson Davis Presidential Library](#). This fine establishment is the official Presidential Library of Jefferson Davis who was president of the Confederate States from 1861-1865. Located on the historical Beauvoir site in Biloxi, Mississippi, history buffs delight in this lovely tourist attraction. In fact, it's one of many noteworthy points of interest in MS. During your visit to the Beauvoir Estate upon which sits the library, you're not only treated to the beautiful architecture of the historic building but tidbits and artifacts concerning Jefferson himself. All tours of the presidential library are guided in and around the 52-acre property. Best of all, this educational tour will impart detailed information about the former president and his role in the Civil War. One of the [greatest places to see in the US](#), be sure to make time in your itinerary for the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library.

[www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)

Address: 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

### **12. Walter Anderson Museum of Art**

Located just outside Biloxi, Mississippi in Ocean Springs, [Walter Anderson Museum of Art](#) is home to "the South's most elusive art." This nationally accredited art museum, adjacent to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, is home to the works of artist-philosopher Walter Anderson. Anderson lived from 1903 to 1965 and the museum was founded in 1971; it pays homage to the works of Anderson as well as his brothers who are fellow artists. Anderson is one of Mississippi's most acclaimed artists and for that reason, the museum is one of the best in Biloxi. Furthermore, Walter Anderson Museum of Art offers guided tours of its permanent and changing exhibits as well as the local community center's murals. Of Anderson's artwork, visitors to the museum will enjoy drawings, murals, paintings, writings, and many other mediums. One of the state's most prolific artists, Anderson's works toe the line of fine and folk art.

[www.walterandersonmuseum.org](http://www.walterandersonmuseum.org)

Address: 510 Washington Ave, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

### **13. Margaritaville Resort**

If you're looking for the coupling of relaxation and fun while in Biloxi, the [Margaritaville Resort](#) is one of Mississippi's top vacation spots.

A great escape for travelers of all ages, the Margaritaville Resort is one for the books. Although the accommodations are fabulous, the real draw is the resort's amazing amenities, restaurants, and on-site entertainment.

Situated on prime Gulf Coast real estate, the resort has plenty of chill, tons of fun, and so much more.

On the long list of awesome activities available at Margaritaville Resort are a roller coaster, bowling alley, an arcade, a 450-foot lazy river, water slides, a pool playground, and beyond.

Concerning relaxation, the resort is home to a state-of-the-art spa, a fitness center, and more.

Lastly, the resort is home to many restaurants, bars, and shops.

With so much to do in one central location, you may never venture outside the resort.

[www.margaritavilleresortbiloxi.com](http://www.margaritavilleresortbiloxi.com)

Address: 195 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

#### **14. Biloxi Fire Museum**

The Biloxi Firehouse, built in 1937, now stands as the restored home of the [Biloxi Fire Museum](#). Home of the town's rich fire history, a visit to the museum is a fun little outing for the whole family. Essentially, the museum documents the more-than 120-year history of firefighting in this small Mississippi town. With tons of antique equipment on display, visitors can truly appreciate the evolution of firefighting over the last century. Moreover, the museum's amazing exhibits include interesting and historic photographs, antique fire equipment and uniforms, and so much more. Other displays contain two original fire bells, a late 1800s hose cart, and even an early 1900s steam fire engine. There are a series of lovely photographs that depict annual parades on display too. Lastly, there's a wall dedicated to fallen local firefighters whereupon their helmets and trumpets hang in tribute. If you're looking for interesting things to do in Biloxi, be sure to check out the museum.

[www.biloxi.ms.us/departments/fire-department/biloxi-fire-museum](http://www.biloxi.ms.us/departments/fire-department/biloxi-fire-museum)

Address: 1046 E Howard Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530

#### **15. USS Biloxi Mast**

This decommissioned World War II cruiser was retired with a distinguished record. The 608-foot ship, nicknamed the "Busy Bee," was the recipient of nearly 10 laudable battle stars during her one-and-a-half-year service. Famed for her long tours of duty, the "Busy Bee" was front and center for all major Pacific operations during the war. The ship's main job during the war was to carry aircraft to take-off destinations for air raids. Although the ship was broken up for spare parts after its retirement, a tribute to "Busy Bee" resides in Mississippi near the Gulf Coast today.

