

# Tunica

MISSISSIPPI

BY KAREN OTT MAYER

## GO SHOP

### Casino Factory Shoppes

13118 US Highway 61 N; 662-363-1940; [casinofactoryshoppes.com](http://casinofactoryshoppes.com)  
Set in the heart of all the gaming action, this collection of brand-name and local stores is the largest one-stop shopping venue in the Tunica County area.

## GO SEE

### The Willows Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays

At Harrah's Tunica Hotel and Casino 13615 Old Highway 61 North; 662-357-3154; [harrahstunica.com](http://harrahstunica.com)  
Set along the Mississippi River, The Willows unfolds gracefully in a wooded landscape, offering an ideal place for sport shooting. With professional guides, even a beginner can hit a moving target within an hour.

### World Series of Poker

At Harrah's Casino 13615 Old Hwy 61 N; 800-946-4946; [harrahscasino.com](http://harrahscasino.com)  
Put on your poker face to watch some of the world's top aces compete for a place in the championship tournament in Vegas, where millions will be at stake. Whether you like straight poker or hold 'em, count on this two-week tourney for high-stakes drama. Through Feb. 15.

### Clarksdale, MS

45 miles south of Tunica [clarksdale-ms.com](http://clarksdale-ms.com)  
This town is the crossroads of Mississippi blues—where legend says Robert Johnson

sold his soul to the devil for his guitar talent—and it's home to antiques shops, cafés and juke joints.

## GO EAT

### The Wild Game Cook-Off

Downtown Main Street; 662-363-6611; [tunicamainstreet.com](http://tunicamainstreet.com)  
Hungry for squirrel, anyone? For one day only, teams like the One-Eyed Beagle Boys compete to bring the best wild game dish to the table. Come to this free event with an empty stomach and an open mind—visitors may sample raccoon, deer, squirrel or whatever else might be served up (one category is simply "miscellaneous") by chefs in camouflage. Feb. 26.

### The Cafe Marie

6195 Fox Island Rd; 662-357-0988; [thecafemarie.com](http://thecafemarie.com)  
Chef Walt Norwood whips up seasonal wonders at this upscale but down-home eatery in the historic Hotel Marie. Start out with the legendary she crab soup, then try the rector's pasta (chicken, corn, mushrooms, cream, fontina cheese and penne). \$\$\$

## GO PARTY

### The Millennium Theatre

At Gold Strike Casino Resort; 1010 Casino Center Dr, Tunica Resorts; 888-245-7829; [goldstrikemississippi.com](http://goldstrikemississippi.com)  
This plush, exciting theatre features nightly entertainment and headliners like Tanya Tucker. It's a great place to catch a show with 800 of your closest friends.

## FUN FACT!

Tunica is on US Highway 61, called "The Blues Highway" because the uniquely American music was born in the Delta.

# Washington, DC

DULLES/REAGAN

BY TONY WARE

## GO SHOP

### Nido Boutique

1425 Wisconsin Ave NW; 202-333-5445; [nidodc.com](http://nidodc.com)  
Set in an old Georgetown row-house, this personality-stuffed women's boutique is as affordable as it is eclectic, offering a selection of conversation-piece clothing, jewelry/accessories and décor. Adding to the whimsy, local designers launch pop-up shops within offering one-of-a-kind wares.

### Co Co. Chocolate Boutique

929 F St NW; 202-347-4265; [cocosala.com](http://cocosala.com)  
This retail nook, an extension of Co Co. Sala restaurant and dessert lounge, offers gourmet, handcrafted chocolate barks, ganache bars, truffles, pops and caramels. The dark cocoa interior also

sells creative goodies like chocolate-enrobed bacon, black salt/pink peppercorn white chocolate and Earl Grey and PB&J dark chocolates.

### La Cuisine, The Cook's Resource

323 Cameron St.; 703-836-8925 [lacuisineus.com](http://lacuisineus.com)  
Opened in 1970, this is the oldest independent kitchen shop in the DC area, offering a carefully selected inventory of cookware, bakeware, food literature and artisanal goods.

## GO SEE

### Artisphere

1101 Wilson Blvd; 703-875-1100; [artisphere.com](http://artisphere.com)  
A newly renovated multidisciplinary performing arts hub only one Metro stop outside the District, this substantial cultural campus plays permanent host to the Washington Shakespeare Company, the National Chamber Ensemble, mixed media galleries, live performance spaces, film

## THE DISTRICT'S SWEET SIDE



**GEORGETOWN CUPCAKE**—of TLC's "DC Cupcakes" fame—is owned by sisters Sophie LaMontagne and Katherine Kallinis. Here is a small sprinkling of their favorite sweet spots around town.

JFK proposed to Jackie in booth #3 of **Martin's Tavern**. Try the Irish coffee and bread pudding with homemade bourbon butterscotch sauce.

The ice cream parlor **Thomas Sweet** is a favorite for the "Blend-In" with peanut butter cups or toffee crumbles.

The Greek sisters love **Kellari** for traditional baklava and *yiaourti me meli* (Greek yogurt with wild thyme honey).

The ladies are addicted to the English toffee caramel candies from the candy and chocolate counter at the Georgetown **Dean & Deluca**.

