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From the storied halls of the University of Alabama and the ancient burial mounds of Moundville; from the free-flowing Cahaba River and the Ironworks of Brierfield and Tannehill State Parks, from BBQ and sweet coconut pie, West Alabama awaits.



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Discover Your Spirit

Meet West Alabama head on. There's Alabama Crimson Tide football and the beautiful campus of the University of Alabama. There's also the largest prehistoric city north of Mexico you'll find in North America, a free-flowing river that holds aquatic rarities such as the Cahaba Lily, walkable downtowns, fine dining, the best fishing and hunting around bird-watching along the Alabama Birding Trail, and Civil War & Civil Rights history.



Close by, but miles away from it all

Just a short drive from Birmingham, the Mississippi state line and Mobile, there's so much to see and do.

Don't Miss These Highlights

Moundville Archaeological Park

UA Arboretum

Pickensville Campground

West Blocton Coke Ovens

Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge

Safehouse Museum

Sipsey River

Fayette Aquatic Center

Talladega National Forest

Historic Downtown Northport

Nationally Acclaimed BBQ

Pie Lab

Kirkwood Mansion

Backstreet Opry

Sharktooth Creek Outdoor Adventures

Auburn Rural Studio

Aliceville P.O.W. Museum

Mercedes-Benz Factory Tour & Museum



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MUSEUMS

As objective, trustworthy sources of scientific and historical information, museums are one of the most important resources for educating the public. The University of Alabama Museums strives to provide hands-on learning resources to UA graduate and undergraduate students, faculty members, researchers and the community at all of its sites.

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Moundville Archaeological Park

At its peak around 1300 A.D., the site of Moundville was America's largest city north of Mexico. Here 3,000 people lived and produced beautiful works of art, many of which are now exhibited in the park's museum. Moundville continues to be the focus of important archaeological research by scientists from UA and other institutions. The site is thought to be only 10 percent excavated.



Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum

Once the Queen City Bath House and Pool, this museum is Tuscaloosa's only remaining Art Deco architecture. Architect Don Buel Schuyler, an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright, and Mildred Westervelt Warner built the structure in the late 1930s, and it reopened in 2011 as Tuscaloosa's own local history museum, illustrating the story of this industrious town alongside the Black Warrior River.

The Alabama Museum of Natural History

Established in 1821, AMNH is the third oldest museum in the United States. Among the items on display there is the Hodges Meteorite, the only documented meteorite in the world to have struck a human.



The Gorgas House Museum

The Gorgas House is one of four buildings to survive the burning of UA's campus by Union troops in 1865, seven days before the Civil War's end. The 1829 structure has served as a dining hall, post office, infirmary, private residence and now a museum.



Find the entire UA Museums Family on Facebook!

Visit West Alabama to Discover Your Spirit!

Bibb

- Brierfield Ironworks Historical Park
- Cahaba National Wildlife Refuge
- West Blocton Coke Oven Park
- Tannehill Ironworks Historical Park
- Bibb Glades Birding

Hale

- Pie Lab
- Moundville Archeological Park
- Auburn's Rural Studio
- Magnolia Grove
- The Safehouse Museum
- HERObike



Greene

- Courthouse Antiques
- Kirkwood Mansion
- Everhope Plantation
- Vaughn-Morrow House
- Forkland Recreation Area and Campground



Tuscaloosa

- Black Warrior River
- Tuscaloosa Riverwalk
- The University of Alabama
- Bryant Museum
- Lake Lurleen State Park
- Historic downtowns of Northport & Tuscaloosa
- Kentuck
- Tuscaloosa Museum of Art



Pickens

- Aliceville POW Museum
- Carrollton Courthouse's "Face in the Window"
- Tom Bevil Lock and Dam Visitor Center
- Sharktooth Creek Adventures

Fayette

- Fayette Aquatic Park
- Art Museum
- Downtown shopping
- Lisa's BBQ



Lamar

- Backstreet Opry
- Quail Valley Hunting Lodge
- Lamar Public Lake
- Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery



