

Memphis offers something for everyone

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What is there to do in Memphis, you ask? There might be more than you ever imagined. Tourists and Memphians alike can find endless things to do, most of which are great fun for the entire family. When it comes to museums, Memphis has plenty of them to choose from. Here is a list of some of the better known and popular ones:

Pink Palace Museum: <http://www.memphismuseums.org/>
National Civil Rights Museum: <http://www.civilrightsmuseum.org/>
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art: <http://www.brooksmuseum.org/>
Memphis Rock n Soul Museum : <http://memphisrocknsoul.org/>
Dixon Gallery & Gardens: <http://www.dixon.org/>
The Children's Museum of Memphis: <http://cmom.com/>
National Ornamental Metal Museum: <http://www.metalmuseum.org/>
Fire Museum of Memphis: <http://www.firemuseum.com/>
Stax Museum of American Soul: <http://www.staxmuseum.com/>
Belz Museum of Asian & Judaic Art: <http://www.belzmuseum.org/>
Railroad & Trolley Museum: <http://mrtm.org/>
The C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa: <http://www.memphis.edu/chucalissa/>
Art Museum at the University of Memphis: <http://www.memphis.edu/amum/>
The Cotton Museum: <http://www.memphiscottonmuseum.org/>

Beyond the museum scene, Memphis also has plenty of things and places to go for entertainment. There are a few that are worth exploring. Here is a list of some of the places that you'll want to see if you come to the river city:

Beale Street: <http://www.bealestreet.com/wordpress/>
Orpheum Theater: <http://www.orpheum-memphis.com/>
Cannon Center for the Performing Arts: <http://www.memphistravel.com/conventions/cannon-center>
Playhouse on the Square: <http://playhouseonthesquare.org/>
The New Daisy Theatre: <http://www.newdaisy.com/>
TheatreWorks: <http://theatreworksmemphis.org/>
The Lida Gammill Sharpe Planetarium: <http://www.memphismuseums.org/sharpe-overview/>
Memphis Zoo: <http://memphiszoo.org/>
Graceland: <http://www.elvis.com/graceland/>
Sun Studio: <http://www.sunstudio.com/>
Memphis Riverboats: <http://memphisriverboats.net/231/catalog/index.php>
Memphis Peabody Hotel: <http://www.peabodymemphis.com/>
Elmwood Cemetery: <http://www.elmwoodcemetery.org/>

Gibson: <http://www.gibson.com/en-us/locations/retailcenters/memphis/discoveriesofgibson/>

The Salvation Army Kroc Center in Memphis: <http://www.krocmemphis.org/>

Woodruff-Fontaine House: <http://www.woodruff-fontaine.com/>

Mallory-Neely House: http://www.memphismuseums.org/mn-event_program-15262/

Lichterman Nature Center: <http://www.memphismuseums.org/lichterman-overview>

Mud Island: <http://www.mudisland.com/>

If you and your family is into sports, Memphis also has minor league baseball and professional NBA basketball . Here are some links where you can find out more about them:

Memphis Redbirds (AutoZone Park): <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t235>

Memphis Grizzlies (FedEx Forum): <http://www.nba.com/grizzlies/#.UTO2M1f75e0>

If you and your family would rather go out and do something than watch it, (like run, walk, or ride a bike), you have plenty of places in Memphis where you can do that. Some of the best locations for this are in the parks, which include:

Shelby Farms Park: <http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/>

Overton Park: <http://www.overtonpark.org/>

Tom Lee Park: <http://www.memphisriverfront.com/tom-lee-park>

Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park: <http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/MeemanShelby/>

There are also other places you can go with trails:

Wolf River Conservancy: <http://www.wolfriver.org/>

Greater Memphis Greenline: <http://greatermemphisgreenline.org/>

For other great places to ride in and around Memphis, check out the Memphis Cyclist website:

Memphis Cyclist: <http://memphiscyclist.com/html/placestoride.html>

Memphis is probably best known for its barbecue, but when it comes to eating, it has countless options to chose from that will satisfy just about everyone's tastes. When of the best places to help you in your quest for a restaurant is: <http://www.memphisrestaurants.com/>

If you still need a little help and with even more suggestions, and recommendations, you can check out the following websites to help you in your search:

<http://memphis.about.com/od/thingstoseeanddo/tp/mustsee.htm>

http://travel.usnews.com/Memphis_TN/Things_To_Do/

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g55197-Activities-Memphis_Tennessee.html

Whatever it is that you want to do, you will probably find a place for it in Memphis. The city is in a beautiful and scenic location, overlooking the mighty Mississippi River. It has a rich history with great southern cuisine and people who will show you what southern hospitality is all about. [Forbes magazine](#) ranked the city as the 98th best place for businesses and careers and the 36th best city for singles. Come experience Memphis for yourself and you might find that you just might want to stay even longer.