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Aiken, SC Visitor Guide



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WELCOME TO AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Our majestic live oaks, beautiful gardens and estate homes from the 1800's took root as a winter retreat for the wealthy, that everyone can enjoy. Aiken is enchanting, well beyond our beauty and history.

Visitors come to experience our many equestrian events, outdoor recreation and sporting opportunities. The southern charm you find in our city brings a warm welcome; and friendly encounters with residents. We are a place where visitors feel at home.

See what our guests are saying that confirm our reputation by searching #visitaikensc and join the conversation. Come be our guest to experience what locals enjoy throughout the year.

City of Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum

Your first stop in Aiken should be at the Aiken Railroad Depot, home of the Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum. You will find everything you need to explore Aiken. While there, you can learn about Aiken's heritage along the rail line.

**406 Park Avenue, SE
Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**www.visitaikensc.com
VisitorsCenter@CityofAikenSC.gov
803.293.7846**





What to Do

The heart of Aiken is found in its charming, art-infused, tree-lined downtown, yet Aiken's soul stretches beyond the friendly city blocks to its signature gardens, estates, equestrian stables and nature trails. If you are looking for culture and cuisine, we have it. If you are an equestrian, all trails lead to Aiken. Our city is known throughout the world for its top class equestrian events such as Aiken's Triple Crown and the Fall Steeplechase. If you want simply to relax and enjoy nature, we have natural environment to discover and thousands of acres of pristine forests to explore.

ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT



Aiken Center for the Arts

122 Laurens St. SW
803.641.9094

Aiken Mall Cinemas

300 Eastgate Dr.
803.648.2786

Amentum Center for the Performing Arts

126 Newberry St. SW
803.648.1438

Bisqueuts & Glazy

949 Pine Log Rd.
803.648.7772

DuPont Planetarium and RPSEC Observatory

Ruth Patrick Science Education Center at USC Aiken
471 University Pkwy.
803.641.3313

Etherredge Center

471 University Pkwy.
803.641.3305

Playland of Aiken

951 Dougherty Rd Unit B
803.226.0096

UofSC Aiken Convocation Center

375 Robert Bell Pkwy.
803.641.3715

Vizion VR

955 Dougherty Rd Unit B
803.680.6840

Woodchuckers Axe Throwing

208 The Alley
803.500.AXES (2937)

**Aiken County Historical
Museum (Banksia)**

433 Newberry St. SW
803.642.2015

**Aiken Thoroughbred Racing
Hall of Fame + Museum**

135 Dupree Place
803.642.7631

Aiken Trolley Tours

406 Park Ave. SE
803.293.7846

**Center for African American
History, Art + Culture**

120 York St. NE
803.649.2221

**City of Aiken Visitors
Center + Train Museum**

406 Park Ave. SE
803.293.7846

SRS Heritage Museum

224 Laurens St. SW
803.648.1437

Tailored Tours of Aiken

803.295.3870



HISTORY



SPORTS + PLAY

**Aiken Arboretum Trail**

314 Chesterfield St. S and
Hopelands Gardens •
803.295.5008

A mobile tour showcasing Aiken's
diverse collection of trees.

Aiken State Park

1145 State Park Rd. • 803.649.2857
Set against the calm, winding South
Edisto River, Aiken State Park is
a 1000-acre park featuring the
blackwater South Edisto River.

Boyd Pond Park

373 Boyd Pond Rd.
Biking and walking trails, softball,
picnic area, playground, fishing
pier, boat ramp, Boyd Observatory
telescope.

**Carolina Bay Nature Reserve
+ Climbing Wall**

Price Ave. • 803.642.7631
Natural walking trail with
observation deck. 30 ft. climbing
wall with certified instructors (open
seasonally).

Citizens Park + Splash Pad

651 Old Airport Rd. • 803.642.7761
With vast experience in tournaments,
Citizens Park can take care of all
your outdoor needs. Teams will
experience state-of-the-art covered
dugouts with fountains.

Hitchcock Woods & Gateway Park

444 S Boundary Ave. SW •
803.642.0528
Hitchcock Woods is among the
largest urban forests in the nation,
with about 2,100 acres of forest
habitat. Today, equestrians, hikers,
dog walkers and runners enjoy the 65
miles of sandy trails.

