



TRAVEL

a greenville getaway

Find the unexpected in this Southern gem BY ROSALIND CUMMINGS-YEATES

Once just a pit stop between the Blue Ridge Mountains and bigger Southern cities, Greenville, South Carolina, is now luring people from all over the country with its own eclectic vacation-worthy surprises.

WHAT TO DO

- Head to **Falls Park** (fallspark.com), an oasis of green in the middle of downtown, and stroll the **Liberty Bridge** for amazing waterfall views. As you walk along this curving 345-foot-long pedestrian suspension bridge, which spans the **Reedy River** and overlooks its 28 falls, you'll feel like you're floating on air.
- Go on a scavenger hunt for Greenville's **Mice On Main** (miceonmain.com). A few years ago, two residents placed nine bronze mice sculptures, based on the mice in the children's

book *Goodnight Moon*, along Main Street. Soon word spread that the mice were waiting to be discovered by kids and adults alike. Now the hunt is a favorite local pastime. (Visit the website for clues to find all nine.)

- Discover the real sports hero behind the 1919 "Black Sox" scandal at the **Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum and Baseball Library** (shoelessjoejackson.org), housed in the baseball legend's former home. You'll see vintage photographs, artifacts, and films about the Greenville native, who holds the third highest batting average in the history of baseball.

WHERE TO EAT

- Enjoy brunch specialties like maple-walnut pumpkin bread French toast while taking in lovely park views at **Mary's Restaurant at Falls Cottage**

(fallscottage.com), a cozy eatery that overlooks Falls Park.

- Gas lanterns and brick walls lend a rustic touch to **Trio** (triocafe.com), an Italian cafe known for its wood-fired pizza. For a Southern twist, try the local favorite: crawfish and rotini.

WHERE TO STAY

- **The Phoenix Greenville's Inn** (phoenixgreenvillesinn.com), a lovely retreat downtown, is convenient to many area attractions, such as the Greenville Zoo.

- Designed to evoke the Art Deco glamour of the 1920s, the historic **Westin Poinsett Greenville** (westinpoinsettgreenville.com) has been a city landmark for 85 years. ✨

For more information, please visit greenvillecvb.com.