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Greenville, S.C.

RISING FOODIE SUPERSTAR

In recent years, America's obsession with the South's food and cocktail culture has propelled big cities like Charleston, New Orleans, and Nashville into the culinary spotlight. And now, some lesser-known players are finally getting their moments in time. Case in point: Greenville, South Carolina, where a thriving locavore-driven scene is branding this small city the next Charleston. Expect highly curated farm-to-table meals (most restaurants go as far as to list their local and regional purveyors) and world-class mixology

programs and wine lists to match. Plus, the city oozes charm with its well-manicured, pedestrian-friendly streets, beautiful parklands, intriguing history, and welcoming locals. (visitgreenillesc.com)
—Paul Rubio



STAY Experience Greenville past and present at The Westin Poinsett (westinpoinsettgreenville.com), a historic property at the center point of Main Street, which is walking distance to major sites and restaurants. The 12-story, William Lee Stoddart-designed hotel debuted in the summer of 1925 as The Poinsett, a symbol of prosperity in this burgeoning Southern city. It quickly gained a title as "Carolina's Finest." Flash-forward to today when it's entirely possible to ogle at the grandiose, meticulously restored period interiors and also rest comfortably in guestrooms that have been updated to deliver a predictable Westin style.



HALL'S CHOPHOUSE

EAT

Come hungry and prepare to eat with no regrets. Dedicate one night to dining at *Gianna* (jiannagreenville.com), a modern Italian kitchen/oyster bar hybrid helmed by executive chef Michael Kramer, best known for his award-winning cuisine at *McCrary's* in Charleston. Start with some house-made ricotta topped with truffle honey and sea salt, before moving on to phenomenal fresh pastas such as the *fusilli al nero* with shrimp, garlic, lemon, and chives.

For something more formal, try *Halls Chophouse* (hallschophousegreenville.com), a Lowcountry steak house serving dry-aged steaks cooked to perfection (patrons are even asked to cut into their meats in front of the waitstaff to ensure utmost quality) and decadent sides like lobster mac and cheese laced with a generous four ounces of lobster.

Begin or end evenings with handcrafted cocktails and craft beers at *UP on the Roof* (eatupdrinkup.net), a stylish rooftop bar with two expansive terraces offering bird's-eye views of downtown Greenville. For brunch, book ahead to feast at *Husk* (huskgreenville.com), the latest outpost of the famed restaurant from James Beard Award-winning chef Sean Brock. True to the original, *Husk Greenville* is a celebration of Southern cuisine and fresh, local ingredients. The menu changes



UP ON THE ROOF'S ROOF-TINI COCKTAIL

daily based on availability, but two can't-miss staples seem to always make the rounds: pimento cheese with *Anson Mills* benne crackers, and the *Hurricane Creek* grits topped with *Royal Red* shrimp, fava beans, shiitake mushrooms, and *agretti* (a savory Italian shrub).



BELOW: TAPAS AT THE LAZY GOAT, A STOP ON THE "AT THE CHEF'S TABLE CULINARY TOUR."



GETZ CREATIVE



PAUL CURENEY



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SPEND THE HOURS BETWEEN MEALS PARTAKING IN NUMEROUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, LIKE BIKING SWAMP RABBIT TRAIL (ABOVE), WALKING THE LIBERTY BRIDGE (LEFT), OR VIEWING PUBLIC ARTWORKS SUCH AS DALE CHIHULY'S ROSE CRYSTAL TOWER (BELOW).

SEE + DO

Burn off calories with rewarding strolls through Falls Park, an exquisitely maintained public park in downtown Greenville's Historic West End. Walk over waterfalls, admire tulip gardens, cross the Liberty Bridge (a 345-foot, curved bridge hoisted by a single suspension cable), and go on a scavenger hunt to find more than 70 public works of art across the city, beginning with Dale Chihuly's *Rose Crystal Tower* in Falls Park. Feeling ambitious? Rent a bike from *Reedy Rides* (reedyrides.com) and pedal the 20-mile Swamp Rabbit Trail, which follows a former railroad track bed along the Reedy River. Not up for a workout? Indulge in a treatment at *River Falls Spa* (riverfallsspa.com) or go for gold with the full afternoon Spa for One package, which includes a facial, massage, and mani/pedi.



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DON'T MISS: BE SURE TO PASS THROUGH TOWN ON TUESDAY OR SATURDAY WHEN LOCAL HISTORIAN JOHN NOLAN HOSTS THE ULTIMATE GREENVILLE FOODIE PILGRIMAGE, "AT THE CHEF'S TABLE CULINARY TOUR" (GREENVILLEHISTORYTOURS.COM). OVER THREE HOURS, NOLAN ESCORTS SOME TWO-DOZEN FOOD LOVERS TO FIVE RESTAURANTS, WHERE CHEFS INTERACT WITH GUESTS AND PERSONALLY PRESENT LIBATION-PAIRED DISHES. WHILE RESTAURANT HOPPING, NOLAN SHARES A FUN HISTORY OF GREENVILLE AND ITS CULINARY EVOLUTION.