

Aiken Family Fun Itinerary

Day 1

Hop out of the car and stretch your legs! Pick up some home-made bread from [Noble Breads](#) and head over to the beautiful [Hopelands Gardens](#) where you can feed the ducks or have a nibble yourself. Check out the life-size “dollhouse”, try to figure out the walking labyrinth, and stop in at the [Thoroughbred Hall of Fame](#) (including a great kid’s area!) and all the while enjoy your surroundings of one-hundred year old cypress trees and beautiful fountains.

For dinner who doesn’t love pizza? Head to [Mellow Mushroom](#) or [The Pizza Joint](#) for a delicious meal and family-friendly atmosphere. After dinner treat yourself to [Flanigan’s Ice Cream](#), voted number one ice-cream parlor in Aiken!

Day 2

Enjoy a home-made cinnamon roll, made-from-scratch donuts, and other delicacies at [The Little Bake Shoppe](#) to get your day started off on the right foot! Afterwards, experience Aiken via horseback! Take a ride through 2,000 acre, [Hitchcock Woods](#) with [Sea-Horse Stables](#) friendly horses or take a trail ride on [Almost Heaven Stables](#) property and horses! After your ride, head downtown to grab lunch at [Betsy’s on the Corner](#), an old-fashioned diner where you can enjoy a hot lunch and an old-fashioned root-beer float! Spend some time exploring downtown—the whole family will love [Cyndi’s Sweet Shop](#), with retro candies from then and now. And if a furry-companion is in the mix [Downtown Dog](#) is the place to go!

Take some time to see the trains at the [Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum](#) where interactive displays and a model train is set-up depicting the railroad as it was in 1916! See if you can complete the scavenger hunt and win a prize!

For dinner, try out local favorite [The Wing Place](#) (with live entertainment every second Saturday) or [Roma’s](#) for an affordable, authentic Italian experience. After dinner head to the [DuPont Planetarium](#) for exciting shows every Saturday evening on what’s happening in our skies, along with an opportunity to look through the Bechtel Telescope in the observatory and see the magic of space for yourself!

Day 3

Sleep in, and enjoy your last day in Aiken adventuring through Aiken’s beautiful landscapes. Head over to [Aiken State Park](#) to rent canoes, go fishing, or enjoy a swim in one of the swimmin’ holes. Or during the summer months, head over to [Herb n’ Berries U-Pick Blueberry Farm](#) to pick your own delicious blueberries and take a taste of Aiken home with you! After you’ve worked up an appetite, grab lunch at competing barbecue joints, [Carolina Bar-B-Que](#) (listed as one of Southern Living’s Top 50 BBQ Joints) or [Duke’s BBQ](#), which many locals will argue is even better...try both for yourself!