Sample Visit to West Alabama

DAY ONE: Arrive and Explore

12 Noon	Arrive in Tuscaloosa – Lunch at the Original Dreamland Barbecue where the description of the award winning ribs is “Ain’t nothin’ like ‘em nowhere!”
1PM	Depart Dreamland for Tuscaloosa Riverwalk/Visitor Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk off that delicious barbecue lunch alongside the beautiful Black Warrior River with a stop to the Tuscaloosa Visitor Center for all the latest information, and a warm welcome to Tuscaloosa! • Frozen Yogurt at Orange Leaf • Tour Mildred Westervelt-Warner Transportation Museum
3:00PM	Depart for Downtown Northport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Tour and shopping in Historic Downtown Northport. Visit to Kentuck Art Museum & Gallery, the Northport Historic Depot and Northport Heritage Museum • Stop at Billy’s Sports Bar for a refreshing cocktail before departing Northport!
4:00PM	Check in to hotel/freshen up for dinner
5:00PM	Catfish dinner at the legendary Cypress Inn overlooking the Black Warrior River
6:30PM	Shop til you drop at Mid-town Village, The Shoppes at Legacy Park or University Mall!

DAY TWO: History and Heroes

8:00AM	Breakfast at Another Broken Egg Café – overlooking the beautiful Black Warrior River.
9:00AM	Depart Tuscaloosa for a day in Moundville, AL/Greensboro, AL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moundville Archaeological Park – 15 minutes from downtown Tuscaloosa lies a National Historic Landmark and one of the South’s most important historical sites. From 1000 AD to 1450AD Native Americans formed what one day became America.
11:00AM	Continue on to Greensboro, AL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at the famous Pie Lab in downtown Greensboro and visit H.E.R.O Bike Shop. • Tour Magnolia Grove, a Greek Revival mansion, circa 1840. • Tour the Safe House Museum, where Martin Luther King spent a night in hiding just two weeks before his assassination.
3:00PM	Back to Tuscaloosa for a campus tour of the University of Alabama! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryant-Denny Stadium and the Walk of Champions – where the legendary Crimson Tide football team plays. • Presidents Mansion – a beautiful antebellum Mansion that has been home to the University of Alabama Presidents since 1831. Only three structures were not burned to the ground during the Civil War – and this was one! The others that remained were The Little Round House and The Gorgas house which are just across the Quad from the Presidents Mansion • The Quad and Denny Chimes – the focal point of activity on the campus • Foster Auditorium/Hood-Malone Plaza featuring the Authurine Lucy Clocktower – the site where Civil Rights history was made as Gov. George C. Wallace blocked the doors attempting to prevent two African-American students from enrolling. • Bryant Museum – where the tale of American style football is unfolded in all it’s glory
5:30	Hotel to refresh for an evening in downtown T-town (that’s what the locals call Tuscaloosa!)
6:30	Experience nightlife Downtown Tuscaloosa! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savor the local beer at the Black Warrior Brewing Company • Dinner at one of our outstanding local eateries • Take in the sights and sounds of the Temerson Square Entertainment District

MEET TUSCALOOSA



Hip & Historic

The City of Tuscaloosa may be known for its 15 national championships and the forever growing spirit of the Alabama Crimson Tide, but step outside of Bryant Denny Stadium and the beautiful campus of the University of Alabama, and enter a city thriving with culture and eclectic nightlife. From the Civil War to Civil Rights, Tuscaloosa's roots run deep in American history.



Ttown Highlights

- Nationally acclaimed BBQ
- 2 Regional Art Festivals (DCAF & Kentuck)
- Outdoor Amphitheater overlooking Black Warrior River
- 4 Lakes within the county lines
- Walkable Downtown with multiple restaurants & bars
- 9 art galleries (including the Paul W. Bryant Museum)
- Mercedes-Benz Visitor Center
- Moundville Archaeological Park
- Foster Auditorium (location of the “stand in the schoolhouse door”)
- Bama Theater
- Riverwalk & Farmer's Market
- Live music scene
- 3 local breweries (Druid City Brewing, Band of Brothers, & Black Warrior Brewing)
- 3 colleges (University of Alabama, Stillman College (HBCU), & Shelton State Community)
- Multiple collegiate, athletic national championships (including 15 UA football national championships)

Easy to Find

Nestled next to the Black Warrior River, and 45 minutes away from Birmingham, Tuscaloosa is a contemporary history lesson waiting to be discovered.



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More Than Great Food On The Table!

We have some of the most unique restaurants you'll find anywhere. A host of galleries, clubs, shops, recreational options and more. If you think you know Tuscaloosa, think again. We're waiting to meet you.

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