Visitors can pay homage to the ship's superstructure, its Purple Heart display and garden, and other important and relevant war markers. Situated proudly in the Small Craft Harbor, the [USS Biloxi Mast](#) is a wonderfully educational and history-rich attraction that you should make time to visit.

Perfect for visitors of all ages, all could learn a lot about the country's history through this astounding war artifact.

[www.gulfcoast.org/listings/uss-biloxi-mast/3347/](http://www.gulfcoast.org/listings/uss-biloxi-mast/3347/)

Address: 679 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

#### **16. Big Play Entertainment Center**

This Biloxi amusement center is an outdoor and indoor mecca for unbridled recreation for the whole family. [Big Play Entertainment Center](#) has tons of opportunities for all

to find their inner child. One of the center's biggest draws is its 12-lane bowling alley; what better way to have fun with the whole family? An indoor arcade features dozens of new and retro games with opportunities to win cool prizes. Other indoor attractions include laser tag, a laser maze, bumper cars, and more. Best of all, the fun times keep on rolling outside at Big Play Entertainment Center. The center's outdoor attractions include 18-hole mini-golf, go-karts, and a mining experience. After you've worked up an appetite, the center's full restaurant serves up yummy burgers, delectable appetizers, delicious spirits, and beyond. So, if you're looking for awesome things to do in Biloxi that are suitable for the whole family, Big Play Entertainment Center is your place.

[www.bigplaybiloxi.com](http://www.bigplaybiloxi.com)

Address: 1842 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

### **17. Lynn Meadows Discovery Center**

This amazing children's museum is situated in an early 1900s school building which gives its whimsical character extra charm. Committed to inspiring children's love of learning, play, and imagination, [Lynn Meadows Discovery Center](#) is a must-see for families with children visiting Biloxi. The center is packed full of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn and discover through hands-on activities. Best of all, the center is packed full of both indoor and outdoor activities that children will delight in exploring.

Some of the amazing indoor exhibits include a colossal climbing structure, an artist's studio, an indoor play area for toddlers, a train with dress-up props, a pretend vet's office, and loads more. Outside, children can enjoy a creek experience, a pint-size pretend neighborhood, a treehouse village, and other excellent exhibits. In addition to all of these exciting experiences, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center also has a children's library, daily storytimes, and art classes among other programs.

[www.lmdc.org](http://www.lmdc.org)

Address: 246 Dolan Ave, Gulfport, MS 39507

### **18. Finishline Performance Karting**

[Finishline Performance Karting](#) is a premier go-karting destination with courses suitable for all ages.

Providing families with high-octane, heart-pumping excitement, go-karting at this Biloxi attraction is a great way to spend the day in Mississippi. Best of all, the tracks are open seven days a week so anytime is a good time to plan your visit. Finishline Performance Karting has multiple on-property tracks of different shapes and sizes as well as a variety of kart sizes suitable for all ages. Finishline Performance Karting has an array of wonderful packages that allow racers to choose their number of rides and whether they'd like to race as a single rider or with a partner. Generally, each race lasts about 10 minutes which gives racers the opportunity to navigate the tracks many times over. When you and the children are tired of all the racing, there is also a full arcade on the property.

