If you are in search of the elusive sound of the Mississippi Delta Blues you will find it in Vicksburg. Live music from the Delta Blues to country to rock can be enjoyed at venues throughout the city.

**KEY TO MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUES**

Visitors from around the world come to the Mississippi Delta to experience the birthplace of American music. Many of Vicksburg’s early bluesmen made that journey north on Highway 61 to Memphis, St. Louis and Chicago. With them they took the songs of the fields and of the juke houses. The music was electrified and reverberated around the world and welcomed jazz and rock ‘n’ roll. Vicksburg’s greatest native son of the blues is Willie Dixon.

**Day 1:** Arrive in Vicksburg and check into your hotel or bed and breakfast inn. Have dinner at one of our signature restaurants to make sure you have plenty of fuel to get you through a night of following the Mississippi Blues. Be sure to check the live music calendar to see if one of our restaurants or bars are having featured blues music at www.visitvicksburg.com/events. Get ready to dance the night away with some great tunes.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, head out to explore the Mississippi Blues Trail in Vicksburg. The success of the Blues Trail has been phenomenal. Visitors from across the globe come to Mississippi in search of the roots of American music. Here in Vicksburg we have six Blues Trail markers: The Blue Room, Highway 61 South, Marcus Bottom, The Red Tops, Willie Dixon, and William Ferris. The life and music of Vicksburg’s best-known bluesman, Willie Dixon, is also celebrated in one of the 32 depictions of Vicksburg’s history found on the Vicksburg Riverfront Murals along Levee Street. (2 hours)

After all that driving, stop in our Downtown District and visit two art galleries that have been influenced heavily by Mississippi Blues – HC Porter Gallery and the Attic Gallery. In HC Porter Gallery, you will find original paintings, serigraphs, and fine art prints and photographs many of which feature Mississippi Blues artists. Have lunch at one of our downtown restaurants then head into the Attic Gallery, Mississippi’s oldest independent art gallery featuring Southern folk art, contemporary fine art, handmade pottery, glass jewelry and many “blues” related items with some funk mixed in. (3 hours)
Vicksburg’s location halfway between Memphis and New Orleans on U.S. Highway 61, America’s Blues Highway, makes it a favored stop for visitors on the Mississippi Blues Trail. More importantly, Vicksburg’s live music scene is exceptional. You can find live blues music at various venues throughout the city. (3 hours)

KEY TO MISSISSIPPI ENTERTAINMENT

From exciting gaming action to live theater performances, Vicksburg has plenty to keep you entertained during your stay. Check out our Calendar of Events for our live music schedule which is busy almost seven days a week!

Settled on the banks of the beautiful mighty Mississippi River, Vicksburg casinos double down on all the amenities. You’ll find giant casino buffets offering generous amounts of fine seafood, cafés serving American favorites and steakhouses offering fine cuts of perfectly-cooked beef. Hundreds of cozy casino hotel rooms with flat-screen TVs, Jacuzzis and plush linens. And of course, star-studded entertainment! Don’t forget that now you can place your bets on your favorite sports team at Vicksburg’s casinos. No matter the time of year – or even the time of day – you’ll find Vicksburg casinos with jackpots ready to hit. (3 hours)

Vicksburg has a thriving theater community including two groups that regularly put on performances and cinema showings. The Vicksburg Theatre Guild’s original production of “Gold in the Hills” has earned the Guinness Book of World Record’s designation as the world’s longest running show having been presented every year since 1936! The guild presents 3 additional productions throughout the year in addition to “Gold in the Hills.” The Westside Theatre Foundation also regularly produces theatrical performances at the Historic Strand Theatre throughout the year. They also present cinema showings at The Strand monthly and host annual film festivals. (seasonally 2 hours minimum)

Vicksburg’s native sons and daughters in the music industry have long been recognized for their contributions to jazz, blues, rock ‘n roll and country music. Their musical legacy is still alive today in clubs and at festivals. Live blues music is offered on Tuesdays at LD’s Kitchen and on various weekends at 10 South Rooftop Bar and Grill, Maragaritaville’s Land Shark Bar and Grill, The Biscuit Company, Ameristar Casino’s Bottleneck Blues Bar and Mississippi Barbecue Company. Each venue has a superb dining menu as well for great dinner options. (3 hours)

Be sure to check our Calendar of Events at www.visitvicksburg.com/events for seasonal events including the Music and Arts Festival, Alcorn State University Jazz Fest, Mississippi Symphony at Sunset Concert, Vicksburg Second Saturday, Vicksburg Blues Challenge, and more for exciting music-themed events.