



Take a stroll through Falls Park on the Reedy in the heart of downtown Greenville. (Copyright: Craig A. Lee)

# GOING GREEN



You too might get a selfie with one of your favorite stars like Dennis Haysbert at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation. (Copyright: BMW Charity Pro-Am)



Bask in the breathtaking view atop the Blue Ridge Escarpment at Caesars Head State Park. (Copyright: Dave Allen)

## Greenville, S.C. is one of the region's most delightful destinations for events this season.

### Expect to be charmed

by Greenville, S.C. Whether it happens when you're taking a stroll down its tree-lined Main Street, stopping for a bite at one of its creative restaurants, popping in to a riverside art gallery, or sipping a craft cocktail on a rooftop patio, Greenville will inevitably win you over. After all, there's a reason the small South Carolina city has garnered accolades from the likes of *The New York Times* and *Esquire* in recent years—it offers all the big-city culture any traveler might need, with all the charm of a Southern small town you want.

### Go Cycling

In recent years, the city has become a favorite for cyclists, who especially enjoy its GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail. This scenic path, which was once a bumpy railroad line, got its name for the way cars hopped along the tracks. Now, outdoor enthusiasts can cruise its over 20 miles of gorgeous greenway. Rent a bike at Reedy Rides in downtown and take off on the trail, which winds along the Reedy River.

### Go Festive

The summer season is prime time for events in Greenville. Here's your guide to this month's festivities.

### Go Artistic

First up is Greenville's annual art event, Artisphere presented by TD Bank. The three-day festival celebrates the arts with exhibits and live performances from artists around the world—all in downtown Greenville. Attendees



A variety of unique dining and shopping experiences await you on Greenville's quaint and charming Main Street. (Copyright: Firewater Photography/Kris Decker)

can watch live music throughout the day and evening, visit artists' booths, dig into the culinary arts, and even catch creative demonstrations like glassblowing and printmaking. May 12-14. Admission is free. Visit [artisphere.org](http://artisphere.org) for a full list of festival attractions.

### Go Golfing

Don't miss the chance to check out celebrities, pros and amateur golfers at the 2017 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation. From May 18-21, golfers of all skill levels will hit the greens at three different area golf clubs to compete for the prize purse. This year's participating celebrities are Aaron Rodgers, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers; Chipper Jones, former Atlanta Braves heavy-hitter; Larry

the Cable Guy; Colt Ford, country music star; and Andy Buckley, actor on "The Office." This is the only tournament on the Web.com Tour where amateurs and celebrities are grouped with Web.com Tour professionals. They will compete in a four-day better-ball competition at the Thornblade Club, The Furman Golf Club and The Preserve at Verdae. Golfers rotate between three courses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with the 10 lowest scoring pro-amateur teams, six lowest scoring pro-celebrity teams and the 65 lowest pros and ties advancing to Sunday's final round at the Thornblade Club. You have plenty of chances to catch a glimpse of a celebrity—they play once at each course on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The professional winner of the overall 72-hole event will take home \$126,000 from the total purse of \$700,000. Stay up-to-date with this series at [bmwcharitygolf.com](http://bmwcharitygolf.com).

### Go Scottish

Get the chance to see some of the oldest sports in the land played out Memorial Day Weekend. The official start of summer begins with Gallabree presented by The Greenville Scottish Games at Furman University. The festivities begin on Friday with a parade down Greenville's Main Street at 6 p.m., and continue on Saturday at Furman University. On Saturday, check out the heavy athletics competitions

where the strongest men and women compete in traditional games involving tossing, slinging and throwing heavy objects. Get in on the raucous revelry by joining the axe-throwing competition. Get the scoop at [gallabree.com](http://gallabree.com).

### Gear up it's going to be a great season.



At Artisphere presented by TD Bank you'll see the arts take on all forms like sidewalk chalk-art by the Reedy River. (Copyright: Hughes Development)



The can't-miss opening ceremony at Gallabree presented by The Greenville Scottish Games at Furman University. (Copyright: Craig A. Lee)

#### Details

You've decided to head to Greenville: now what? Greenville, S.C. is conveniently located right between Atlanta and Charlotte, making it easily accessible from Interstates 85 and 385. Once in town, a trip to the Visitor Center is a must (206 S. Main St.). Drop in Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-4 p.m. For more information, visit [VisitGreenvilleSC.com](http://VisitGreenvilleSC.com).

#### Stay

No need to rush through your day when there's plenty of places to stay.

Courtyard by Marriott Greenville Downtown  
50 W. Broad St., 864-451-5700  
Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center  
670 Verdae Blvd., 864-678-9090  
Hampton Inn Greenville/1-385 Haywood Mall  
255 Congaree Road, 864-516-2400  
Hampton Inn Greenville/Travelers Rest  
593 Roe Center Court, Travelers Rest, 864-834-5550  
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220 N. Main St., 864-235-1234

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