

THE CITY OF



MARION

ARKANSAS



...EAT

Great variety of full-service or take-out restaurant options



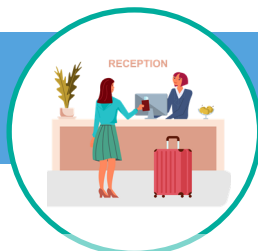
...SHOP

Unique boutiques; beauty salons; groceries and prepared food; auto parts and fuel



...LEARN

The history of the worst maritime disaster in US history is told at the SULTANA DISASTER MUSEUM.



...STAY

Full service and budget-friendly hotel options, plus a KOA just up the road.

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Sometimes you want to enjoy big city life. We understand. Take the day and evening, and enjoy the Memphis city life. When you've had all the excitement you and your feet can handle, we'll be here waiting for you—with a nice, comfy room at a great hotel, a delicious dinner at one of our local or chain restaurants, and a super-size dose of good ol' Southern hospitality. And best of all, it will only take you 10-15 minutes to get here from downtown Memphis. Just for the record, we're only an hour away from Jonesboro and two hours from Little Rock, so you could visit them all while you're in the area and still come back 'home' to our charming little piece of the South.

Sometimes you want to explore. We're not just a restful place to stay after a day of city life—we've got plenty to offer here too! After you stay at one of our welcoming lodging spots, you'll be fresh as a daisy to begin your day of biking our Marion Countryside Loop or fishing at one of our top-notch fishing holes. Speaking of fishing, we've got a great find for you—Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge - less than 14 miles north of Marion. Enjoy a day of fishing, wildlife viewing, or maybe some canoeing.

You don't even have to cross the Marion city limit signs to have a great day of entertainment. The Sultana Disaster Museum is committed to telling the story of the tragedy of the nation's worst maritime disaster, which occurred just north of Marion. On April 27, 1865 the Steamboat Sultana exploded and killed over 1,100 people and injured over 900. The Museum focuses on the steamboat itself, the passengers and their stories, and on the aftermath of the disaster. Our current museum, located in a small building on Courthouse Square, is full of artifacts and information. In April, 2026, we expect to celebrate the opening of our new state-of-the-art museum, which will be housed in the historic school gym, a WPA building, on Military Road. The Sultana Historic Preservation Society has raised almost \$10,000,000 toward renovating what will be an 18,000 square foot structure, furnishing it with static and interactive exhibits, and establishing an endowment. Visit www.sultanadisastermuseum.com or the Sultana Disaster Museum Facebook page to follow the progress. In the meantime, you can visit our current informative and educational museum and be amazed with the history "lesson" we have for you!

Whether it's a stroll around the County Courthouse area to enjoy the unique mix of old and new, or visits to our family-friendly parks and ballfields, our unique and charming boutiques, or our great restaurants, you will undoubtedly enjoy your time in Marion. And we'll surely enjoy having you here!



Also, follow the Marion Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to stay informed about local events and information.

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