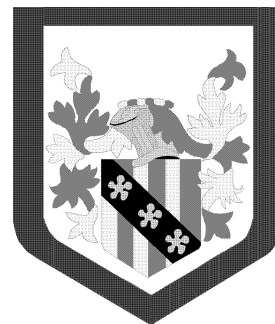


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There is so much to see and do in Vicksburg. For the history buff, there is the 1,800-acre Vicksburg National Military Park, America's most monumented national military park, where the fate of our nation was decided in 1863. Within the Park you'll also find a Union ironclad gunboat with over 6,300 artifacts that had been submerged on the bottom of the Yazoo River for 102 years. The largest National Military Cemetery of Union dead in the United States is located in the park, and a few miles away 5,000 Confederates repose at Soldiers Rest in City Cemetery. The Vicksburg Battlefield Museum, just east of the military park, features models of gunboats, the film "Vanishing Glory" which tells about civilian life during the siege as well as a diorama depicting the Siege of Vicksburg.

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For over five decades of the 1800's, Vicksburg was the center for the aristocracy whose wealth was based on cotton and lumber. A glimpse of its former glory is evidenced by the preservation of many historic churches (two containing Tiffany stained glass windows), government buildings and homes, dating to the 19th Century. Our most historic building, the Old Court House Museum, was constructed in 1858 and survived the Civil War with minimal damage. It is now the home to over 15,000 artifacts dating from pre-Columbian times to present day. Historic Downtown Vicksburg offers a variety of restaurants, specialty shops and art galleries. You'll also find The Corner Drug Store with an engaging collection of Civil War artifacts; the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum where Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1894; and the Antique Doll and Toy Museum. On the floodwall along Levee Street, thirty-two murals by artist Robert Dafford depict the history of Vicksburg and just across the street is the whimsical Children's Art Park at Catfish Row and splash fountain. If it's gaming you want, dockside casinos abound offering games, good food and entertainment 24-hours a day.

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