

Mississippi Delta Ultimate Blues Trip

“The Delta begins in the lobby of the Peabody Hotel in Memphis and ends at Catfish Row in Vicksburg.”

David Cohn, *God Shakes Creation*

The Mississippi Delta is known as the Birthplace of the Blues and has been referred to as the “cradle of American civilization.” The birth of the Blues reverberated around the world and led to the birth of jazz, country, rhythm and blues and, of course, rock and roll. All of these genres were inspired by the music of the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta. Your journey along U.S. Highway 61, America’s Blues Highway, will be like no other as you search for the roots of American music. Sit back and relax and see where the backroads take you.

- **The Mississippi Blues Trail** is prominent throughout the Mississippi Delta. Start your backroads adventure and end at Catfish Row in Vicksburg.
- Make a stop at the **Gateway to the Blues Museum** in Tunica and then head on down to Clarksdale to visit the **Delta Blues Museum**, **Red’s Lounge** and **Ground Zero Blues Club**.
- Next jump on Highway 49 and head to Greenwood to visit the graves of **Robert Johnson**. Be sure to stop in at **Awesome AM Radio 960AM on Money Road** and **Turnrow Books** for blues literature and vinyl.
- Continue on Highway 49 to Yazoo County and check out the **Blue Front Café** for some authentic **Bentonia Blues**. You will want to make a stop by the **Sam Olden Yazoo Historical Society Museum**.
- Our next stop is the **Mississippi Grammy Museum** in Cleveland and a visit to the birthplace of it all: **Dockery Plantation**.
- It’s time to head over to Leland to visit the **Highway 61 Blues Museum**. You’ll find live Blues music in Greenville’s entertainment district along Walnut Street.
- Heading down Highway 61 to Vicksburg you can visit the **Muddy Waters Cabin** in Rolling Fork. Vicksburg offers live Blues music at **LD’s Kitchen** on Tuesdays and at **Ameristar Bottleneck Blues Bar** on the weekends.



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