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## Take a Road Trip to Aiken, SC



***Aiken is a one-of-a-kind treasure, with so much to see and do that you may find yourself stretching your road trip into two or three days.***

It's everything you want. This friendly, southern town offers a big



helping of sophistication. It's why the rich and famous have visited for generations, and why you'll love it, too.

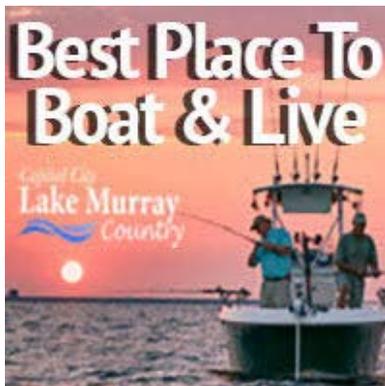
First, you'll need a place to stay, and although there are many excellent possibilities, The Willcox is a grand old lady who has seen her share of dignitaries as well as romantic interludes.



Old-fashioned and graceful, you'll enjoy the common areas of the inn as much as the beautiful guest rooms and impeccable service. How long has it been since you slept on a featherbed? This one is definitely worth a splurge. Bragging rights come with your stay – The Willcox is consistently recognized by *Travel & Leisure* and *Conde Nast Traveler*, plus a variety of magazines and organizations as one the best hotels in the U.S.

If you can tear yourself away from what feels like a scene from *Gone with the Wind*, head downtown for shopping and sightseeing. Lots to see, do and enjoy.

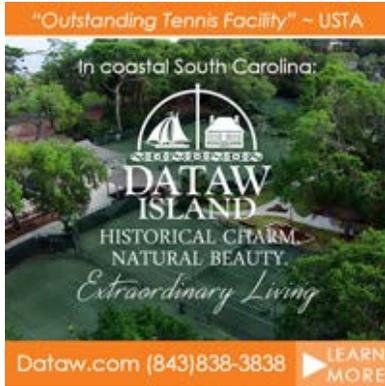
**Details** on Aiken's considerable charms.



*Top image:* No Horses Required. You don't have to own horses to love being around them. In Aiken, the sport of kings offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor parties, as you watch some of the best polo players in the world (with their noble steeds), make it look easy. Photo credit: City of Aiken

## Where in the Carolina World are You?





### Don't Let the Steps Stop You.

This historic courthouse overlooks a charming mélange of shops, micro-breweries and artists' galleries. No big city bustle here, but still, plenty to enjoy at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains. And it's not the only small town which will enchant you. Plan several days to wander and wonder at this beguiling world.



### Where are you?

### Carolina Creative: Laura Wood

#### Sculptural work for the Body

***Her goal: to make well-crafted jewelry accessible to everyone.***



Laura Wood is currently resident artist at Penland School of Craft, near Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

Her jewelry is fascinating, fluid and great fun to wear. And she plans it that way. "My interest in body as site began with self-expression through dance and performative arts," she shares on her website. "The human form, as a result, offers continual inspiration in how I create jewelry."



The creative world has taken notice. Her work can be found in galleries across the U.S., and in the permanent collections of the Gregg Museum of Art at North Carolina State University and The



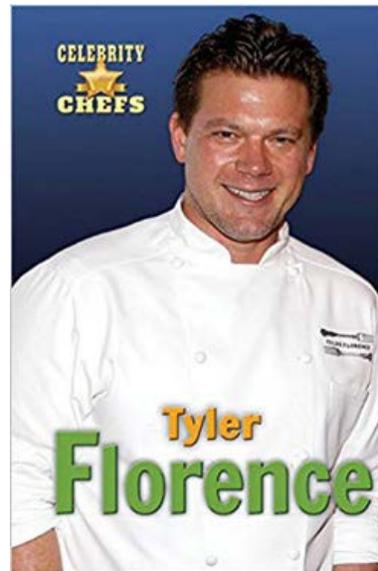


Racine Art Museum in Racine, Wisconsin.

Ms. Wood is the co-founder of Jewelry Edition, a creative project which facilitates the growth of jewelry artists. She earned a BFA from the University of Georgia and an MFA in metal design from East Carolina University.

Discover more at [LauraWoodStudios.com](http://LauraWoodStudios.com)

## Famous Face



**Tyler Florence**  
**Chef, celebrity,**  
**tv star and author**

At 47, (and no, he doesn't look his age) the star of *The Great Food Truck Race* and the new *Bite Club* on the Food Network, Chef Tyler Florence, has his fingers in lots of projects.

One project that, so far, appears to be wishful thinking is the rumor that he might open a restaurant in or near his hometown of Greenville, SC.

His many Carolina fans keep hoping and watching. This southern boy may be living the California lifestyle now, but his roots are firmly in the Carolinas. How do we know? He still loves pimiento cheese.