Hopelands Gardens

135 Dupree Place • 803.642.7631
Wrapped behind a serpentine brick
wall is a 14 acre public garden
complete with the Dollhouse, a
pond and wetlands area.

Langley Pond Park

113 Langley Dam Rd., Burnetown
803.642.7559
Features include a beach area,
swimming, kayaking, rowing, fishing,
disc golf course, equestrian trails,
grills, picnic area with shelter, an
all-inclusive playground and more.

Library Park

355 York St. SE • 803.642.7636
Grill, playground, gazebo

National Wildlife Turkey Federation

770 Augusta Rd., Edgefield
803.637.3106
National headquarters of the
National Wild Turkey Federation,
museum, hunting, and Palmetto
Shooting Complex.

Odell Weeks Activity Center

1700 Whiskey Rd. • 803.642.7631
Disc golf, park, walking track,
playground, fields, gyms

**University of South Carolina Aiken
Pacer Sports Spectating**

471 University Pkwy. • 803.641.3486
Volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball,
cross-country, tennis, golf and soccer

**Silver Bluff Audubon
Center + Sanctuary**

4542 Silver Bluff Rd. • 803.471.0291
A 3,250 acre wildlife sanctuary and
education center owned by the National
Audubon Society, featuring several
walking trails.

South on Whiskey

917 Whiskey Rd. • 803.643.1715
18-hole miniature golf course and
fully-equipped batting cages.

Weeks Tennis Center

1745 Two Notch Rd. • 803.642.7739
Weeks Tennis Center features 12 hard
courts and 10 clay courts, a tennis pro
shop (racket stringing available), locker
rooms, a lobby with bistro table seating
and a welcoming wrap-around porch
with Adirondack chairs, dining tables/
chairs and ceiling fans.



SPA TREATMENTS

210 York Salon Spa + Boutique

210 York St. SE • 803.270.5900

Bloom Salon Spa Boutique

955 Colony Pkwy. • 803.642.4200

Changes of Aiken

2645 Whiskey Rd., Ste. 106a
803.642.8511

Palmetto Medicine & Aesthetics

148 Waterloo St., SW, Suite 3
803.335.4362

Spago Day Spa

933 Dougherty Rd. • 803.642.5252

Willcox Salon and Spa

100 Colleton Ave. SW • 803.648.1898



GOLF CLUBS



Aiken Golf Club

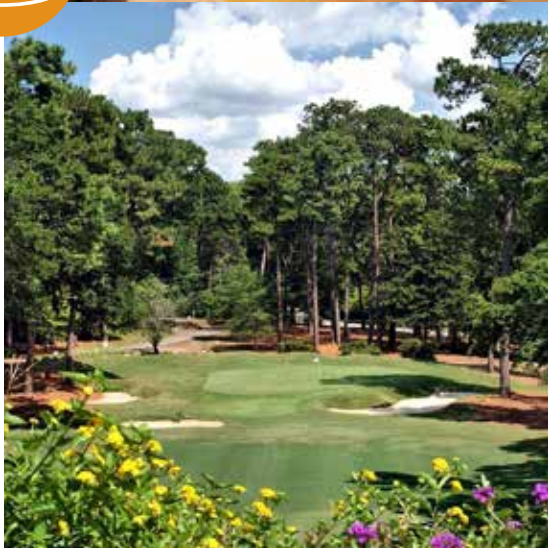
555 Highland Park Dr. • 803.649.6029
The Aiken Golf Club is steeped in golf history. Originally built in 1912, it is one of the oldest courses in the nation. Fred Astaire and other celebrities came during the cold winter months to test their skills at the golf club.

Cedar Creek Golf Club

2475 Club Dr. • 803.648.4206
18-hole championship Arthur Hills Design golf course.

Houndslake Country Club

901 Houndslake Dr. • 803.648.6805
Centers around a 27-hole Championship golf course, swimming pool, tennis, dining, and more.





