



GREENVILLE, SC AREA INFORMATION

Nestled up against the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the heart of South Carolina's Upcountry, [Greenville](#) is situated just about halfway between Charlotte, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia. The largest city in the Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson Area known as "The Upstate", Greenville's friendly, thriving downtown pulses with things to do year-round. Featuring a one-of-a-kind "floating" suspension bridge and set against the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville boasts a thriving arts scene, hundreds of restaurants, shops and boutiques, popular annual festivals, numerous historic sites and museums housing significant art collections.

Transportation

Driving and Parking

Excellent interstate service to the area makes driving easy. Interstate 85 runs right through Greenville.

Bus

Public transit in Greenville is handled by the [Greenville Transit Authority](#) (GTA).

Bike

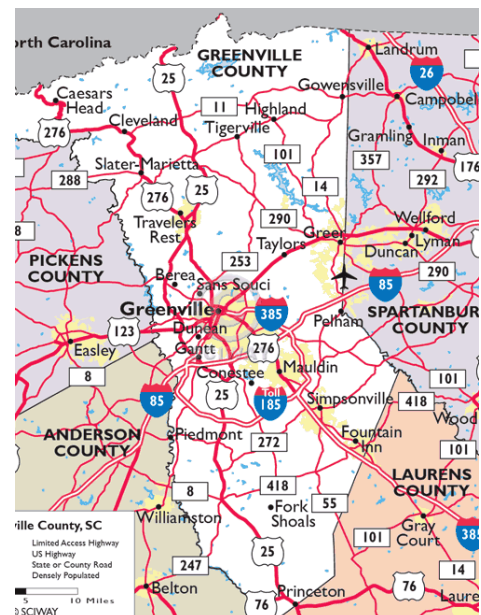
- [Bike trails in Greenville](#)

Airport

- [Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport](#)

Train

- [Amtrak](#) offers rail service from nearby cities in South Carolina connecting Greenville with the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham and New Orleans.



Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

[Greenville County School District](#) is the largest school district in the state of South Carolina. Students are assigned to a school based on the address where their custodial parent/guardian resides. Parents may request that their children attend another school through Change in Assignment Choice and/or applying to the school system's [Magnet Academies](#), including gifted and talented programs, [partial French and Spanish Immersion program](#), [International Baccalaureate](#) studies at all grade levels, career technology, the Fine Arts Center, Roper Mountain Science Center, virtual school, Baldrige quality schools, special education, and other specialized programs to meet the needs of each student. Approximately 15% of the school system's 75,000 students attend school on choice.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

Private Schools and Preschools

A complete listing of private schools in the area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools in the area can be viewed [here](#).

Additional Resources

- www.greatschools.org
- www.eschoolprofile.com
- www.schooltree.org

Colleges/Universities in the area

- [Furman University](#)
- [North Greenville University](#)
- [Greenville Technical College](#)



Furman University

Recreation

Greenville is packed with [attractions](#) that will entertain you, inspire you and engage you. Visitor Center information [here](#).

Museums

- [Greenville County Museum of Art](#) is considered the premier American art museum in the South and is home to the world's largest public collection of watercolors by artist Andrew Wyeth.
- [Upcountry History Museum](#)
- [Roper Mountain Science Center](#)
- [Children's Museum of the Upstate](#)



Greenville County Museum of Art

Performing Arts

- [Peace Center](#) is a performing arts center
- [Bon Secours Wellness Arena](#) brings national tours of many popular bands, as well as a venue for orchestras and plays.



Peace Center

Shopping

From malls to boutiques, from downtown's Main Street to the quiet country back roads, Greenville offers a variety of [shopping](#).

Fun Things To Do

- [BMW Performance Driving School](#)
- [Piedmont waterpark](#)
- [Greenville Zoo](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

Free Things To Do

[The Parks and Recreation Department](#) maintains 39 parks occupying more than 500 acres of land within the city. [Falls Park](#) serves as a centerpiece attraction for Greenville. With its impressive Liberty Bridge, a suspension bridge spanning the Reedy River, visitors can enjoy spectacular views of the Reedy River Falls and the magnificent public gardens below.



Falls Park

Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

Moving to South Carolina

If you have a valid driver's license or identification card from another state and permanently move to South Carolina, you must apply for an SC license or ID. You must turn in your out-of-state license or ID when you get one in this state. You have 45 days to transfer your vehicle registration to this state. See [Transferring Your Out of State Vehicle License](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) for a list of documents required to obtain a South Carolina driver's license, beginner's permit or identification card.

Countries and Territories that have Reciprocity with South Carolina listed [here](#).

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.