



THE OFFICIAL MEETING & EVENT *Planning Guide* FOR COASTAL MISSISSIPPI

WAVELAND • BAY ST. LOUIS • DIAMONDHEAD • PASS CHRISTIAN • LONG BEACH • GULFPORT
BILOXI • D'IBERVILLE • OCEAN SPRINGS • GAUTIER • MOSS POINT • PASCAGOULA





welcome



It's no secret that Coastal Mississippi is one of the most popular beach destinations for meeting and event planners. With 62 miles of shoreline, 26 miles of white sand beaches, casino resorts, luxury hotels, barrier islands, rivers, and bayous, there's just so much to explore here on The Secret Coast. Whether you are planning your next corporate or association event, or looking for alternatives to the same old locations, we hope you will consider Coastal Mississippi.

We call ourselves the Secret Coast because the experience here is like no other. Smaller crowds for restaurants and attractions, especially on our beautiful beaches, mean that your attendees will find the perfect mix of work, play, and relaxation. For us, tailoring your event to find the ideal formula of adventure mixed with cultural immersion, ecological experiences, festivals, leisure, education, and bucket-list experiences is a priority, and our team stands ready to help make that happen. You want more, and Coastal Mississippi is prepared to deliver.

So, on behalf of the incredible people who live and work in Coastal Mississippi and the twenty-five thousand folks who make up the region's hospitality and attractions industry, we welcome you and know you will discover everything you're looking for and more on The Secret Coast.

Cheers!

Judy Young, CDME
Executive Director, Coastal Mississippi



FLIGHTS MADE EASY

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport

The Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport connects you to five major airlines. With nonstop flights to Atlanta on Delta Air Lines, Charlotte and Dallas-Ft. Worth on American Airlines, and Houston on United Airlines and connections to hundreds of locations in the US and Worldwide, there is no easier way to fly!



EXPERIENCE

Coastal Mississippi

What's work without play? Make the most of your time by experience the best Coastal Mississippi has to offer.

Spend the day relaxing on our sandy shores, enjoying a round of golf, savoring coastal cuisine, taking a chance at one of our world-class casino resorts, or diving deep into local art. There's something for everyone!

MUSIC & NIGHTLIFE

PREMIER GOLF COURSES

LOCAL & BIG NAME SHOPPING

LIMITLESS GAMING OPTIONS

COASTAL CUISINE & SEAFOOD

NATURE & OUTDOORS





GROUP ACTIVITIES

to enjoy along Coastal Mississippi

DISCOVER WILDLIFE

Experience nature with tours of Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pascagoula River Audubon Center, Sandhill Crane Refuge, and Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

EXPLORE OUR WATERWAYS

Kayak, canoe, or paddleboard our many waterways.

MASTER YOUR GAME

Indulge yourself by exploring our fine dining options, relaxing in one of our luxurious spas, rolling the dice, or watching headlining entertainment at any of our 24-hour casino resorts.

FROM SOUND TO TABLE

Climb aboard the Biloxi Shrimping Tour and learn about a shrimp's journey in the Mississippi Sound - and ending with an unforgettable shrimp boil. Or, play chef with fresh-caught Gulf seafood during a cooking class hosted at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center or Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR THRILL SEEKERS

Experience a squirrel's eye view of nature at Zip 'n Fun Adventure Park, a tree-to-tree obstacle course or zip line through the lush canopy above Red Creek.



**View sample itineraries and let us
help build yours!**







MISSISSIPPI COAST

Coliseum & Convention Center

The Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center is a 400,000 square foot, beachfront facility that can accommodate groups of up to 6,000 people. Best of all, you'll make the most of your attendees' break times when you choose to hold your meeting in the heart of one of the fastest-growing resort destinations in the region!

The Exhibit Hall has limitless possibilities, with nearly 129,000 square feet of space and seven private meeting rooms. With 30-foot ceilings in the Exhibit Hall, the facility boasts the latests in telecommunications, storage, food & beverage capabilities, and all the power your show could need.

In the 17,100 square foot West Lobby, you'll find a very special niche perfect for hosting registration, a continental breakfast, reception or just about anything a planner can image.



