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The Alluvian Greenwood, MS



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Whether it is a girls' getaway or a romantic weekend with a loved one, Greenwood, Mississippi, in the heart of the Delta is the perfect location. Just a two-hour drive from Memphis, Greenwood's cosmopolitan boutique hotel, **The Alluvian**, welcomes guests with panache. The inn and spa offer an abundance of activities to fill a weekend—so many that you might want to extend your stay!



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THE HOTEL

Named after Tennessee Williams' reference to the "Alluvians" who lived on the Mississippi Delta's alluvial plain, a level land composed of mineral-rich soil deposited over centuries by the Mississippi River, **the Alluvian Hotel** was crafted by world-renowned architects and designers. With 45 rooms and five spacious suites surrounding an attractive outdoor courtyard, the hotel is nothing less than sheer luxury. Marble bathrooms, flat-screen televisions, plush robes and towels, and complimentary breakfast top the list of the Alluvian's amenities. A varied and extensive art collection graces the hotel's lobby and the halls of its main floors.

Located at 318 Howard Street, for hotel reservations call **662.453.2114** (toll free **866.600.5201**) or visit thealluvian.com

THE SPA

A weekend away from the city's hustle and bustle provides the perfect opportunity to relax and take in the Mississippi Delta, and the **Alluvian Spa** is just the place to make that happen. Only a few steps away from the hotel, it offers a complete range of services including facials, massages, manicures, pedicures, hair care and more. The spa's offerings also include a "Field and Stream" menu complete with treatments designed specifically for men. Featuring their own signature line of Sweet Tea services, the Alluvian Spa's staff strives to provide customers total body and soul rejuvenation through a luxurious spa visit and truly relaxing Delta experience.

The Alluvian Spa is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Contact the Alluvian Spa at **866.728.6700** or spadesk@alluvianspa.com.

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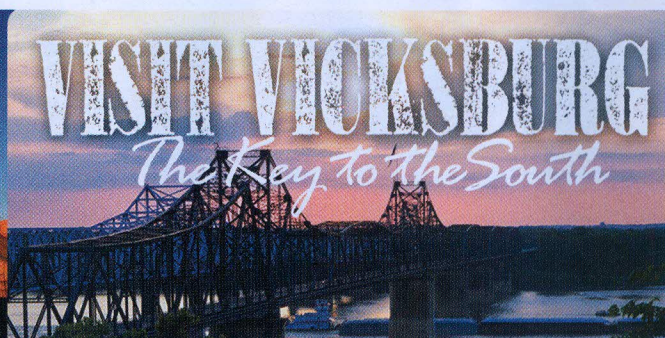
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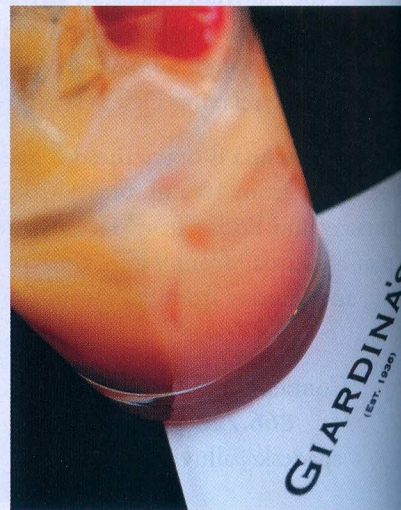
THE VIKING COOKING SCHOOL

No matter your level of culinary experience, the **Viking Cooking School** has classes for everyone. The teachers are a wealth of information as students learn tips and tricks from some of the best. Children, adults, work groups, or friends—the school's extensive class list is designed to accommodate any party type. From ethnic cuisines to basic techniques, baking or vegetarian meals, the lengthy list of offerings insures an exciting and fun experience. A group of *AHMMS* staffers recently participated in a private cooking class with an Italian menu. We strapped on our Viking aprons, then dove into making fresh pasta and ravioli, two different sauces, meatballs, a Caesar salad and pistachio gelato. And no Italian meal is complete without wine! With full tummies and warm hearts from a truly fun experience, we explored the Viking retail store to find all the tools we used in the class.

For more information on the Viking Cooking School and its class schedule visit thealluvian.com

For more information on private classes call **662.451.6750** or email lwalker@vikingcookingschool.com.

The Viking Retail Store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Contact the Viking Retail Store at **866.451.6750** or thevikingcookingschool@vikingrange.com for all your cooking needs.



DINING OUT

While there are a number of places to dine in Greenwood, **Giardina's Restaurant** is the crown jewel. Located on the main floor of the Alluvian Hotel, Giardina's is one of the Mississippi Delta's most historic restaurants. The sophisticated atmosphere is perfect for any event. With 14 private booths and a central dining room that opens to the beautiful courtyard, every corner of the restaurant oozes ambiance. Described as old-world elegance meets laid-back Delta casual, the menu features seafood, steaks, Italian cuisine and an extensive wine list.

Located on 314 Howard Street in Greenwood. For reservations call **662.455.4227** or visit opentable.com/giardinass-restaurant

OTHER DELTA ACTIVITIES

No weekend getaway in Greenwood is complete without taking in the area's other points of interest. Take a stroll down **Howard Street** and browse in the wide array of unique downtown shops. On Fridays and Saturdays from 1 until 6 p.m. visit the **Winery at Williams Landing** to sample vintages made from local Mississippi fruit in Greenwood's restored fire station.

The winery is located at 500 Howard Street, just a few blocks south of the Yazoo River. For more activities and attractions in Greenwood, visit www.greenwoodms.com.

About an hour's drive north of Greenwood lies **Merigold, Mississippi**, home of **McCarty's Pottery**. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors can see where the famous pottery is made and stroll through the small venue to shop. The quaint **McCarty's Gallery Restaurant** at 100 Sunflower Street, just around the corner from the pottery studio, is the perfect place for a light lunch. It's open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the menu changes daily. The delicious fare is served, of course, on McCarty Pottery and the chocolate or caramel cobbler shouldn't be missed! Reservations are recommended, especially on the weekends.

For restaurant reservations and information regarding the daily lunch menu, call **662.748.2754**.

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