The Global Visitors Center at Furman University

Social Change and the Arts
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Background

The Global Visitors Center at Furman welcomes you to Upstate South Carolina. Located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, our area is rich in natural resources and beauty as well as culture and innovation. Established in 1869, Greenville was known as the “Textile Center of the South”. It is the second largest city in the State. Greenville is the largest city of the Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson Combined Statistical Area (CSA) which in 2006 had an estimated population of 1,203,795, making it the largest MSA in the state of South Carolina. The CSA, an 8-county region of northwestern South Carolina, is known as "The Upstate". Greenville is located approximately halfway between Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina along Interstate 85, and its metropolitan area also includes Interstates 185 and 385.

Greenville’s economy was formerly based largely on textile manufacturing, and the city was long known as "The Textile Capital of the World.” In the last few decades, favorable wages and tax benefits have lured foreign companies to invest heavily in the area. The city is the North American headquarters for Michelin, BMW and as a result, the International Center for Automotive Research was created.
When the former Donaldson Air Force Base closed, the land became the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center, and became home to a Lockheed Martin Aircraft and Logistics Center, as well as 3M and Honeywell. Also, General Electric has a gas turbine and wind energy manufacturing operation here.

Greenville has a thriving arts community, with a number of venues to support performances. Greenville has been named one of the "Top 100 Arts Small Towns in the United States." The Bi-Lo Center, constructed in 1998, brings national tours of many popular bands to downtown, and the Peace Center for the Performing Arts provides a venue for orchestras and plays.

The Carolina Ballet Theatre and the International Ballet Academy, are popular dance companies in the area. Centre Stage, Greenville Little Theater, South Carolina Children’s Theater and the Warehouse Theatre are the major playhouses in the area. During the Spring and Summer, a local Shakespearean company performs Shakespeare in the Park at the Falls Park Amphitheater.

Greenville attractions are held at a number of venues throughout the city and are geared to entertain any interest that you may have, starting with beautiful Falls Park on the Reedy and the acclaimed Liberty Bridge, a 355 ft pedestrian walkway overlooking the historic waterfall in our vibrant downtown. Visit our museums, galleries, the Greenville Zoo and more. And throughout the Upcountry, there are more than 500 historic sites as well as the famous Blue Ridge Mountains with pristine lakes and forested trails.

Greenville has 3 sister cities: Kortijk, Belgium, Bergamo, Italy and Tianjin Free Trade Zone, China

The Furman Global Visitors Center was established in October 2011. The Center is a program of the Riley Institute and Office for Study Away and International Education at Furman.

The Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics, and Public Leadership is a multi-faceted, non-partisan institute affiliated with the Department of Political Science at Furman University. Named for former governor of South Carolina and United States Secretary of Education Richard Riley, the Institute is unique in the United States in the emphasis it places on engaging students in the various arenas of politics, public policy, and public leadership.
The mission of the Office for Study Away and International Education is to enhance the vitality and academic quality of faculty-led travel study, affiliate and exchange programs, and to enroll academically well-qualified and intellectually engaged students from different parts of the world.

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Logistics (hotel/transportation)

You will be staying at:

**Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Greenville**
50 West Broad Street
864-451-5700

The hotel is walking distance from over 70 restaurants. Should you need to purchase personal items there is a CVS two blocks away and a Publix grocery store four blocks away. See the Michelin Guide for details.

Furman will handle the transportation to the meetings in Greenville as well as driving you to Charleston, SC for the remainder of your South Carolina experience. Should you need other transportation requirements during your stay we recommend:
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- SouthEast Transportation Services – 864-877-2111 (Ask for Trevor Quinn and let him know you are working with the Courtyard Marriott Downtown)
- Eastside Transportation Services – 864-609-5466
- Atchison Transportation – 800-346-7129
- Budget Cab - 864-233-4200 (transportation beyond downtown, to and from airport and to shopping destinations)
- Main Street Shuttle – 884-2999 (downtown shuttle service)

Program Overview

**Thursday September 6**

3:30pm – Arrive at Greenville Spartanburg airport on flight US Airways 4341 from Charlotte at 3:30pm. Bianca Walker, Program Manager, The Global Visitors Center at Furman will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel.

4:30pm - Bianca Walker will brief you on the program after check in at the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free to explore downtown Greenville. See the Michelin Guide for ideas.

**Friday September 7**

8:30am – Meet in the lobby of the hotel and walk to The SC Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities located at 15 University Street in downtown Greenville. The school began as a summer program in 1981 and has development into a residential high school for emerging artists. Arts concentrations include Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts. www.scgsah.org
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**9:00-11:30** - A Round table discussion of leaders in the arts community as well as a tour of campus has been organized by the SC Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities in the Loggia at the Admissions Building. The following participants include:

- Dr. Julie Allen, Dean and Vice President of Arts and Academics at The Governor’s School
- Dr. Ross McClain, Chairman of the Arts Department at Furman University
- Alan Ethridge, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Arts Council
- Anne Tromsness, Director of Education at the Warehouse Theatre and Co-Founder of The Distracted Globe
- Mary Harris Edwards, Vice President - Development, The Peace Center for the Performing Arts

**11:30-1:00pm** – Walk to lunch at High Cotton for a taste of Southern Cuisine located at 550 South Main Street.

**1:30-4:00pm** – Bianca Walker will drive you to The Fine Arts Center of Greenville County. Established in 1974, it is the first specialized art school of its kind in the State. [www.fineartscenter.net](http://www.fineartscenter.net)

Dr. Roy Fluhrer, Director will give an overview of the programs at the Center with a tour of the campus and interaction with students in the classroom afterwards.

**4:00pm** – return to hotel

**7:15pm** – Bianca Walker will meet you at the hotel and walk over to The Warehouse Theatre ([www.warehousetheatre.com](http://www.warehousetheatre.com)) for the performance of *The Rocky Horror Show*, a musical with music, lyrics and a book by Richard O’Brien. The musical tells the story of a newly engaged couple getting caught in a storm and coming to the home of a mad scientist unveiling his new creation, a muscle man named Rocky Horror. It is an American cult classic being performed by local actors and musicians. Return to the hotel after the performance.
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If you are not attending the performance, you may be interested in **First Fridays**. The first Friday of each month 25 art galleries and venues will be open from 6pm to 9pm *year round* offering local, regional, and national talents. A wide range of media will be represented: oils, watercolors, acrylics, pottery, jewelry, glassworks, woodworks, photography, and mixed media. Galleries are located walking distance from the hotel. [http://www.firstfridaysonline.com](http://www.firstfridaysonline.com)

**Saturday, September 8**

10:45-12:00pm – The van will pick you up and take you to the [Greenville County Museum of Art](http://www.greenvillemuseum.org) where you will have a personal tour of the Andrew Wyeth Collection, one of the largest on public display in the nation. Andrew Wyeth was an American realist painter who painted subjects around his hometown of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

**Andrew Wyeth: The Greenville Collection** is nearly always on view at the Museum. Recently expanded to thirty-five paintings with the gift of the 1946 watercolor *Four Poster*, it now includes an example from every major period of Wyeth’s career.

12:15pm – Return to the hotel and Bianca Walker will drive you to Charleston, SC.