

## NEIGHBORHOODS TO LIVE IN

- Old Cloverdale
- Capitol Heights
- Idlewild
- Arrowhead
- Garden District
- Downtown Loft Apartments
- Wynlakes
- County Downs
- Woodland Heights
- Willowbrook
- Emerald Mountain
- The Waters Pike Road

There are more than 30 parks, a city zoo, a planetarium, and some of the best public golf courses around. A 45-minute drive will get you to Alabama's largest man-made lake, Lake Martin, home to hiking trails, great fishing, and gorgeous vistas. Adventurous souls can also rent a kayak or canoe and spend their day floating the scenic Coosa River.

### Where to Live

Montgomery has seen a revival of many of its historic neighborhoods. From the Garden District to Idlewild, many residents have renovated older homes and turned these areas into some of the most vibrant parts of town. Cloverdale is not only home to two of these historic districts, but many of its homes are within walking distance of two of the city's entertainment districts. F. Scott Fitzgerald lived in the neighborhood with his wife, Zelda, a Montgomery

native, briefly in the early 1930s, and today their home is a museum. Scenes from the 2003 movie "Big Fish" were also filmed in Cloverdale.

The lofts in downtown Montgomery, built in renovated warehouses, are among the trendiest places to live for singles, while the east side of town has expansive neighborhoods featuring newer homes with large yards and a more modern, family-oriented lifestyle.

The smaller towns of Prattville, Millbrook, Wetumpka, and Pike Road offer suburban, small-town, and rural settings - all within easy commuting distance. New shopping centers, downtown renovations, and good school systems in these towns have only added to the benefit of living in the River Region. You can enjoy all of these benefits while still having a short commute to our downtown office.



# MONTGOMERY VISITORS GUIDE



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Take a cruise down the Alabama River on the Harriott II riverboat.



Catch a game of baseball at the Riverwalk Stadium.



Take a tour of the Capitol.

## MONTGOMERY AND THE RIVER REGION

The Montgomery River Region, home to approximately 370,000 people, comprises a collection of communities located in an area where the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers join to form the Alabama River. Situated along the Alabama River is the historic capital city of Montgomery, whether it's the Civil War or the Civil Rights, Montgomery has seen it all. It's surrounded by the smaller communities of Prattville, Wetumpka, Millbrook, and Pike Road and is only a few hours away from the beautiful Gulf Coast beaches and the dynamic cities of Birmingham and Atlanta. The area continues to grow rapidly, and with its sunny weather, low cost of living, and abundance of nearby recreational opportunities, the River Region is a great place to live and work.

### GREAT SCHOOLS IN MONTGOMERY

- Booker T. Washington Magnet High School
- Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) High School
- Brewbaker Technology Magnet High School
- Floyd Middle Magnet
- Baldwin Arts and Academics Magnet
- Forest Ave Elementary School
- Bear Exploration Center
- Evangel Christian Academy
- The Montgomery Academy
- Eastwood Christian School
- Alabama Christian Academy
- Saint James School
- Trinity Presbyterian School

### Industries in the Area

Montgomery has a diverse, stable economy anchored by Maxwell Gunter Air Force Base, state government, several universities and colleges, financial services, public schools, health services, and tourism. It has long been the center of trade and processing for cotton, dairy products, livestock, lumber, and other agricultural products. Its manufacturing sector includes a Hyundai plant that supports thousands of jobs.

### School Systems

Montgomery is home to a top 10 independent school, along with some new public high schools in the area. It also boasts four of the top 10 magnet schools in Alabama. Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) is one of the highest rated magnet schools in the country. The River Region also has some great public school options. The Millbrook and Prattville school systems have more of a small-town appeal. Pike Road School opened its doors to students in

August of 2015. At that time, it served students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but is adding a grade each year so students can stay in the same system. Its first graduating class will be the class of 2020.

