

GREENVILLE, SC OFFERS APPEALING CONTRASTS



A city of dichotomies, Greenville, SC, is quaint and vibrant, traditional and modern, and humble and proud. A 25-year ongoing revitalization transformed an abandoned cityscape into a warm, friendly neighborhood.

Main Street teems with foot traffic. Crowded with diners sitting outside, the sidewalks are shared with joggers, dog walkers and parents wrangling children intent on locating the hidden bronze mice. Roughly 70,000 people live within Greenville's limits and another 300,000 in its surrounding area. "Southern hospitality" is exhibited in its purest form. Greenville's amenities make it a great weekend getaway and its location makes it an excellent anchor for extended vacations. Visitors can strike out in the morning to tour Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, Carowinds theme park in Charlotte, NC, or Chateau Elan Winery in Braselton, GA and be back in Greenville that evening.

Greenville attractions include:

- Named 2006 Ballpark of the Year by Ballparks.com, catching a Greenville Drive ballgame at Fluor Field is a great option. There isn't a bad seat in the house and the most expensive general-admission ticket is only \$8.
- Falls Park is located where the Reedy River bisects Main Street at Camperdown Way. The park and Reedy River Falls are best viewed from the 355-foot Liberty Bridge, providing an excellent vista of downtown as well.
- The most-visited family attraction in the Upstate, the Greenville Zoo, is home to elephants, orangutans, giraffes, lions and many other wild kingdom favorites.
- Most of the museums of Greenville are concentrated at Heritage Green—

a two-block walk from Main Street. Greenville County Museum of Art, Bob Jones University Museum and Gallery, Upcountry History Museum, and the new Imagine Nation Children's Museum are all in close proximity.

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Main Street's restaurants run the gamut from gourmet to comfort food. Popular choices are Soby's New South Cuisine on South Main St., Smoke on the Water

on Augusta St. and the Blue Ridge Brewing Company/Sky at Blue Ridge Brewing on North Main St. — Russ Heaps



Falls Park on the Reedy River.

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