

GREENVILLE SELF-GUIDED TOURS

There are so many things to do and see in Greenville that do not cost much and are within walking distance of the host hotel; this year we are offering self-guided tours. On Sunday, July 16, there will be a tour to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina.



Greenville has an award-winning downtown set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The one with a growing reputation as the South's next big culinary hotspot. The one with countless things to do, many within walking distance of the host hotel, the Greenville Hyatt Regency. Yeah, that Greenville! Check with the "conference concierge" for more information.

Downtown Area (Free trolley)

You don't have to go very far to satisfy your appetite for discovery and adventure. The downtown area is packed full of things you've never seen, places you've never been, foods you've never tried, experiences you've never had and friendly people who can't wait to share it all with you. Downtown attractions are all within walking distance of the Greenville Hyatt Regency, or catch the free trolley up and down Main Street.



Falls Park on the Reedy

The Falls Park area is full of hotels, restaurants and great shops. Or get away from all that and spend some time on the banks of the Reedy River, walk the suspension bridge, and just relax and enjoy.

Mice on Main (Free self-guided tour)

Based on the popular children's book *Goodnight Moon*, a bronzed sculpture of the book and one mouse are mounted on the fountain in front of the Hyatt Regency hotel and the other eight mice are installed along a five-block stretch of Main Street between the Hyatt and the Westin Poinsett hotels. This was a school project by a local high school student, Jim Ryan, who wanted to do something good for the community so that people would feel they are in a special place - that has character and individuality. While strolling along Main Street, check out "Thoughts on the Walk" - 27 famous quotes are on the sidewalk in front of Carolina First Bank and the Westin Poinsett Hotel.



Culinary Adventure (Cost varies)

600 restaurants? Are you serious? Greenville is quickly becoming known as a "Foodie paradise," with an enticing and diverse collection of dining experiences and cuisines. From traditional to global to downright eclectic, many restaurants are within walking distance from the hotel.

Bob Jones Art Museum (\$7 - \$10 plus cab fare)

Greenville has a love for fine art and history, so it comes as no surprise that the Bob Jones Art Museum is one of Greenville's many treasures. The museum has a primary focus of European Old Master paintings. The museum is also home to over 200 pieces of Gothic to nineteenth century furniture, as well as 100 sculpture pieces, and over 1,000 ancient artifacts.



Greenville Drive Baseball (\$15 - \$20 Walk or hop on the free trolley)

Modeled after Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox; Fluor Field at the West End boasts its own "Green Monster," a 30-foot high wall in left field, equipped with a manual scoreboard. The dimensions all around the outfield wall are to the same specifications as Fenway Park, including "Pesky's Pole" in right field. Fluor Field at the West End is host to more than the 70 Drive home games fans come to enjoy each

season. Attendees will love the summer baseball atmosphere of this minor league Greenville Drive game! Walk or hop on the free trolley.

Greenville Art Museum (Free admission and within walking distance of the hotel)

The Greenville Art Museum is home to a nationally acclaimed collection of American art, including major holdings by two of the nation's greatest artists, Andrew Wyeth and Jasper Johns.



Upcountry History Museum (\$6 Walk or hop on the free trolley)

Take a walk through three centuries of Upcountry South Carolina history and experience the stories of people who shaped this region through state-of-the-art interactive multi-media exhibits and dynamic programming for all ages.

Haywood Mall

Shop till you drop! For the shoppers in the group, it's just a short cab fare to the local mall.



South Carolina State Parks

South Carolina State Parks preserve and protect some of the most beautiful natural resources and significant historic sites in America. Parks in the Upcountry include:

- Paris Mountain State Park
- Jones Gap State Park
- Caesars Head State Park
- Table Rock State Park

Biltmore Estate Day, Sunday July 16, 9 AM – 5 PM

(\$125 includes transportation and admission to Biltmore Estate)

Completed in 1895, George Vanderbilt's 250-room French chateau is a real-life wonder. The Biltmore House unveils a fresh look at how people lived and worked in America's largest home. Relish a tour filled with original art from masters such as Renoir, magnificent 16th-century tapestries, Napoleon's chess set, a library with 10,000 volumes, a Banquet Hall with a 70-foot ceiling, 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, 65 fireplaces, three kitchens, an indoor pool, bowling alley, and priceless antiques. Attendees will love the house visit, but their experience does not end there. With expansive gardens, elegant gift shops, wine tasting and delicious dining the Biltmore Estate is much more than an all-day adventure.



To attend the Biltmore tour please send name of who will be attending the tour and money to:

Paula Rosenberger, CEO
413 Angus Drive
Columbia, SC 29223

Make checks for the tour payable to SCAEOP.

Deadline for this tour is **June 16**. A minimum of 20 is required for this tour to be provided and the tour will be capped at the first 55 registrants. For more information on the tour contact the national office at 316-942-4822.