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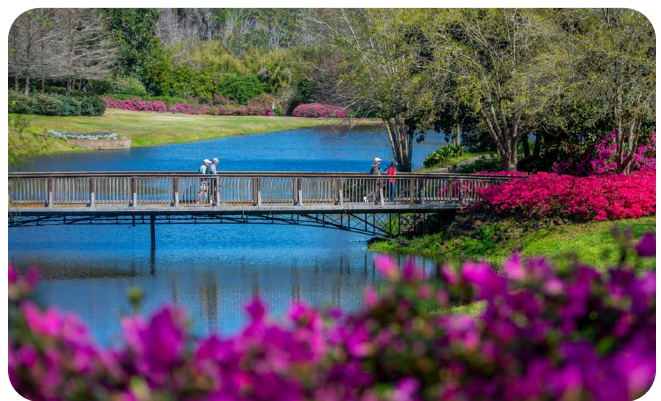
OUR OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

You'll never hear, "I'm bored" uttered from any member of your family when it comes to Mobile's outdoor offerings. We have something for everyone, from picturesque beach days to fast-paced airboat tours to casual walks through parks and gardens.

A lot of Mobile's outdoor activities center around the [Mobile-Tensaw River Delta](#), also known as "America's Amazon" because of its rich biodiversity. It's the largest river delta and wetland in the state of Alabama and the second largest in the country. You can find up to 40 species of mammals, 300 species of birds and 500 species of plants as you explore from a kayak or - if you prefer something a little more adrenaline-pumping - an airboat.

You'll be treated to pleasant weather no matter what time of year you visit. This climate offers great floral blooms all year round, but visit in the spring and you'll quickly figure out why Mobile earned the nickname "Azalea City." Each spring, thousands of azaleas spread breathtaking colors throughout the city. A great way to experience these blooms is along the Azalea Trail, a running path that stretches throughout the city.

A different way to see the azaleas is by visiting [Mobile Botanical Gardens](#), a 100-acre paved garden area that's home to one of the largest collection of plants anywhere on the Gulf Coast. The Gardens' bragging rights include an astounding array of azaleas and the largest collection of Japanese maple trees anywhere in the Southeast. [Bellingrath Gardens](#), located in the nearby town of Theodore, is a 65-acre public garden that offers its own stunning display of azaleas in the spring. In the fall, visitors are treated



to the country's largest outdoor display of cascading mums. Nothing says relaxation quite like a casual stroll through a floral-filled garden ...

Well, except for maybe a day at the beach! Just a quick 45-minute drive from downtown Mobile lies [Dauphin Island](#), a beach town that's perfect for every member of your family ... even the four-legged ones. The best way to explore the island is by bike or walking trails, but if your sea legs need to be stretched, kayaking and fishing are popular aquatic activities. With white sand beaches, local shops and restaurants, and attractions that highlight the natural beauty of the area, there's no shortage of things to do in this charming beach town. The [Audubon Bird Sanctuary](#) offers unbeatable birdwatching opportunities and the [Alabama Aquarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab](#) finds innovative ways to educate its visitors about how humans can impact the environment - in both bad and good ways. The aquarium is home to interactive exhibits that provide a fascinating overview of Mobile Bay, the fourth largest estuary system in the United States.

Perhaps your idea of a good time outdoors involves a lush green golf course. *Golf Digest* named Mobile one of the "top 10 golf value destinations in America." With more than 25 courses (collectively boasting more than 378 holes), you'd better schedule early tee times so you can try out as many as possible on your visit. As if the golfer in your life needs any more encouragement to go out and play a round, Mobile is also home to two of the 11 stops on Alabama's famed Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

You can find even more "green" at Mobile's many parks. We take our public green spaces very seriously and you'll find statues, water features and impressive landscaping in the parks and squares all around town. An especially popular location is Bienville Square, a historic park that's home to the ornate Ketchum Fountain and which hosts events like weekday Brown Bag Lunches, cookoffs and fundraisers.

So, pack your kayak, your sneakers, your golf clubs, your beach chair or just your sunglasses and get ready to enjoy the fresh air and bountiful outdoor activities in and around Mobile.





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