

One of Greenville's must-see spots is the Liberty Bridge at the popular Falls Park on the Reedy.



# GET AWAY TO GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

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**N**estled at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville, South Carolina, offers an abundance of activities for all interests, whether it's an outdoor adventure or a relaxing getaway. In less than a four-hour drive, Sun City Hilton Head residents can find themselves in a picturesque city that boasts award-winning views, fine dining, art, shopping and plenty of history.

Greenville has garnered a reputation as one of the Southeast's best-kept secrets, and it's an easy weekend or overnight trip for residents to experience something new. Stephanie Thorn, Strategic Marketing Manager for VisitGreenvilleSC (VGSC), says people of all ages enjoy Greenville for its accessibility to the culture of a city and the adventure in nature. "One of the fun things about Greenville is you can wear your hiking boots during the day and your dancing shoes at night," she said. "You have the best of both worlds here."

There are so many reasons that Greenville tops the list as a unique destination, but here are some of the stand-out experiences that will have Sun City visitors planning their next trip before they even leave town.

## The Great Outdoors

Named one of the "Top 10 U.S. Parks," Falls Park on the Reedy is an experience not to be missed in Greenville. Grab a picnic or simply take a stroll through this 32-acre park, which is easily accessible from downtown. Pathways lead pedestrians along the river to take in beautiful gardens bursting with color and even catch a show at the outdoor amphitheater. It is also home to the Liberty Bridge, the only single-sided suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere and a perfect picture-worthy spot with the river and cityscape in the background.

*Don't miss these other worthwhile attractions at Falls Park on the Reedy:*

Cleveland Park  
Greenville Zoo  
Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail

For those yearning to get their boots dirty on a more adventurous trail, head outside downtown Greenville for hiking and spectacular mountain views. A 10-minute drive from downtown Greenville brings visitors to Paris Mountain State Park, featuring four lakes, and 15 miles of hiking and biking trails. Visit [www.VisitGreenvilleSC.com](http://www.VisitGreenvilleSC.com) for a full list of nearby trails, waterfalls and overlooks.

*Here are a few more outdoor destinations to explore just beyond Greenville:*

Jones Gap State Park  
Caesars Head State Park  
Table Rock State Park  
Devils Fork State Park

## Shopping, Arts & Culture

The beautiful tree-lined Main Street is home to countless boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants, art galleries and more. From May to October, the TD Saturday Market takes over Main Street with more than 75 vendors selling fresh, local artisan goods, seasonal foods, arts and crafts and more.

Greenville boasts a bustling artistic community that shines throughout the city. VGSC notes the City of Greenville Art in Public Places art trail as a signature experience that allows visitors to view more than 125 pieces of original art throughout the downtown area.



Greenville is known as a “foodie” city, with plenty of fine dining and casual food options for all tastes and price points.

The sun sets over the cityscape of downtown Greenville and the Westin Poinsett Hotel.

*More arts and culture options include:*

- The Peace Center
- Art Crossing at RiverPlace
- Artists Guild Gallery
- Carolina Ballet Theatre
- Bon Secours Wellness Arena
- Heritage Green

**Food & Beverage**

After a day filled with shopping, hiking and walking along the Reedy River, a filling meal and cold beverage may be calling your name. It should come as no surprise that there are plenty of unique options for every taste and price range. Grab a bite at a street front or riverside café, or plan your visit to attend Artisphere or euphoria, two of the nation’s top culinary and arts festivals.

*Fine dining recommendations include:*

- CAMP
- Urban Wren
- The Anchorage
- Stella’s Southern Bistro
- Restaurant 17
- Saltwater Kitchen



Caesars Head Overlook at Caesars Head State Park is a popular destination near Greenville.

With 20 local breweries and multiple wineries, happy hour is any time in Greenville. The city was ranked seventh for most craft breweries per capita in the U.S. and boasts about 75 dedicated sommeliers in the county.

*Brewery and winery recommendations include:*

- City Scape Winery
- Birds Fly South Ale Project
- Foxcroft Wine Co.
- The Eighth State Brewing Company
- Northampton Wine + Dine
- Wine House

**Explore by Tour**

There are many tour options for those looking for an immersive experience or an educational edge to their trip. From culinary and brewery tours, to a variety of self-guided walking tours and history tours, residents can find prices and tour information at [www.VisitGreenvilleSC.com](http://www.VisitGreenvilleSC.com). Outdoor adventure tours at nearby lakes offer guided kayaking trips. There’s even a “Hump-Day Get-Away Brewery Tour” for those who want to have some fun in the middle of the week!

*Tour ideas include:*

- Historic Neighborhoods & Architecture Tour
- At the Chef’s Table Tour
- Carolina Countryside Tour

**Start Here**

Before you plan your trip, be sure to visit [www.VisitGreenvilleSC.com](http://www.VisitGreenvilleSC.com) for even more information. The website contains a comprehensive list of local restaurants, events, places to stay and so much more. Scan the QR code to visit the website and read the 2022 Official Visitor’s Guide of Greenville, South Carolina from VGSC or request a hard copy.



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