SPACE	DIMENSIONS	SQ. FT.	THEATRE	CLASSROOM	BANQUET	10x10 BOOTH
Hall A	222' x 174' x 20'	36,354	4,500	2,300	2,200	170
A-2	71' x 33' x 20' 71'	2,331	180	110	150	10
A-3	x 39' x 20' 71' x	2,778	270	200	150	12
A-4	35' x 20' 57' x 34'	2,438	180	110	150	10
A-5	x 20' 57' x 32' x	1,931	200	120	120	12
A-6	20' 151' x 32' x	1,830	200	120	120	12
A-7	20' 143' x 142' x	4,812	650	224	380	20
A-8	20'	20,234	2,400	1,300	1,200	98
Hall B	245' x 102' x 20'	24,364	3,000	1,700	1,500	138
B-1	32' x 99' x 20' 70'	2,840	180	128	140	16
B-2	x 26' x 20' 70' x	1,845	180	100	100	10
B-3	40' x 20' 70' x 35'	2,832	252	176	150	10
B-4	x 20' 75' x 102' x	2,386	275	130	140	10
B-5	20' 68' x 102' x	7,583	800	576	420	40
B-6	20'	6,873	800	504	410	32
Hall C	212' x 108' x 20'	22,023	2,400	1,200	1,300	84
C-1	68' x 108' x 20'	7,134	800	500	380	32
C-2	103' x 108' x 20'	10,968	1,200	700	600	50
C-3	40' x 25' x 20' 40'	1,000	70	60	48	n/a
C-4	x 47' x 20'	1,699	140	100	120	8
Hall D	200' x 141' x 20'	22,023	3,100	1,700	1,600	156
D-1	32' x 60' x 20' 35'	1,937	200	100	120	10
D-2	x 60' x 20' 32' x	2,121	220	100	120	10
D-3	60' x 20' 35' x 60'	1,918	200	100	120	10
D-4	x 20' 35' x 60' x	2,107	220	100	120	10
D-5	20' 30' x 60 x 20'	2,107	220	100	120	10
D-6	29' x 60' x 20' 35'	1,769	175	100	100	10
D-7	x 60' x 20' 35' x	1,757	175	100	100	10
D-8	60' x 20' 32' x 60'	2,116	220	100	120	10
D-9	x 20' 35' x 60' x	2,115	220	100	120	10
D-10	20' 32' x 60' x 20'	1,922	200	100	120	10
D-11	200' x 20' x 20'	2,115	220	100	120	10
D-12		1,891	200	100	120	10
D		4,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	20
Hallway						
Exhibit Hall	246' x 541' x 30'	128,756	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
E-1	246' x 181' x 30'	44,526	4,700	2,500	2,380	200
E-2	246' x 90' x 30'	22,140	2,300	1,300	1,080	80
E-3	246' x 90' x 30'	22,140	2,300	1,300	1,080	80
E-4	246' x 181' x 30'	44,526	4,700	2,500	2,380	200
Lobby Rooms	45' x 35' x 30' 45'	1,508	140	84	90	n/a
L-1	x 30' x 30' 45' x	1,317	112	84	60	n/a
L-2	30' x 30' 45' x 26'	1,317	112	84	60	n/a
L-3	x 30' 43' x 28' x	1,131	100	40	60	n/a
L-4	30' 43' x 31' x 30'	1,151	100	40	60	n/a
L-5	43' x 55' x 30' 45'	1,279	110	52	60	n/a
L-6	x 380' x 28' 51' x	2,138	200	96		n/a
L-7	247' x 28' 51' x	17,100	n/a			TBA
Lobbies / Concourse	174' x 28' 41' x	11,044	n/a			TBA
West Lobby	133' x 28'	8,874	n/a	n/a	n/a	TBA
Central Lobby		5,453	500	n/a	n/a	TBA
East Lobby		9,184	n/a	n/a	n/a	TBA
The Niche				n/a	250	
South Arcade Lobby				n/a	n/a	

THE PERFECT VENUE

for your meeting or event

Coastal Mississippi boasts a variety of flexible meeting venues to suit any event - and more than 15,000 hotel rooms to meet your accommodation needs.

A majority of casinos and hotels located throughout our coastal communities offer meeting and event spaces for a variety of groups. Area hotels also provide from 1,000 to 6,600 square feet to house smaller groups.

No matter the size of your group, we've got your covered.



Scan for a complete listing of Coastal Mississippi's meeting and event facilities





Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

Biloxi, MS

www.beaurivage.com

- 1,740 guest rooms
- 50,000 sq. feet of meeting space

Centennial Plaza

Gulfport, MS

www.centennialplazams.com

- 215 guest rooms
- 2,500 sq. feet of meeting space

Courtyard by Marriott

Gulfport, MS

www.marriott.com

- 143 guest rooms
- 6,644 sq. feet of meeting space

Golden Nugget

Biloxi, MS

www.goldennugget.com/biloxi

- 721 guest rooms
- 22,000 sq. feet of meeting space

Hilton Garden Inn

Pascagoula, MS

www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com

- 119 guest rooms
- 6,000 sq. feet of meeting space

Hollywood Casino Resort

Bay St. Louis, MS

www.hollywoodgulfcoast.com

- 291 guest rooms
- 14,000 sq. feet of meeting space

IP Casino Resort

Biloxi, MS

www.ipbiloxi.com

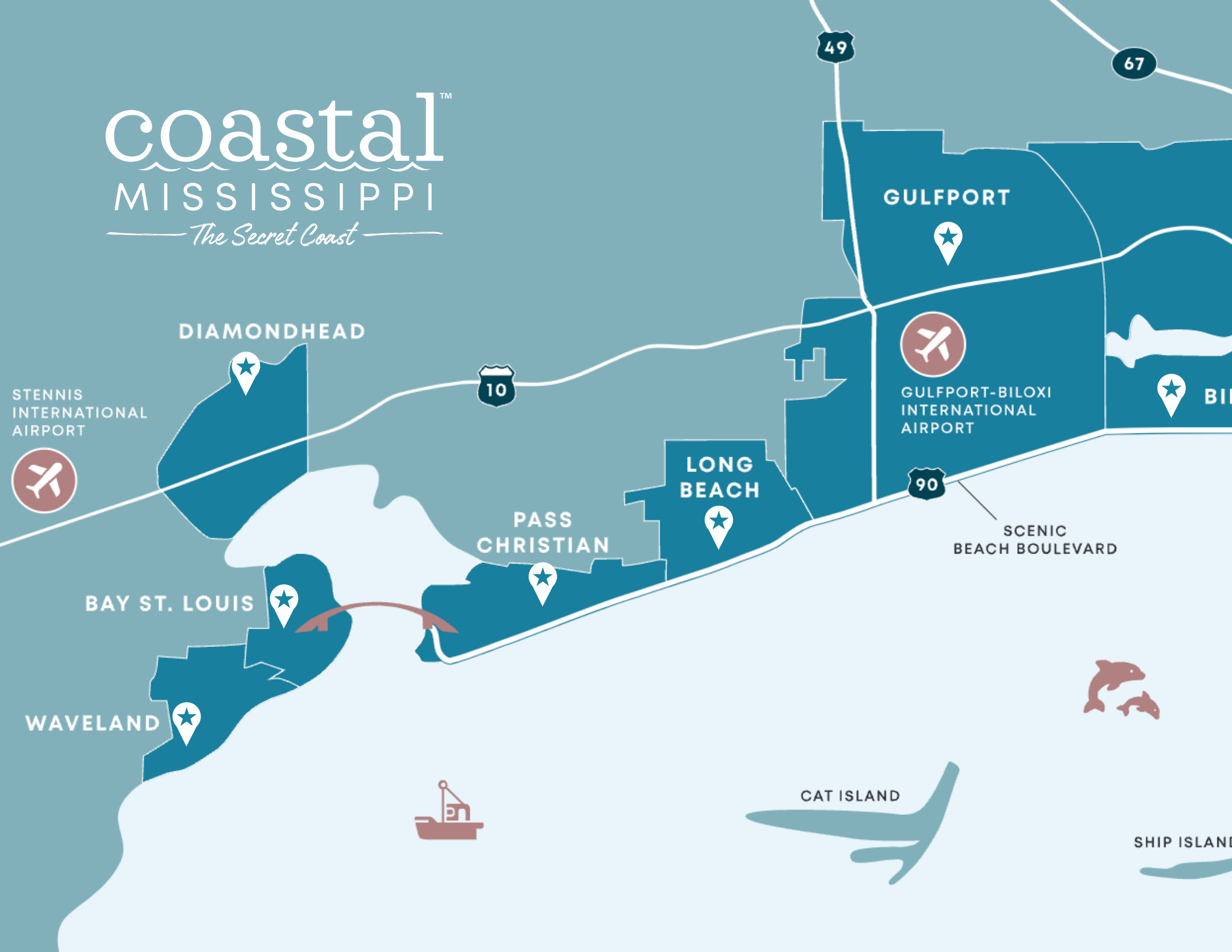
- 1,088 guest rooms
- 65,000 sq. feet of meeting space



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D'IBERVILLE

TRENT LOTT
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT

OCEAN SPRINGS

MOSS POINT

GAUTIER

PASCAGOULA

DEER ISLAND

ROUND ISLAND

HORN ISLAND

PETIT BOIS ISLAND

DESTINATION SERVICES

For years, meeting planners have taken advantage of all that Coastal Mississippi offers to assist groups with their planning, promoting, and managing of meetings. The staff is known for providing outstanding service and are eager to assist with site and accommodation selection, event promotion, special event and themed party planning, as well as on-site registration services.

lead generation service

We're Coastal Mississippi's destination experts! Let our team help make planning your meeting easier.

