

## City of Greenville, NC – Why I Love Greenville

Below is information about the City of Greenville, NC used to attract visitors from across North Carolina and other places. Read this information and then follow the creative writing prompt.

"Greenville is a growing university-medical community, home to East Carolina University and Vidant Medical Center, along with a strong industrial community. Greenville is also an accommodating event and leisure destination with an expanding Greenville Convention Center Campus, and a vibrant Uptown Greenville District with its own diverse art, music, food, and festival scene featuring an increasing number of unique, locally-owned businesses, galleries, shops, and restaurants.

Greenville can be found in the center of Pitt County, along the beautiful Tar River in Eastern North Carolina's Inner Banks, approximately 85 miles east of the state capital of Raleigh and 87 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean. Our area's numerous waterways offer opportunities for boating, kayaking, fishing, hiking, camping, and birding. Our community is also fortunate to have one of the most extensive recreation and greenway systems in the region, including 324-acre River Park North, the Greenville Town Common, and Greenville Greenway System, which visitors and residents can enjoy during all four seasons every year thanks to our relatively mild climate.

With nearly 300 years of history and culture, visitors can find museums, historic sites, unique architecture, and artifacts that tell the story of Greenville-Pitt County from before the American Revolution up to the present day.

Our excellent affordability, geographic location, and natural resources, combined with our cultural, economic, educational, and medical amenities make Greenville-Pitt County a preferred destination for business and leisure travelers, and a wonderful place to live, work, and play!"

-from the visitgreenvillenc.com website

"Walking through the streets of Greenville, you see it has its share of art galleries, museums and festivals that delight; or, close by, the campus of East Carolina University calls to art and culture lovers with its worldly offering of musical concerts, theatrical and dance productions, travel films and lectures. For students with the fire of the future shining in their eyes, ready to turn their dreams loose, the campus calls to them in another voice.

Yes, you'll find what you're looking for here. But in many cases (and maybe this is just as important) what you didn't even know you were looking for. That's the way it is in Greenville. What makes it tick is how it makes people tick. As the cultural, educational and economic hub of the region, it's expansive; it rewards the curious imagination, the entrepreneurial mind.

If you're a person with big ideas and big ambitions, Greenville is good company. The smart thinking, hard work and optimism that once made Greenville a leading marketer of tobacco are still prevalent, though now guiding the area's technology focus with its many bioscience and robotics breakthroughs. No surprise, these victories are trumpeted with as much enthusiasm as the local sports team's trophy season."

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<u>Creative Writing Prompt</u>: Imagine that you've just met a new friend while traveling on a school trip. They aren't from Greenville – they might not even live in North Carolina. What would you tell them about Greenville that would make them want to visit? What reasons would you give for loving your hometown? Be as creative as possible!