EQUESTRIAN



RACING

Aiken Steeplechase Racecourse

2020 Richland Ave. E • 803.648.9641

Aiken Training Track

538 Two Notch Rd. • 803.648.4631

POLO MATCHES

Aiken Polo Club

420 Mead Ave. • 803.643.3611

New Bridge Polo

862 New Bridge Rd. • 803.644.7706

EVENTING & HUNTER JUMPER VENUES

Aiken Horse Park

931 Powderhouse Rd. • 803.226.0121

Highfields Event Center

118 Gaston St. • 803.649.3505

Stable View

117 Stable Dr. • 484.356.3173

HISTORIC SPOTS

Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame + Museum

135 Dupree Pl. • 803.642.7631

TRAILS

Hitchcock Woods

803.642.0528 • HitchcockWoods.org

Langley Pond Loop

US Hwy. 1 at Langley Dam Rd.
Burnettown, SC • 803.642.7559

EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCES

Aiken Equine Rescue

532 Glenwood Dr. • 803.643.1850
Tours available Monday-Saturday
from 9 am - 1 pm



Where to Eat

Great cuisine is a big part of the downtown Aiken scene and beyond with a great offering of restaurants, cafes and casual dining to suit to your palate and your pocketbook. There is no ending to Aiken's epicurean options. Handmade burgers, breads and pastries to locally brewed beer are all waiting for you in Aiken.

You will find regional fare prepared by world-renowned chefs as well as fine international dining at one of our many award-winning restaurants. Barbecue and down-home country cooking fare have their place in Aiken as do numerous Japanese, Mexican, Italian and Chinese eateries. Interested in afternoon tea or a cup of java? You can enjoy both in great atmospheres around Aiken that are right for conversation. If you are ready for the night, music and quick bites, Aiken stays open late for those who want to rock and roll, or simply want to chill with some cool jazz tunes.



FINE DINING

Casa Bella

120 Chesterfield St. SW
803.641.3107

Fuse

222 The Alley
803.357.0685

Macaluso's

135 York St. SE
803.262.5334

Malia's

120 Laurens St. SW
803.643.3086

Prime Steakhouse & Lobster

316 Richland Ave. NW
803.642.4488



Tiffany's at the Stables Restaurant

221 Greenville St. NW
803.226.9224

The Feed Sack

1593 Whiskey Rd.
803.226.0459



The Restaurant at The Willcox

100 Colleton Ave. SW
803.643.3086

Wildemount

200 Park Ave. SW
(803) 262-5269



CAFES + TREATS

Flanigan's Ice Cream

221 Barnwell Ave. NW
803.262.5500



La Parisienne French Restaurant & Bakery

233 Chesterfield St.
803.226.0899



Neon Fig

110 SW Park Ave.
803.226.0424



New Moon Café

116 Laurens St. NW
803.643.7088



Palmetto Bowls

126 Dominion Dr.
palmettobowls@gmail.com



Brunch spot



Polo Grounds Café

225 Barnwell Ave. NW
www.pologroundscafe.com

Vampire Penguin

108 Laurens St. SW
803-226-0121



The Village Cafe

110 Coach Light Way
803.640.0247



AMERICAN CUISINE

Aiken Brewing Co.

140 Laurens St. SW
803.502.0707

It's All Good Market & Catering

337 Hayne Ave SE
803.226.9068

Just Julie's

951 Pine Log Rd.
803.649.2721

Little Howie's

103 Williamsburg St. SE
803.648.0402

Mack's

159 Lauren's Street NW
803.226.0841





HUNGRY FOR MORE?

Visit AikenSC.com has a full list of restaurants.



