



Mississippi Gulf Coast Peter Anderson Art Festival Mid-Week Itinerary (*Festival dates are November 5-6, 2016)

Arrive on Sunday:

Spend the day browsing and shopping at over 300 booths at the **Peter Anderson Art Festival**, in the quaint town of **Ocean Springs**, just minutes east of Biloxi. As one of Southeast Tourism Society's top events, this family affair features exceptional arts and crafts by some of the finest American artisans, as well as entertainment and traditional and ethnic foods.

Don't miss the **Walter Anderson Museum of Art** downtown. Named after the artist, visiting the Museum is an enchanting and memorial experience. Anderson's watercolors, drawings, oils, block prints, ceramics and carvings of the plants, animals and people of the Gulf Coast have placed him at the forefront of 20th century American artists. Enjoy the "Little Room" a portion of Anderson's cottage. The ceiling-to-floor murals chronicle the transition from night to day and synthesize Anderson's life and art. The museum also features changing exhibits of other significant artists throughout the year. View the video to look at the private life of Walter Anderson or take part in one of the special programs offered. Find a piece of art of your own at the Museum Gift shop.

Old Town Ocean Springs offers over 100 restaurants to enjoy foods from po-boys, tapas, steaks, seafood and more.

Monday:

Spend the morning in Biloxi. A visit to the new **Biloxi Visitors Center** will give you some insight to the history of the arts on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Biloxi. Enjoy the free museum and film. The **Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art** will excite your imagination with the unique works of **George Ohr**, the "Mad Potter of Biloxi". Ohr's pottery has been labeled shocking, contradictory, and ahead of its time—its forms, colors predate the movements that would rattle the 20th century art world. Learn about the life and times of this eccentric potter. Marvel at the 1968 discovery of the cache of over 7,000 pots stored in the attic of the Ohr boys' **Auto Repair Shop in Biloxi** which began the rise of Ohr's works to a place of honor and praise in the art world. Envision the new cultural complex designed by the world famous architect Frank Gerhy that will house Ohr's works, art galleries for both African American and Contemporary art, a working pottery studio, an educational facility and the restored Pleasant Reed House - built by a freed black slave.

Lunch can be an upscale historic experience at **Mary Mahoney's Old French House** or focused on seafood at **Half Shell Oyster House** in downtown Biloxi.

Now that you're inspired and well fed, walk the **Rue Magnolia Arts District** in Biloxi. Visit the **Dusti Bongé Art Foundation**, shop **Gallery 782**, the **Mississippi Crafts Center** and other specialty shops.

For the afternoon, enjoy nature's canvas. Always unique and fun, cruise the Gulf of Mexico on a real Shrimping expedition with **Biloxi Shrimp Trip** or sail away on the **Biloxi Schooners**.

Return to the hotel to freshen up and have dinner at one of the various restaurants at any of the casinos. There are also tickets to shows available or just play at the casinos and win your fortune. For something different, you might consider a special catered dinner or southern tea at the historic Redding House.

Tuesday:

Spend the day in the *Bay*. Drive west along Beach Blvd and see how many tree sculptures you can find and marvel at their design, all crafted by chainsaw artists. Don't miss a tasting at the **Pass Christian Olive Oils and Vinegars Shop** to learn how to blend unique flavors to tantalize your personal palate.

Cross the Bay Bridge to a wonderland of boutique shops, galleries and **angel trees** along the beachfront. **Bay St. Louis** boasts authentic character, historic buildings, and friendly folks. Named one of the "*Cooler Small Towns in America*" in 2013 by *Budget Travel Magazine* and **one of the top ten small beach towns in the country** by *Coastal Living Magazine* in 2010. You may not want to leave! Grab a bite at one of many locally owned eateries or for a unique experience, have lunch and live blues at a restored nightclub from the days of the Chitlin Circuit, 100 Men Hall.

For the evening, be your own artist with "Cocktails and Canvas"- Host your own private art event at your hotel. Get creative with painting canvas, decorating wine glasses and other media with this workshop.

Farewell dinner and "show-and-tell" with your friends to see all of the wonderful creations found on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

