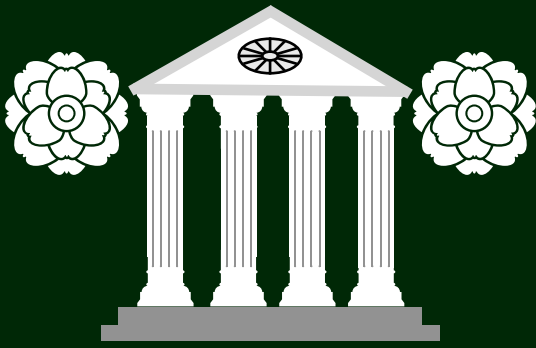




Natchez

Magnolia Meet



Some Trek Highlights!

- See the Stanton Hall, the largest home in Natchez and one of the best preserved in the Deep South.
- Drive up the Natchez Trace Parkway, one of Americas oldest and largest travel corridors.
- Explore the oldest Cemetery in the state
- And of course, enjoy some good Southern Food in between!
- You can now fly direct to Natchez via Houston!

Natchez Airport



NOW OPEN!

Join us for our second Magnolia Meet in historic Natchez, Mississippi!

February 17, 2027 - February 20, 2027

Natchez Grand Hotel and Suites
111 Broadway St. Natchez, MS 39120

<https://secure.webrez.com/hotel/822/>

Group code: Franklin Car Meet



Come explore the oldest city on the Mississippi River for a weekend of driving, food and architecture!

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Welcome back to Natchez, the oldest and most storied city on the Mississippi River! Home to some of the South's best preserved architecture, Natchez became the trade hub of the south in the 17 and 1800's and served as a playground for the rich through the Antebellum period.

Our meet starts off strong with an optional tour of Stanton Hall, the largest and most opulent of the preserved homes in Natchez. This grandiose home is within walking distance of the Hotel, and directly across from where we'll be having registration. From there you can explore historic downtown and enjoy lunch on your own. Enjoy the collection of antique stores, coffee shops, and consignment shops, all walking distance from the hotel! We'll meet back up at the hotel for room check-in and reunite with some of our favorite Franklinites! After everyone has settled, we'll depart from the hotel off to dinner at the Pig Out Inn for some of that world famous Southern BBQ. We end the day with a movie night at Hope Farm for king cake and to watch a Southern Classic, *Steel Magnolias*.

Our first full day of touring will start at a local fan favorite, Propinquity! This home contains an incredible collection of original pieces dating back to the earliest part of the 19th century. We'll enjoy an outdoor lunch on the lawn before journeying off through 10,000 years of history on the Historic Natchez Trace Parkway. This road was used as a travel and trade route by the native Americans long before European settlers came in and started using it to travel North back up the Mississippi River. It is also the site of the legendary "Flaming Franklin." This stunning drive will loop us back to Hope Farm, where we'll take an updated tour of the house as restoration continues from the devastating fire that occurred back in 2023. Following the tour we will end back at the hotel, and then meander down the bluff to the Natchez brewery for dinner and trivia! For those souls brave enough, an after hours adventure Under the Hill will take place.

Our last full day deep in the delta will start with a short drive to the Natchez City Cemetery, the final resting place for some of the city's earliest settlers and most prominent residents. The only thing scarier than a cemetery is an empty stomach, and we'll resolve that with lunch at Roux 61, where we'll fill up on even more Southern home cookin. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore downtown, go for a drive, or take a post-lunch nap. Our night will end with a final journey through a progressive dinner, starting at Holly Hedges for appetizers, off to Ravena for the main course, and our grand finale at Hope Farm for dessert, a group picture, and the most deserving of awards ceremonies.



Registration Form



NAME

PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027

Description	Price Per Person	Quantity	Total
Wednesday			
Stanton Hall	\$25(self pay)		
Pig Out Inn	On your own		
Movie Night on the lawn	\$10		
Thursday			
Propinquity	\$20		
Picnic on the Grounds	\$20		
Tour Hope Farm	\$20		
Natchez Brewery	On your own		
Friday			
Natchez City Cemetery Tour	\$30		
Roux 61	On your own		
Progressive Dinner	\$65		
		Subtotal	
	Per family registration fee		\$25
	Grand Total Due		

ESTIMATED DATE OF ARRIVAL

MORNING, AFTERNOON, EVENING

ESTIMATED DATE OF DEPARTURE

MORNING, AFTERNOON, EVENING

NAME(S)

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

BRINGING A FRANKLIN?

YEAR:

BODY STYLE:

NEED SPACE FOR A TRAILER?

DIETARY RETRICTIONS?

You can mail this form with a check to Austin OR email your response to Austin and request to pay via Venmo, PayPal, or Zelle.



How to get there



If you are driving to Natchez this section isn't for you. Just ask your GPS or follow the signs that say "South" and you should get there...eventually.

For anyone flying to Natchez there is a new regional airport that has just opened! This will be the closest you can get to Natchez via the air, but options are limited.

Your second best bet for the closest airport is Baton Rouge(BTR) and is roughly 1.5 to 1.75 hours from Natchez. Alexandria(AEX) is the next closest, and then followed by Jackson(JAN) which is about 2 hours. If you wanted to come early and spend a few days in New Orleans, you can make the drive from NOLA to Natchez in roughly 3 hours. Just make sure to give yourself plenty of time between your last Hurricane and when you hit the road!

You can rent a car from the airport, or use shuttle service. You can always carpool with your fellow travelers or ask one of your Franklin family to pick you up, once they've thawed out. I know of at least one private shuttle service so feel free to reach out to me for their contact!

Schedule of Events

Wednesday - Feb 17

During the morning, feel free to explore - ya da, ya da.

12:00-3:00pm - Optional Tour of Stanton Hall

3:00pm - Registration and sweet tea on the porch at 310 Pearl St. Natchez, MS

4pm - Hotel Check in at The Grand natchez Hotel

6:00pm - Dinner as a group at the "Pig Out Inn"

7:00pm - Movie "*Steel Magnolias*" and king cake on the lawn at Hope Farm

Thursday - Feb 18

Breakfast on your own at the hotel/in town

9:30am - Group meeting so everyone has the information and directions for the day.

10am - Leave the Natchez Grand Hotel and travel to Propinquity

11:30am - Tour Propinquity

12:30 - Lunch on the grounds of Propinquity

1:30pm - Leave Lunch and do a loop of the Natchez Trace for Hope Farm

3:30pm - Tour Hope Farm

6:00pm - Dinner and Trivia at The Natchez Brewery

Late Evening - We'll go down Under the Hill!

Friday - Feb 19

Breakfast on your own at the Hotel

10:00am - Group meeting so everyone has the information and directions for the day.

10:30am - Leave the Natchez Grand Hotel for Natchez City Cemetery

11am - Tour Natchez City Cemetery

12:30pm - Leave for lunch at "Roux 61"

1:00pm - Lunch at "Roux 61"

2:00pm - Start the trek back to Natchez where you have the afternoon to explore!

6:00pm - Progressive dinner starting at Holly Hedges

Saturday - Feb 20

Breakfast on your own at the hotel

(timing and activities are subject to change without notice)