A Royal Holiday

TOUR LENGTH: Weekend


QC in Three Hours
(half day)

Morning
HOLIDAYS AT THE GARDEN AT DANIEL STOWE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Feel the majesty of a Charlotte winter’s morning at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden’s timeless tradition: Holidays at the Garden. Prepare to be floored by the famous gardens’ transformation into a winter wonderland. As part of the ornate decoration, hundreds of thousands of lights illuminate the already stunning greenery. Grab your camera to capture the centerpiece orchid tree, which takes the spotlight.

Continue the Adventure
(make it a full day)

Afternoon
LUNCH AT THE KING’S KITCHEN

Feel the joy of the season and soak up Charlotte’s generous spirit over lunch at The King’s Kitchen, a nonprofit restaurant that benefits the homeless community. For a real Southern treat, order a meat-and-three dish with ingredients soured from local farms.

Group-Friendly Restaurants

- Aria Tuscan Grill
- Essex Bar and Bistro
- Mama Ricotta’s
- Ruth’s Chris Steak House

Festivals & Events

- Southern Christmas Show
- Holidays at the Hall at the NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Christmas Town USA in McAdenville, NC
- Christmas at the Library at The Billy Graham Library

Accommodations

- Hyatt Place Charlotte Downtown
- AC Hotel Charlotte City Center
- Springhill Suites by Marriott Charlotte Uptown
- Hilton Charlotte Center City

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Afternoon (con't)
CHARLOTTE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE AT ROMARE BEARDEN PARK

Experience German Christmas tradition on the streets of Charlotte. Shop handmade crafts, goods and specialty seasonal foods from a lineup of wooden huts. Treat your sweet tooth to strudels and mulled wine.

Evening
SPEEDWAY CHRISTMAS AT CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Rev up your holiday fun with a visit to the mesmerizing Speedway Christmas spectacle at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Featuring more than three million lights, the festive drive-thru display features a high-speed lights-to-music section as well as the opportunity to drive on a portion of the 1.5-mile speedway. Plus, a Christmas Village in the infield with horse-drawn carriage rides and more lets you stretch your legs after outing the pedal to the metal.

More to Explore
(make it a weekend)

CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE

Make a long weekend of this quick trip to the cozy and charming mountain town of Asheville, North Carolina. At Christmas at The Biltmore, one of the nation’s most-beloved holiday traditions, you’ll take in the full scope of the stunning Biltmore Estate, which, outfitted in all of its holiday glory, features dozens of beautiful trees, hundreds of wreaths and poinsettias as far the eye can see.