[www.racebiloxi.com](http://www.racebiloxi.com)

Address: 1782 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

### **19. Mega-Bite Fishing Charters**

If you're looking for things to do in Biloxi that get you out on the water, check out [Mega-Bite Fishing Charters](#). Captained by a longtime resident of Mississippi's Gulf Coast, Mega-Bite Fishing Charters provides families with the same great memories that locals have enjoyed forever. Mega-Bite Fishing Charters has two lovely boats that are both outfitted with awesome creature comforts, state-of-the-art technology, excellent sound systems, and the latest accessories. So as you cruise the open waters in hopes of catching a big bite, you'll do so in comfort and style. Mega-Bite Fishing Charters offers opportunities for both inshore and offshore fishing trips as well as deep-sea fishing. While on your fishing trip, you could catch fish such as red snapper, Atlantic Spadefish, black drum, Black Tip Shark, Cobia, and many other varieties. Depending on the type of trip your family chooses, charters can last anywhere from four to eight hours. What's more, most of the charters can accommodate upwards of six guests.

[www.teammegabite.com/](http://www.teammegabite.com/)

Address: 3366 Bay Shore Dr, Biloxi, MS 39530

### **20. Gulf Islands Waterpark**

Another wonderful way to spend hot summer days in Biloxi is with a visit to [Gulf Islands Waterpark](#).

This gigantic waterpark is packed full of rides, slides, and pools that are perfect for action-packed good times and cooling off from the hot Biloxi summers. With an assortment of rides suitable for visitors of all ages and abilities, Gulf Islands Waterpark is an entertaining time for all. Concerning water slides, the park has big ones and little ones as well as fast ones and chill ones. Other awesome water features at the park include a lazy river, a wave pool, and a splash park among other attractions. The park is also home to three eateries including a burger joint, a pizza shop, and a creamery. Finally, Gulf Islands Waterpark has cozy, private cabanas for rental as well. The cabanas are the perfect place to set up camp for the day, relax if you need a break from all the excitement, or eat lunch.

[www.gulfislandswaterpark.com](http://www.gulfislandswaterpark.com)

Address: 17200 16th St, Gulfport, MS 39503

### **21. Zip'n Fun Adventure Park**

A wonderful place to get outdoors and enjoy exciting recreation with a view, [Zip'n Fun Adventure Park](#) is the place to go. Essentially, the park is a treetop playground for children and adults. This premier destination is a ropes course, zipline, and obstacle course all in one beautiful locale. In all, the park has five adventure possibilities across two amazing courses. The treetop course is intended for older children and adults while the junior course is perfect for younger children. The Treetop Adventure Course features aerial trails with connecting platforms, challenging obstacles, treacherous bridges, zip lines, a Tarzan jump, and swinging logs. The Junior Adventure Course has similar features however they're lower to the ground and shorter in length. Climbing trees, navigating challenging obstacles, zipping through the trees, and adrenaline-pumping activity all await you at Zip'n Fun Adventure Park.



So if you're looking for something adventurous to do while spending time in nature, you won't want to pass up this amazing attraction.

[www.zipnfun.com](http://www.zipnfun.com)

Address: 17200 16th St, Gulfport, MS 39503

## **22. Chandeleur Island Brewing Company**

**[Chandeleur Island Brewing Company](#)** is located just outside Biloxi, Mississippi.

Named for a 50-mile stretch of islands off the Gulf Coast, the brewery is home to delicious local micro and craft beers. Housed in a historic building in Gulfport, MS, the brewery opened its doors in 2013.

Crafting wonderful ales using locally-sourced ingredients, beer lovers come from far and wide to visit Chandeleur Island Brewing Company. If you're looking for some adult fun while visiting Mississippi, the brewery is highly recommended. The Taproom at Chandeleur Island Brewing Company is open seven days a week, so anytime is a good time to visit. During your visit, you can imbibe some of the establishment's delicious brews and tasty bites. Best of all, the Taproom is pet-friendly. Additionally, Chandeleur Island Brewing Company hosts public and private brewery tours so you can check out the behind-the-scenes brewing process. Tours include a pint glass to take home as well as a beer of your choice at its conclusion.

[www.chandeleurbrew.com](http://www.chandeleurbrew.com)

Address: 2711 14th St, Gulfport, MS 39501