Once your RFP is received and reviewed, we will distribute your meeting requirements to facilities able to best accommodate your event.

site visit

Staff can assist in arranging a site visit to our destination to explore what your attendees will have the pleasure of experiencing during your meeting or conference.

custom name badges

We craft custom, computer-generated name badges for your attendees.

hospitality services

We provide knowledgeable staff to greet your attendees and provide visitor information about the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

off-site venue and vendors

As the DMO for Coastal Mississippi, we can recommend off-site venues and vendors that fit your needs and wow your attendees.

on-site registration

Experienced registration personnel will assist with your on-site registration and name badges.

promotional items

Coastal Mississippi visitor guides and maps can be provided, as well as additional promotional items.

media assistance

To promote your event, our Communications department can provide you with destination images and logos, as well as story ideas and local media contacts.

A vintage red Ford Mustang coupe is parked on a paved area near a beach. The car is a two-door model with a white roof rack. Two people are visible inside the car. The background shows a sandy beach and the ocean with waves breaking. The text is overlaid on the car's side.

**“Coastal Mississippi acquainted us
with the many possible options for
venues and events and smoothed
the way for our planning.”**

*Joe Copeland, Executive Director
for National AMBUCS, Inc.*

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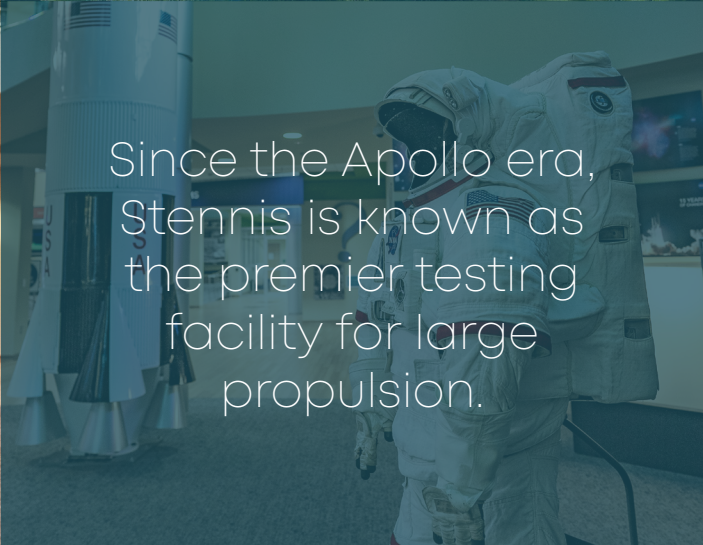
The Friendship Oak on USM's Long Beach campus is over 500 years old.




Barq's Root Beer was invented in Biloxi in 1898. Its building still stands Downtown.



The Gulf Coast produces 70 percent of the nation's oysters.



Since the Apollo era, Stennis is known as the premier testing facility for large propulsion.



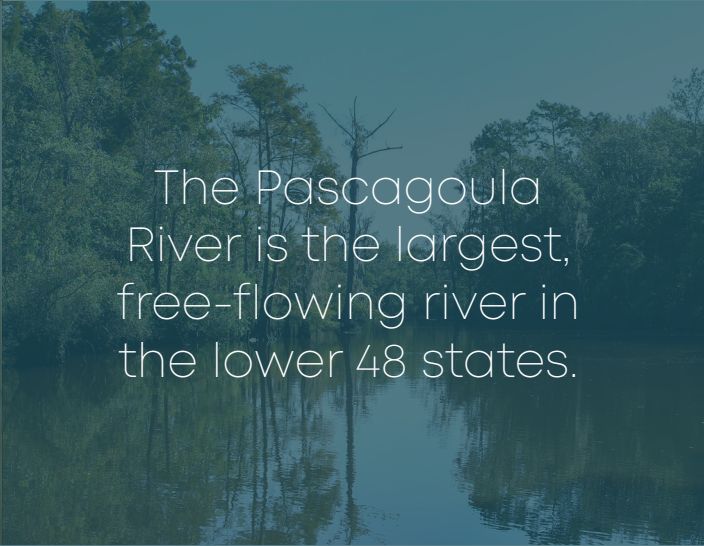
The Mississippi Sound has the highest concentration of bottlenose dolphins.



The Kiln's Lazy Magnolia is Mississippi's oldest packaging brewery.



Visitors from around the globe flock to Coastal Mississippi to enjoy the art.



The Pascagoula River is the largest, free-flowing river in the lower 48 states.



Jimmy Buffett, the original parrothead, was born in Pascagoula.

An aerial photograph of a coastal area during sunset. In the foreground, a multi-lane road with white lane markings runs horizontally. To the left of the road is a parking lot with several cars parked. Further left is a body of water with a small pier extending into it. On the right side of the road, a tall, white, cylindrical lighthouse with a blue band near the top and a lantern room is visible. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue, and the water reflects these colors.

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