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12 Lesser-Known Southern Destinations Our Editors Can't Wait To Visit In 2023

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The holidays are right around the corner, and that means it won't be long before we're ringing in the start of another new year. While you're setting your intentions and making resolutions for 2023, go ahead and add "travel more" to your list of to-dos. Let 2023 be a year of exploration and start right in your own backyard. From snow-capped mountains and rolling pastures to white-sand beaches and winding rivers, the South is filled with postcard-worthy destinations just [waiting to be discovered](#). The best thing about traveling in the South? You don't have to break the bank or stray too far from home to find your version of paradise. Oh, and you'll always be able to order a glass of sweet tea. Our editors are itching to hit the open road and explore the beauty of the South, but the places they're dying to visit might surprise you. Here, we spill the beans on 12 Southern hidden gems at the top of our 2023 travel bucket lists.



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The cat may be out of the bag when it comes to the wonders of this South Carolina [city on the rise](#), but our Senior News Editor Rebecca Baer still has the charming destination high on her list. Greenville is big enough to have plenty to see, do, and eat, but small enough to not feel like you're trapped in the chaos of a bigger city. Says Baer, "The growing town has so much to offer from coffee shops to bookstores to the free outdoor art walk, it feels like a wonderful weekend getaway."