Metro Diner

1944 Whiskey Rd.
803.792.7808

Pat's Sub Shop

728 E Pine Log Rd.
803.649.1523



That Flippin Egg

3602 Richland Ave. W
803.226.0593

The Legends Grille

555 Highland Park Dr. SW
803.226.0137

Track Kitchen

420 Mead Ave.
803.641.9628



What's Cookin' Downtown

123 Laurens St. NW
803.649.1068



BARBECUE

Carolina Bar-B-Que

109 Main St. S
New Ellenton, SC 29809
803.652.2919



Brunch spot

Duke's Bar-B-Q

4248 Whiskey Rd.
803.649.7675

Shane's Rib Shack

2645 Whiskey Rd.
803.226.0192

The Pot Smoker BBQ

651 Silver Bluff Rd.
803.226.0941

Variety Restaurant

921 York St. NE
803.648.6987



INTERNATIONAL

Acropolis

Pizza Restaurant
1647 Richland Ave. W

AnShu Asian Cafe

122 Coach Light Way
803.226.0556

Apizza di Napoli

740 Silver Bluff Rd.
803.226.0700

Cabañas Salvadorean Restaurant

1625 Richland Ave. E
803.226.9170

Ferrando's

Italian Pizzeria

152 S Aiken Ln., Ste 103
803.644.8881

Jade of China

1014 Pine Log Rd.
803.642.8509

Jameson McDubby's Irish Pub

126 Laurens St. NW
803.262.5331

Maria's Mexican Restaurant

716 E Pine Log Rd.
803.648.8840

Mellow Mushroom

151 Bee Ln.
803.474.8454

Mi Rancho

3607 Richland Ave. W
803.644.1111

Pizza Joint

125 Richland Ave.
803.648.9074

Red Bowl Asian Bistro

2645 Whiskey Rd.
803.226.9888



Roma's

116 Coach Light Way
803.643.7828

Sakura Japanese Steak House

1913 Whiskey Rd.
803.648.3238

Sukiya Japanese Steakhouse

226 East Gate Dr.
803.226.0322



Salsa's Tex Mex Grill

109 Tamil Dr.
803.643.2722

Taj Aiken Indian Cuisine

213 Richland Ave. W
803.845.9245

Takosushi

210 The Alley
803.642.8899



Thai Jasmine Rice

1552 Whiskey Rd.
803.226.0601

SEAFOOD

Aiken Fish House & Oyster Bar

1376 Whiskey Rd.
803.226.0260

Charlie's Fish Market

813 Richland Ave. E
803.649.2131

J.C.'s Seafood

3189 Whiskey Rd.
803.648.6303

Palmetto Seafood

119 Laurens Street NW
803.262.5135

Tasty Crab House

996 Pine Log Rd.
803.226.0248



GRAB + GO

A Stellar Kitchen

131 Silver Bluff Rd.
803.640.9986

Blue Collard

113 Waterloo St. SW
803.679.0115

Piece of Potato

245 Greenville St. NW
803.226.8543

Unique Catering

1624 Hampton Ave. NW
803.648.7003



FOOD + NIGHTLIFE

The Alley Taproom

214 The Alley
803.920.7153

City Billiards

208 Richland Ave.
803.649.7362

Grumpy's Sports Pub

216 Eastgate Dr.
803.226.9868

Rack & Grill

522 York St. NE
803.226.0256

Tailgate Tavern

231 The Alley
803.226.0909



Whiskey Alley

227 The Alley
803.226.0579

Wing Place

732 E Pine Log Rd.
803.644.7777



Where to Shop

It's nearly impossible to walk the streets of Aiken and resist the lure to stop in each store. Whether it's the immaculate window displays, the aroma of treats or perfumes pulling you in, or simply the special sidewalk sales happening, you'll be sucked in just walking by. Aiken's downtown flaunts delightful, one-of-a-kind boutiques and stores full of unique items for every niche. Browse through antiques galore or set your sights on the many boutiques that offer exclusive equestrian apparel and accessories.



 ANTIQUES
Aiken Antique Mall

112 Laurens St. SW
803.648.6700

Aiken Antiques & Uniques

782 Silver Bluff Rd.
803.226.9144

Antiques and More

640 E Pine Log Rd.
803.644.1060

York Cottage Antiques

409 Hayne Ave. SW
803.642.9524

 CLOTHING +
ACCESSORIES
Affordables Apparel

113 Laurens St., SW #104
803.335.3760

Aiken Dry Goods

124 Laurens St. NW
803.226.0100

Apricot Lane

1944 Whiskey Rd.
706.399.0823

Beyond Bijoux

106 Laurens St. NW
803.226.0803

**Bravefriend Apparel
and Design**

122 Laurens St. NW
803.816.2695

Caroline's Boutique

131 Laurens St., SW
803.644.5606

Epona

137 Laurens St. SW
803.262.5102

Equine Divine

126 Laurens St. SW
803.642.9772

Folly

116 Laurens St., SW
803.226.0550

Fox & Lady

101 Laurens St. SW
803.291.0389

Ginger Bee

110 Laurens St SW
803.226.0340

Kels and Faith Company

126 Pendleton St. SW
803.380.9650

Lionel Smith, Ltd.