### Benefits of Living Here

Montgomery's cost of living is lower than the national average and is substantially lower than most major metropolitan areas. When compared to New York City, Washington, D.C., or even Atlanta, your money goes further in Montgomery. The cost of living in New York is 57% higher, Washington is 32% higher, and Atlanta is 4% higher.

For example, one could find a house in the heart of Old Cloverdale, one of Montgomery's most desirable neighborhoods, with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, nearly 2,400 square feet of living space, a yard that's almost an acre, and is just minutes from downtown Montgomery. Its listing price? \$260,000.

Similar homes, in size and commute from downtown in New York City start at more than \$600,000 and can be as high as \$1,500,000. Homes in Washington, D.C., range from \$400,000 - \$1,000,000 or more, and homes in Atlanta can cost anywhere between \$400,000 and \$800,000.

Montgomery residents also enjoy warm weather most of the year. Winter temperatures rarely fall below freezing, with the average ranging from the mid-50s to the mid-70s from October through January.

### Montgomery, It's Closer Than You Think

Montgomery is located near a number of great cities. Whether eating beignets in New Orleans or relaxing on the white sand beaches of the Gulf Coast, there is something for everyone. With Birmingham only an hour and half away and Atlanta only two hours away, you're never far from that big city feel. Montgomery Regional Airport offers daily flights to many larger airports, including Hartsfield-Jackson, allowing travelers to skip the hassle of Atlanta traffic.

Just a quick three-hour drive South are some of the finest beaches the United States has to offer. From Gulf Shores, Alabama, to Destin, Florida, the Gulf Coast offers stunning white beaches and many opportunities for fishing, boating, sailing, enjoying wildlife, and much more. New Orleans and Nashville are both only about five hours away.

### History Happens Here

Montgomery was named the Best Historic City by USA Today Travel's 10 Best in 2014. From the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, the city has been at the forefront of U.S. history for 200 years. Montgomery was also home to the world's first electric streetcars and the first flight school. Take a step back in time when visiting several of Montgomery's historic neighborhoods. You can retrace the footsteps of the voting rights activists who marched to the Capitol from Selma and visit the historic church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the Montgomery bus boycott. Selma, also rich in civil rights history, is less than an hour's drive away.

### Things To Do

Montgomery comfortably blends the old with the new. Top restaurants, bars, and some of the most sought-after loft apartments are all within walking distance from our Montgomery office. The city is home to three different entertainment districts, each with its own vibe. The downtown district includes a beautiful, riverside baseball park that's home to the Montgomery Biscuits, a minor league team affiliated with the Tampa Bay Rays. On the east side of town is the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, one of the 10 largest Shakespeare festivals in the world.



### CONVENIENT CITIES TO EXPLORE

- Birmingham, AL ..... 1hr 30mins
- Atlanta, GA ..... 2hrs
- Destin, FL ..... 3hrs
- Gulf Shores, AL ..... 3hrs
- New Orleans, LA ..... 5hrs
- Nashville, TN ..... 5hrs



### ATTRACTIONS TO CHECK OUT

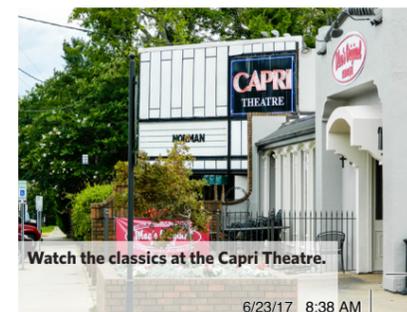
- Blount Cultural Park
- Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts
- Alabama Shakespeare Festival
- Rosa Parks Library & Museum
- Civil Rights Memorial Center
- F. Scott & Zelda Fitzgerald Museum
- Montgomery Zoo
- Harriott II Riverboat
- Riverwalk Amphitheater
- Old Alabama Town
- W.A. Gayle Planetarium
- The Alley Station
- Riverwalk Stadium



Eat various cuisine at The Alley downtown.



Hang with friends at the nearby tavern, KRU.



Watch the classics at the Capri Theatre.