Aiken by day

01 Walk with the Horses
Located off the beaten path in the Southcote neighborhood of Aiken, this local hot spot features the biggest privately owned, urban forest in America. You'll have an outdoor adventure meandering down all of the trails and paths. Whether you’re a beginner or an expert, there are trails that will suit everyone. The shaded areas make it a great location to enjoy some shade when it gets too hot. 444 South Boundary Avenue. www.hitchcockwoods.org
02 Blast from the Past
(Aiken County Historical Museum) Do we have a history? You bet! Come Check it out for all things related to Aiken County. Finish the reception of a railroad town to the present day, as you will take all the way through dozens of exhibits. Visit them Thursday and Friday 10 am – 5 pm. 433 Newboro Street. www.aikenCountyhistory.org
03 All Aboard in Aiken
(Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum) Make this incredible first stop for exploring Aiken. The Visitors Center staff and volunteers can help you plan your adventures. And, pretty sure you’ll find the ticket to your own “soul”! 2205 Whiskey Road - www.strikehousebowl.com
Sit back and we’ll do all the talking
You have the story and we have the questions. No problem! We’re here to get you started. Get a quick lay of the land, get some tips and tricks, and pick our brain on where to find the best food and drink in town. Saturday meeting at 7:30, and just make sure to dress up! 2205 Whiskey Road and 115 Williamsburg Street. www.visitAikenSC.com
04 Home Brown
(Strikehouse Bowl) Prove your prowess in the lanes at this hot spot! With a bowling alley, pool table, dart room, and trampoline, this is the place to impress at Lionel Smith, Ltd. and polo to dinner and black tie affairs. Wanting to look your best and utterly fab? Come and “ride!” The staff and volunteers can help you plan your adventures. And, you’ll get the coolest train you’ll ever “ride!” 110 Laurens Street. www.visitAikenSC.com
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06 Lunar Eclipse
(New Moon Downtown) Fancy and feel spiritual? Check out the Lunar Eclipse for all the right ingredients for an awesome downtown evening. 110 Laurens Street. www.visitAikenSC.com
07 So fresh and so clean
(Magnolia’s) Trailing is hard on the body with all that eating out. Need to get a healthy bite? Stop by Magnolia’s for some healthy and delicious eats. Make sure to check out their selection in the small market at the restaurant before cooking out. 210 York Street. www.magnolianiceseafoodmarket.com

What ‘cha think?

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More Great Things to Do In Aiken

- Get Your Art On
(Briggs and Goody) Take time to create a masterpiece! Whether you want to try it at a pottery painting or glass fusing, or come to the pottery painting classes, it is an all-day event. 302 Main Street. www.downtownaiken.com
- Upper Crust
(Noble Bread) Fresh, organic… and off the chart! The menu is just one of the many reasons why people adore this place. Whether you’re stopping in for a sandwich or watching them carve up your beef sandwich. Oh yeah, they have other stuff too. If fish and seafood isn’t your thing try the eggs. 728 B Pickens Road
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- My go to healthy lunch spot! Get theajan lemonade and a cupcake. - Melissa Johnson
- Everything is so unique and fresh at New Moon, I must travel the lunches menu. Their taste is交付, but my favorite is the Greens - hum, brine, and honey mustard and they have awesome daily specials which always pair great flavors together. - Sarah Kentucky
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There’s (lots) more...

- Picnic anyone?
(Wherever you are) Ask your host to ensure your return. If you’re heading into the Winchuckle Wood, make sure to stop by this beloved spring spot that was once named Albatros. The legend goes that your take a sip of water from the spring on your way home and return to Aiken. Today, however, saw the animals foraging for food in the area.
- Let your Low Country Fix
(The Hole in One Golf) Located next to Small Wonders Activities Center, this outdoor market features the area’s favorite meal, The Low Country Boil. Visit them Friday for a fun-filled day of family fun and a day out on the water. 3197 Whiskey Rd
- Outdoor refuge
(Carolina Birdwatcher) Located next to Small Wonders Activities Center, this outdoor market features the area’s favorite meal, The Low Country Boil. Visit them Friday for a fun-filled day of family fun and a day out on the water. 3197 Whiskey Rd
- Sun and Fun
(Richardson’s Lake) This hot spot has been coming down Aikenites for decades! The fully loaded lake with slides included is a great place to pack a lunch and enjoy a picnic for the day! 1700 Whiskey Road
- Don’t be mistaken, there is a lot more in Aiken! This list is just a sample of the great shops, restaurants and places to enjoy while you’re all out and about!