132 Laurens St., SW
803.648.2100

Maddie P Boutique

126 Pendleton St. SW
803.270.4196

Pitter Patter

131 Laurens St. SW
803.643.8000

Return Engagement

151 Laurens St. SW
803.642.3337

Tumbleweed

216 Park Ave. SE
803.989.9115

Vikki's...A Unique Boutique

1501 Whiskey Rd.
& 1032 Pine Log Rd.
803.226.0240



SPECIALTY

3 Monkeys Fine Gifts

141 Laurens St. SW
803.648.7592

A Fox's Tale

145 Laurens St. SW
914.434.1435

ACTS Resale Store

405 ½ Hayne Ave.
803.649.3800

Aiken Center for the Arts

122 Laurens St. SW
803.641.9094

Aiken County Farmers Market

115 Williamsburg St. NE
803.293.2214

Aiken Embroidery & Design

117 Laurens St. NW
803-845-0230

Artisan Market

345 Hayne Ave. SW
803.645.3234

Caroliniana Rare Books

127 Laurens St. SW
914.434.1435

Cork and Cap

146 Laurens St NW
803.761.0768

Cyndi's Sweet Shop

146 Laurens St. SW
803.226.0191

Downtown Dog

150-A Laurens St. SW
803.226.0347

High Country Olive Oil

113 Laurens St. SW
Suite 105
803.649.9907

Iron Gate Candles & Co.

318 Park Ave. SE
704.724.5559

The Ivy Cottage

206 Park Ave. SE
803.643.0535

Little Red Fox Shop

109 Laurens St. NW
803.334.5289

Material Things

616 Park Ave. SE
803.643.3701

**MoonBeans Fine
Roasted Coffees**

118 Laurens St. NW
803.644.0637

Nandina Home & Design

158 Laurens St. SW
803.649.0616

Plum Pudding

101 Laurens St. NW
803.644.4600

Screenprint Factory

157 Laurens St. NW
803.649.7552

Unique Expressions

1521 Whiskey Rd.
803.641.7906

Vintage Music

318 Park Ave SE
803.226.0149

White Rose Eclectics

142 Laurens St. SW



READY TO SHOP TILL YOU DROP?

Visit AikenSC.com lists all of the shopping options
in downtown and all around.

Where to Stay

Let us charm you with a host of great places where you can stay for months, a week or a just a few days. Aiken offers beautiful and historic hotels and bed and breakfasts as well as accommodations you can find in any major city. Pick your favorite and come stay awhile.

419 Hayne ▶

Photo courtesy of Scott Webster



UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS

419 Hayne

419 Hayne Ave. • 803.761.2980
Enjoy luxurious accommodations featuring unique art, cozy furnishings and top of the line décor hand-picked by one of Aiken's local interior designers.

Aiken Luxury Rentals

215 Grace Ave. SE • 803.648.2804
Aiken Luxury Rentals offers award-winning rental houses in beautiful downtown Aiken that includes spectacular historic cottages, lofts, studios and carriage houses. Properties are fully furnished. All-inclusive short term and long term rental packages are available.

Carriage House Inn

139 Laurens St. NW • 803.644.5888
This lovely inn is located in the heart of downtown Aiken. With wonderful weekend packages and exceptional personal service, you will not want to leave.

Fairfield and Park

227 Park Ave. SE • 803.507.1132
Located on a quiet corner in Downtown Aiken, Fairfield & Park luxury apartments are just minutes away from

all that Aiken has to offer. The property is pet-friendly including a fenced area to walk your dog, as well as the beautiful parkways out front with winding paths. The fire pit out back is perfect for gathering with friends and guests.

The Inn at Houndslake

897 Houndslake Dr. • 803.648.9535
This quiet, comfortable, affordable, 30 room inn has beautiful golf course views. It is located in the heart of Houndslake Country Club, one of Aiken's finest communities. When you stay at The Inn at Houndslake, membership privileges to the club are extended to every guest.

