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Along the Mighty Mississippi



From its headwaters at Lake Itasca to where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River stretches more than 2,300 miles. Its collective stories celebrate the flow of life that has shaped and sustained land, people, fauna, and flora over centuries.

Experience these stories as you drive along the Great River Road National Scenic Byway, which traverses ten states on both sides of the river. Visit our website for the locations of nearly 100 official Interpretive Centers along the way.

Mississippi River architecture reflects distinctive styles influenced by cultural and natural resources. Some of these buildings now serve as Interpretive Centers for the Great River Road.



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Some Suggested Interpretive Centers

Insert Charles Lindberg House and Museum from "Glimpses"

Villa Louis

521 N. Villa Louis Rd. - Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin - 608.326.2721

villalouis.wisconsinhistory.org

This 1800s estate was the home of the Dousman family, who made their first fortune in the fur trade and later became one of the most prominent families in the state.

Villa Kathrine/Friends of the Castle

532 Gardner Expressway - Quincy, Illinois - 217.224.3688

villakathrine.org

Unique example of Mediterranean-style architecture on the bluffs above the Mississippi. Built for Quincy native and world traveler W. George Metz.

Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center

66 S. Main St. - Ste. Genevieve, Missouri - 800.373.7007

visitstegen.com

Historic French colonial homes (many dating to the late 1700s) reflect Ste. Genevieve's heritage as a French colony.

Lakeport Plantation

601 Hwy. 142 - Lake Village, Arkansas - 870.265.6031

lakeport.astate.edu

Built in 1859, this is Arkansas's only remaining antebellum plantation home on the Mississippi River. It retains many of its original decorative finishes.

Natchez Convention and Visitor Bureau

640 S. Canal St. - Natchez, Mississippi - 800.647.6724

visitnatchez.org

Stop here first as your guide to the community's many pre-Civil War homes and plantations, as well as the charming downtown.

West Feliciana Historical Society Museum

11757 Ferdinand St. - St. Francisville, Louisiana - 800.789-4221

stfrancisville.us

This should be your first stop when exploring the great plantation homes and other assets in the St. Francisville area.

~~LSU Rural Life Museum & Windrush Gardens~~

~~4560 Essen Lane - Baton Rouge, Louisiana - 225.687.7158~~

~~**rurallife.lsu.edu**~~

~~*A set of seven buildings shows the different architectural styles used by early Louisiana settlers. The working plantation demonstrates a typical 19th-century agricultural operation.*~~

The Historic New Orleans Collection

533 Royal St. - New Orleans, Louisiana - 504.523.4662

hnoc.org

Museum and research center includes historic French Quarter buildings, exemplifying a variety of architectural styles, that have been restored on Royal and Chartres streets.