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Fun Fall Finds

Getaway to Greenville

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On a dusty road, a small red sign marks the turn to Red Horse Inn. Winding up the hill on the gravel path, the inn perches at the top where panoramic views present a postcard picture of brilliant fall colors against the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Located outside Greenville, South Carolina in Landrum, the four-star inn was recently listed by AAA in the top 10 places for enjoying fall colors. Inspectors noted the 200-acre inn "offers breathtaking views of natural surroundings, rock formations and foliage."

The inn's rolling hills and pastoral scenes are framed with white fencing and bordered with cottages nestled into the hillside among multi-hued foliage.

The main inn offers six rooms, with each one decorated differently. Innkeeper Mary Wolters stocks refrigerators with homemade egg casseroles, muffins and fresh fruit parfaits.

When Mary and husband Roger built the inn, she named it for her beloved red horse, which passed away. Mary now has another horse named Secret, the great-granddaughter of



Triple Crown winner Secretariat.

Nearby attractions include waterfalls, covered bridges and wineries. At Caesars Head State Park, a granite outcropping on top of the Blue Ridge Escarpment provides a striking view of fall foliage.

Head to Greenville in the foothills after a morning of scenic site seeing and stop at The Café at Williams Hardware for lunch in the Travelers' Rest community. Located on the Swap Rabbit



Trail, a 13-mile rails-to-trails pathway, a number of bikers stop for lunch to savor a menu prepared from scratch.

Try the chicken salad, grilled Ruben or a hearty comfort dish. Along with seasonal soup, fresh sides are available. Don't miss the Apple Gorgonzola Slaw and save room for homemade desserts.

A few miles away in downtown Greenville, stroll through Falls Park, the 40-acre park where the Reedy River runs through the city. Liberty Bridge, a 355-foot pedestrian suspension walkway, spans the waterfalls below and offers views of landscaped trails.





With the arrival of international industries in the 90s, Greenville has experienced a boom in growth. Revitalization of the downtown included changing four lanes through town into two in order to establish spacious walkways along tree-lined streets. At night the town takes on a celebratory mood with tree branches forming a canopy, gleaming with white lights.

Greenville has timeless southern charm in a cosmopolitan setting.

Downtown is lively and bustling with over 80 diverse and eclectic restaurants along with Broadway shows and concerts.

A number of interesting museums are located downtown. The Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum in the house where he lived was moved across from the Fenway Park replica, Fluor Field.

The Greenville County Art Museum houses the most extensive Andrew Wyeth collection, while the art museum at Bob Jones University is home of the largest collection of sacred art.

Other sites include The Children's Museum, BMW Zentrum, zoo, Museum and Gallery at Heritage Green, Hanover House, among others.

Fall Highlights

Euphoria Sept. 20-23

Euphoria is a weekend-long event featuring exclusive food-tasting events, cooking demonstrations and wine seminars, as well as multi-course dinners and live musical performances. The event includes celebrity chefs, master sommeliers and national recording artists.

Executive Chef Joseph Lenn, well known for Foothills Cuisine at the highly awarded Blackberry Farm, is among the celebrity chefs.

Fall For Greenville Oct. 12-14

At the 30th anniversary of St. Francis Fall for Greenville more than 40 restaurants will showcase over 200 menu items. The event also includes six musical stages, culinary demonstrations and competitions.

Events will include Chefs Paul and Patrick Albrecht of Atlanta conducting culinary demonstrations of their signature restaurant recipes, and professional cake decorators demonstrating their skills at Coppenrath Europe's Bakery Cake Challenge.

The three-day event has become one of the most popular outdoor festivals in the Southeast.



Restaurants

With abundant restaurants around Main Street, sample five in one evening "At the Chef's Table" tour and learn history of the upstate city as well.

As participants walk to restaurants, the guide gives history tidbits of various buildings.

Our tour started at the Overlook Grill in Falls Park with Chef Rodney Freidank giving a cooking demonstration on Smoked Crab Cakes with Corn Tartar, which provide a tantalizing appetizer to start the evening.

Other restaurants on the tour included The Lazy Goat, Nose Dive, elegant Devereaux's for shrimp risotto and capping the evening at the lively Soby's New South Cuisine for yummy blueberry crumble.

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For an upscale dinner, High Cotton offers views of the river and waterfalls in a contemporary setting with a versatile menu featuring farm-to-table dishes.

Buttermilk fried oysters and crab cakes are tasty starters. Classic wedge salad with blue cheese gets a southern embellishment with fried green tomatoes and is enough to share.

Among the entrée choice, duck breast with a honey thyme reduction sauce was a standout served with butternut squash custard.

Save room for the flourless chocolate cake with toasted coconut ice cream.

City Range offers hearty cuisine and an ultra fit menu for lunch and dinner. Best appetizer choice for two is the signature trio of delectable tuna wontons with a sweet soy glaze, shrimp cocktail and crab cakes with Meyer lemon aioli.

If craving a steak, check out the assorted seafood additions and topping. The restaurant's signature is the portabella mushroom sauce.

Casual ambience with a huge open fireplace, friendly staff and a varied menu are bound to please. **EW**

For further information on Greenville, contact the Visitor's Center at 800.717.0023 or visit@greenvillecvb.com.