**Discover more** about this likable, talented and very energetic chef. Tyler Florence.



## Carolina Adventures



## The Fighting Lady

The USS YORKTOWN began as an Essex-class aircraft carrier, serving as a proud symbol of our nation's unyielding patriotism.

By the 1970s, she was decommissioned and became the center of Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum. About 300,000 visitors come to Patriots Point to enjoy interactive exhibits in addition to the amazing vessel.



The Medal of Honor Society honors remarkable heroes, including Audie Murphy, Sergeant Alvin York, and pilot Jimmy Doolittle. Everywhere you turn, you see history, witness courage in action, and learn the personal stories of those who fought for the United States.

What to see and do at [Patriots Point](#).

*Photography courtesy Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC*

## Awesome Autumn

Hi,

More than 100 interviews later, we've found a recurring theme with folks who move to Florida, then long to return to a four-season climate. Nobody has suggested a return to snow shoveling is desirable, but many do miss the mountains, and especially the changing of the seasons. Perhaps you're beginning to see the red, orange, purple and golden hues in the hardwoods. We're getting the first inklings here in the heartlands.

## Masters at Work

And our friends are studying maps and leaf season forecasts for road trips and getaways. (Find a great resource in this issue.) Point is, we need beauty in our lives and Mother Nature does it best. I relish the days with temperatures in the 70s as well, another byproduct of a four-season climate.

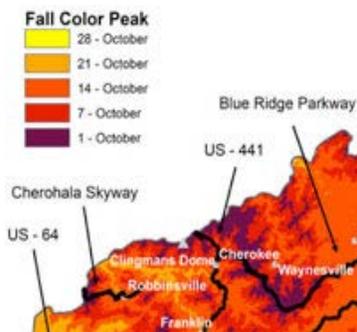
Enjoy our tales of small-town wonders and parties with a purpose. Get out there and see the world (preferably the Carolina world), and explore, just for fun, what it would be like to set up housekeeping in our **mountains**, in the **foothills**, along the **coast**, or in our **heartlands**. Life offers endless possibilities and those who travel are healthier for the experience. One thing we promise you. You'll be greeted here with warmth and strangers quickly become friends. Hoping to see you soon.

Til next time,



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### The Colors are Here!



### The WNC Pottery Festival

**November 3, 10am-4pm**  
**Dillsboro, NC**

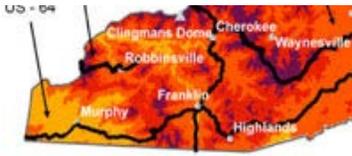
If you really – no really – love pottery in all its forms, this is the festival where you'll find 40+ master potters exhibiting their art and demonstrating their skills. A variety of techniques will be showcased and it's become the go-to event for thousands of pottery enthusiasts.

While you're there, enjoy Dillsboro, a charming small town in the Appalachians. In the western tip of North Carolina, it's minutes away from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Cherokee Indian Reservation, the Nantahala River and some of the South's most scenic mountains, rivers and waterfalls.

Discover more about the **festival** and the **town**.

*Pottery by Ed and Kate Coleman, Swannanoa NC*

### Carolina Cuisine



Conceived by Howard Neufeld and Michael Denslow; Map Constructed by Michael Denslow

With much thanks to our friends at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, we've got some hints for when and where fall color will peak. Of course the area will get a bit crowded in October, but that's because these mountains are spectacular this time of year. For those with a technical (how'd they come up with that?) curiosity, visit the [site](#).

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### Perfection on your Plate.

The Omni Grove Park Inn is a favorite destination inns among my group of friends, perhaps because it's known for its beauty, top quality pampering and approachability. (And the setting is beyond beautiful.)

As fall settles in and with Thanksgiving mere weeks away, consider this N.C. **Sweet Potato Frittata** from the chef at the Inn. Perfect for pre-Thanksgiving supper, or breakfast before or after the big meal, as well as any weekend in October.

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### ***Put Tryon Resort on your Bucket List (and now's the time)***

Fall is upon us, and Tryon Resort is an ideal location to come and enjoy this vibrant season in Western North Carolina.

Schedule a tee time at the Cleghorn Golf & Sports Club to play the beautifully-designed George Cobb course, head over to the Cleghorn Gun Club to test your aim, catch a Grand Prix show jumping competition and stay onsite at

Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC), or sit back and relax lakeside at the Lodge on Lake Lure while enjoying a delicious meal at the Treetops Restaurant. There are golf tournaments, activities for all interests, and you may see a wedding while you're visiting.

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Wooden Boat Show***

***October 20-21, 2018***

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Details. [www.woodenboatshow.com](http://www.woodenboatshow.com)

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