

## Educational Treasures on The Secret Coast

### Day 1

#### Morning

Start your morning with the scenic look through the lives and struggles of survivors of Hurricanes at the **Waveland Ground Zero Hurricane Museum**. Coastal life is sometimes stormy, but coastal people have the resilience to survive and thrive even in the face of great adversity.



Jump into space at **INFINITY Science Center** in Bay St. Louis. INFINITY encompasses a mix of exhibit space and hands-on experiential programming that seeks to be a place where guests can explore Earth and space through exhibits, tours through natural habitats and historic sites and citizen science programs.



#### Lunch

Grab a bite to eat at **The Turtle Café** located in the **Ocean Adventures Marine Park** while you experience up-close encounters with dolphins, sea lions, sharks, rays and birds.

#### Afternoon

Learn over 200 years of railroad history dedicated to bringing the spirit of the American Railroad back to life at the **Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum**.

Take a cruise on the **Ship Island Excursions to Fort Massachusetts-Gulf Islands National Seashore** on the western tip of Ship Island-12 miles south of Gulfport. Fort Massachusetts was on the last Third System forts constructed. The secret to this location is the strategic deep-water harbor located near the island. It was used by the British to stage their invasion of New Orleans in the War of 1812.





## Day 2:

### Morning

Go back in time and take a tour of **Beauvoir-The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library**, which includes a Confederate Cemetery where the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the grave of Jefferson Davis' father, Samuel, are located.

Jump aboard the *Sailfish* for a 70-minute **Biloxi Shrimping Trip** and learn everything you ever wanted to know about the spectacular world of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's marine life.



### Lunch

Enjoy an authentic **Biloxi Shrimp Boil**, prepared by local experts of Coastal Mississippi.



### Afternoon

Explore a truly unique array of exhibits on the region's coastal heritage at the **Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**, including a detailed look into the shrimping and oystering industry, and a beautiful display of skiffs, sailboats and historic items.

Experience the "Mad Potter of Biloxi," at the **Ohr-O'keefe Museum of Art**. Admire the art and architecture designed by Frank O. Gehry or create your own master piece in one of their art classes offered at the museum.

Walk through the replica of the **Pleasant Reed House**. Home of the late Pleasant Reed, the first free black man in Biloxi to build and own his own home outright after the Civil War. This historic "side-hall camelback shotgun" from the early 1900s will take you back in time as soon as you enter its doors.



### Evening

Relax on the beach and watch the sunset take place on Coastal Mississippi while enjoying a bonfire setup by **The Bonfire King, LLC**.

### Day 3:



#### Morning

Begin your morning with visual art and or culinary classes at the **Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Center of Arts & Education** in downtown Ocean Springs. This historic building was a public school in 1927 and renovated and restores to encourage visitors and citizens to attend performing, culinary and visual art events.

Visit the **Walter Anderson Museum of Art** to learn about a local artist whose stunning work was inspired by the abundant flora and fauna that call Coastal Mississippi home.

Stop by **Shearwater Pottery**, owned and operated by the Anderson family since the 1920s. In 1928, Peter Anderson built the Shearwater Pottery workshop and showroom.

#### Lunch

Discover a Coastal favorite barbeque joint, **The Shed Barbeque & Blues Joint** serving pork, beef, chicken, sausage, crawfish and “Shed” style sides. This unique restaurant was named the best BBQ in the state of Mississippi by the Food Network in 2018.



#### Afternoon

Explore the **Pascagoula River Audubon Center**, where visitors can learn about and experience local wildlife firsthand all year round.

Let your worries fade as *Captain Benny & Lynn McCoy* with **McCoy’s River Marsh Tours** take you along one of the most pristine river swamps in America and the largest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states, The Pascagoula River.

Continue your nature adventure on the **Historic Pascagoula Bike Trail**, which offers a unique combination of cycling, nature, history and coastal culture. There are 15 points of interest along the trail including the *Round Island Lighthouse*, *La Pointe-Krebs House*, several historic districts, *Ingalls Shipyard Iron Gates* and so much more.