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festivals and other manners of artistic expression.

**DC Improv**

1140 Connecticut Ave NW; 202-296-7008; dcimprov.com  
Proving every monologue in DC isn't a carefully calculated, deathly serious affair, this club serves up great standup comedy alongside well-mixed drinks. The stark, black interior belies the quality of comics who perform here, including Wendy Liebman (Feb. 10-13) and Charlie Murphy (Feb. 24-27).

**GO EAT**

**Bayou Bakery, Coffee Bar & Eatery**

1515 N Courthouse Rd, Arlington, VA; 703-243-2410; facebook.com/bayoubakery  
Finding a proper beignet and chicory coffee has gone from no small feat to a big easy thanks to this NOLA-style bakery-café opened by pastry chef and Louisiana native David Guas. It also serves housemade pralines, fruit popovers and savory selections. \$

**Taylor Gourmet**

7280 Woodmont Ave, Bethesda; 301-951-9001; taylorgourmet.com  
The third location of this local chain, this Italian deli and market brings a new taste to Bethesda Row, offering the freshest import meats and cheeses on chewy hoagie rolls from Philly's legendary Sarcone's Bakery. Pastina salads, gelato, wines and packaged provisions are also available. \$

**P.J. Clarke's**

1600 K St NW; 202-463-6610; pjclarkes.com  
A New York institution for more than a century, this venerable saloon concept has set up an elegantly antiqued DC outpost.

It brings with it the famously lavish raw bar, dry-aged steaks and juicy patties proclaimed to be the Cadillac of burgers. Downstairs, Sidebar is a reservations-only, wood-lined, deal-sealing den. \$\$\$

**GO PARTY**

**West End Cinema**

2301 M St NW; 202-419-3456; westendcinema.com  
This three-screen cinema matches art house cinema and artisan edibles for a reel-ly good time. Offering first-run independent/foreign features, as well as a bartender and bistro selections, this cozy theater offers a great start to a night of cocktails and conversation.

**Sweet Spot**

1140 19th St NW; 202-775-0668; sweetspotdc.com  
A subterranean concrete venue that's much more come-here-to-hear than see-and-be-seen, this Dupont Circle tech-house lounge uses acoustic tiles as artwork. The elongated room has speaker arrays for chandeliers (tuned by the DJ-owner), and grayscale décor that doesn't take the focus away from the full-frequency tunes.

**Red Palace**

1212 H St NE; 202-399-3201; redandblackbar.com  
In a city not known for bipartisan, here's one venue that fans of burlesque, indie rock bands and dive bar prices can all agree upon. The merger of the Red & the Black and Palace of Wonders has created a roughly hewn, vaudevillian performance space.

**FUN FACT!**

DC's weekday population nearly doubles, with a daily influx of 400,000-plus commuters.

**West Palm Beach**

FLORIDA

BY JEFF FLEET

**GO SHOP**

**Trésors Of Naples**

5520 PGA Blvd, Ste 112, Palm Beach Gardens; 561-366-7515; tresorsofnaples.com  
Artful jewelry from a carefully selected lineup of international artists fills this shop, including handcrafted earrings, sculpted necklaces and designer watches. A new addition is a line of designer handbags and hand-blown vases.

**GO SEE**

**ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival**

At Abacoa Town Center Main St, Jupiter; 561-748-3946; artigras.org  
Celebrating its 26th year, this nationally renowned festival attracts around 150,000 art lovers and collectors to see more than 250 exhibiting painters, woodworkers, sculptors and other artists. In addition to the creative works, there's fine food and music. Feb. 19-21.

**Delray Yacht Cruises**

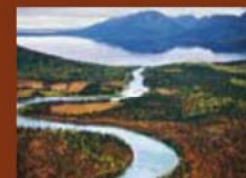
801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach; 561-243-0686; delraybeachcruises.com  
Travel the Intracoastal Waterway in style aboard the 105-foot *Lady Atlantic*. A perfect way to see the coastline or watch the sunset is from her fully exposed "Sun or Sky Deck."

**GO EAT**

**Grease Burger Bar**

213 Clematis St; 561-651-1075; greasewpb.com  
Loaded with a ton of burger

**A NATURAL LIFE**



**ROBERT GLENN KETCHUM** is one of the most influential nature photographers of all time, bringing environmental issues to the forefront of public debate. Check out his work in a retrospective through March 8.

**Robert Glenn Ketchum: A 45 Year Retrospective**

At Palm Beach Photographic Centre; 415 Clematis St; 561-253-2600; workshop.org

selections, from the classic hamburger to the PB Illustrated "A-List" burger (mozzarella, red and yellow tomatoes, red onion, pesto), this is must-stop for lunch. Make sure you get a side order of cheese fries and wash it all down with a craft brew. \$\$

**GO PARTY**

**Clematis By Night**

Centennial Square on Clematis St; 561-822-1515; clematisbynight.net  
This free fountain-side concert series is West Palm Beach's most popular event for hearing the latest from local bands. It takes place every Thursday evening and showcases all genres, from rock to reggae. Food and drink is available, and vendors sell trendy trinkets.

**FUN FACT!**

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