COTTON IS IN OUR BLOOD

Spartanburg's textile industry began in 1816, and the community grew to become one of the nation's mightiest textile centers, eventually becoming known as "the Lowell of the South." More than 100,000 men, women, and children labored in Spartanburg County textile mills over the course of two centuries. This tour gives you a glimpse into their lives. It also lets you travel through time.

You'll discover a business from the 1800's that now have a second life after significant changes in the industry. You'll have a chance to rub elbows with folks who are intricately connected to our textile heritage.

Each tour is designed with history and your appetite in mind. The half-day tour offers an overview with a breakfast and lunch option. The full-day provides an in-depth adventure with an opportunity for three meals.

Grab your camera, hit the road and discover why Spartanburg is a textile town.

EXPLORING the textile heritage of Spartanburg, SC with this self-guided tour.

Textiles are just one way that Spartanburg has shaped the history of our country. We were born of the American Revolution. The Spartan regiment rose up from the American Revolution to fight for independence. Fierce battles fought on our soil were a turning point in our nation's struggle for freedom.

Today our lives revolve around our rich cultural offerings, our extensive educational opportunities, our musical heritage, our racing legacy, our food and the simple abundance of our stunning landscape. We are at the crossroads of all that is dynamic about the modern South as we continue to evolve and change the course of history.
“Spartanburg is the cotton mill centre of the South and has held a constant lead.”

– THE EXPOSITION, APRIL 1901