Laurens Street Apartment and Arbor House Rental

Laurens St. SW • 803.292.6968
These two historic apartments are located in beautiful historic downtown Aiken. Guests can walk to over 25 local restaurants, quaint shops and clothing boutiques.

TallyHo!

Greenville St. NW
Located in downtown Aiken, TallyHo! is a charming, historic 3bed/2.5bath



INNS + HOTELS

Clarion Inn

155 Colony Pkwy. • 803.648.0999

Days Inn Downtown

1204 Richland Ave., W • 803.649.5524

Econo Lodge

3560 Richland Ave. • 803.649.3968

Fairfield Inn & Suites

185 Colony Pkwy. • 803.648.7808

Hampton Inn

100 Tamil Dr. at Whiskey Rd.
803.648.2525

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

2897 Whiskey Rd. • 803.508.7700

Hilton Garden Inn

350 E. Gate Dr. • 803.641.4220

Howard Johnson

1936 Whiskey Rd. • 803.649.5000

Quality Inn & Suites

2577 Whiskey Rd. • 803.641.8800

Quality Inn & Suites

3608 Richland Ave. • 803.641.1100

Sleep Inn

1002 Monterey Dr. • 803.644.9900

Towne Place Suites

1008 Monterey Dr. • 803.641.7373

home that sleeps 6. Rose Hill Estate, the Alley, Laurens St boutiques & dozens of restaurants are within walking distance. The property is beautifully decorated with original 1857 millwork. Amenities include off-street parking, updated appliances, mudroom/laundry room (with saddle racks & room for golf clubs!), wi-fi, office, 5 smart TVs with cable, and fire-pit. Centrally located to Bruce's Field, Highfields, Hitchcock Woods, polo for equestrians and Aiken and Palmetto Golf clubs for golf enthusiasts.

The Willcox

100 Colleton Ave. SW • 803.648.1898

The Willcox is a gracious, traditional Southern hotel with long porches and stately white pillars. The Willcox was built in the late 1800s for well-to-do northerners seeking warmth, light and high society in Aiken's "winter colony." Voted one of the best hotels in the world by both *Travel + Leisure* and *Conde Nast Traveler*, your stay at the Willcox will be one of luxury you will never forget. Now offering 3-6 bedroom vacation rentals.

Aiken's Signature Events

ANNUAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Aiken Antique Show
Mardi Gras
Battle of Aiken

MARCH

Joye in Aiken
Aiken Trials
Aiken Spring
Steeplechase

APRIL

Pacers and Polo
Aiken Horse Show
Aiken Art Walk
Aiken Foodees Festival
Run United Half Marathon
Aiken Spring Classic
Horse Show

MAY

Aiken Charity Horse Show
Hops N' Hogs

SEPTEMBER

Aiken's Makin'
Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

Western Carolina State Fair
Fall Steeplechase

NOVEMBER

Blessing of the Hounds
One Table

DECEMBER

Christmas Craft Show
Night of 1000 Lights
Christmas in Hopelands

RECURRING EVENTS

Polo at Historic Whitney Field: Sundays in the Spring + Fall at 1 p.m.

Thursday Night Farmers Market in the Alley:

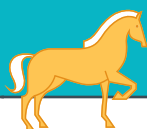
Thursday evenings during the month of June

Hopelands Concert Series: Monday evenings April-June

Aiken Music Fest: Select Saturday evenings April - October

Amp The Alley: Thursday evenings April - October

Aiken Garden Show: May during even years



A full list of events is located on
www.VisitAikenSC.com



MAP US!

Whether you are flying in or driving in, getting to Aiken is convenient.

We are located off Interstate 20, only 20 minutes east of Augusta, Georgia and one hour west of Columbia, South Carolina. It's easy as pecan pie to fly into Aiken Municipal, Augusta or Columbia airports, grab a rental car and head our way for your getaway.

Interested in day tripping or weekend trips? Aiken is conveniently located only 2 ½ hours from many major southern cities including Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia; Greenville, Charleston, and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; and Charlotte, North Carolina.



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