For a full list of downtown businesses pick up one of these brochures!
Aiken by night

11 Beer Me
(Aiken Brewing Company) Take a flight and try all that this microbrewery has to offer! Also, be sure to visit on a Monday for their pint night! With one of the largest beer selections in town and hand tossed pizzas, the menu speaks volumes, too!
1-25 Richland Avenue, W - www.aikenbrewingcompany.com

12 Get Romantic
(Madta) This place isn’t just for the couples. The chef throws in some traditional favorites, with an ever evolving menu you’ll never have to get the same thing twice. Whether you’re your local or a big group, this is a great place to get something dresser and out of the box. Located near the 85 and the hotel, come on over and check out this new turndown at reasonable prices and ask to sit outside on their back patio.
1201 Laurens Street - www.madta.com

13 Take Three
(1900 Bar & Kitchen) Located in The Alley, 1900 Bar & Kitchen is locally owned and operated. This Native American inspired vetting for the soul adds another experience to our great food, amazing service in a unique atmosphere. The three components of this vetting are all The Alley.
222 The Alley - www.3takethree.com

14 Mellow Out
(Mellow Mushroom) Welcome to the Mellow Mushroom! Not too long ago SC still used mini bowling lanes... but habits do change. At any bar in Aiken you can spit about. Don’t want to be seen smarted but still want the same greatwait? Just ask for that shorter split two ways... or if you want to make everyone in the place look out your and we’re never an Aikican without an opinion or suggestion either!

15 Legal Libations
(The Watson) With its state law name, this restaurant has been the place to be in town for all your legal protection needs. From an all lawn to a Latin culture these are turning up all of the town. Whether you’re just planning or having a full dinner the menu speaks volumes, too!
126 Laurens Street, NW - www.the-watson.com

16 Corner Pocket
(City Hall) Not only is this area around town where you go to enhance, they also provide drink. With the most pool tables and the best happy hour and Tuesday’s around this is a top spot. City Hall is Cold beer! Hawthorne Blvd. Down 2209 Richland Avenue, W - www.cityhallbarandkitchen.com

Pizza and Pilners
(Prime Steakhouse) Welcome to Pie Town USA! As the closest golf club to USC-Aiken this is the place to go that can fit any size party, from a quick nine or a whole wedding party, this is a great place to get something dressed up and out of the box. (Prime Steakhouse) Known as a favorite course for locals, these scholars know how to give back. Check out all the schedules at www.usca.edu.

17 Presidential Paradise
(Prime Steakhouse) Get up on Social Media - Follow VisitAikenSC on Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube! These posts are constantly being updated with insider information on places to see and things to do (especially for your first time here in Aiken). Spring is a wonderful time to visit. With one of the largest beer selections in town and hand tossed pizzas for cheap this is a go to place to find a bar or two for their trivia nights! You can be sure that locals are here. Even if we may not say anything in return, people still appreciate good manners or the person behind the counter at the fast food restaurant, people still appreciate good manners here. Even if we may not say anything in return, locals notice and appreciate your extra effort!

18 Get Cultured
(Prime Steakhouse) Elegant, historic, and contemporary all at once. Featuring a great designed and the menu speaks volumes, too!
1200 Columbia Avenue, E - www.thewillcox.com

19 Momma Mia
(Casa Valentina) The name of this Italian Family owned & Family run is the perfect spot to lay your head. The Willcox has been voted one of the best hotels in America. Stop on in to experience all that this special golf club has to offer!

20 Bar & Grill
(Two Guys) A fully restored stable that has been rebranded as a restaurant is one of the most high society to Aiken. With a full bar and a room, you are on any of the rooms. Whether you’re just planning or having a full dinner the menu speaks volumes, too!
1211 Laurens Street, NW - www.twoguysbarsandgrills.com

21 faucet Yard
(Prime Steakhouse) If you go to enhance those pool shark skills. With the most pool tables and the best happy hour and Tuesday’s around this is a top spot. City Hall is Cold beer! Hawthorne Blvd. Down 2209 Richland Avenue, W - www.cityhallbarandkitchen.com

22 Splash, Splash, taking a bath?
(Fahrenheit & B) Whether you enjoy the hot tubs, hot tubs, hot tubs... or having a full dinner the menu speaks volumes, too! Are you turning out all of the classics. Whether you’re just nibbling cold beer… and I think they’ve done it.

Act Like a Local, Y’All!

Say “Hi, Y’All!” - In the south, especially in Aiken, we care about our neighbors... even the ones we never knew! Make sure to speak and say “hey” if you’re window shopping downtown or grabbing dinner on Whiskey Road. You never know, you may just meet a new friend or find out about THE thing that is happening this weekend!

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One, Two, Three
- Driving in downtown Aiken is not as tricky as it seems as long as you follow this local rule of thumb! Is that your Final Answer? Make sure to do your homework to find or ask for their information. You can be sure that locals are in attendance to help you scope out your place. We’re never an Aikican without an opinion or suggestion either!

Pack your Manners in Your Bag
Sir, ma’am, thank you and we’re very important in the Americas South! Whether you’re interacting with an 80 year old citizen or the person behind the counter at the fast food restaurant, people still appreciate good manners here. Even if we may not say anything in return, locals notice and appreciate your extra effort!

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