DAY ONE: Book a tour and have your students kick off their journey to college by visiting some of the top North Carolina higher-education institutions—from NC State University to Duke University to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
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**TOUR NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

With over 35,000 students enrolled, NC State offers bachelor’s degrees in 106 fields of study. A weekday two-hour tour includes a first-year information session.

**TOUR DUKE UNIVERSITY**

This private university founded in 1892 is known for having a highly ranked business school and an elite basketball program. Weekday tours last just over an hour.

**TOUR UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**

UNC-Chapel Hill is one of the oldest public universities in the United States. Notable alumni are former President James K. Polk and NBA All-Star Vince Carter. Enjoy a group lunch on UNC’s campus at the Brinkhous-Bullitt Building: The Beach Café, Lenoir Hall or the Student Union. During a weekday tour, explore the Carolina Basketball Museum, which chronicles the history of UNC basketball.

**SHOP THE SHOPPES AT UNIVERSITY PLACE**

Upon arrival in Charlotte, stop and enjoy dinner at Boardwalk Billy’s Raw Bar & Ribs overlooking the lake. Save room for dessert and head to Ninety’s Ice Cream & Sandwiches, a popular local hangout. Looking for an adventure? Rent a paddle boat and cruise around for a 30-minute ride. The Boardwalk in the University area will have students wanting to become a Future 49er.

**DISTANCE TO NEXT STOP:** 131 mi | 210.82 km | 2 hours

**DISTANCE TO NEXT STOP:** 10.2 mi | 16.42 km | 19 minutes

**DISTANCE TO NEXT STOP:** 23.6 mi | 37.98 km | 26 minutes

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DAY TWO: Continue the journey to college. Tour UNC Charlotte, Johnson & Wales University and Appalachian State. End the trip with an evening in Asheville, known for its vibrant culture and mountain vibe.
TOUR
UNC CHARLOTTE

UNC Charlotte opened in 1946 and is the third largest of the 17 institutions within the UNC System, and largest institution in the Charlotte region. Weekday tours are two hours and include a Q&A panel with enrolled students and admission staff along with a photo scavenger hunt featuring artifacts around campus.

DISTANCE TO NEXT STOP: 11.2 mi | 18.02 km | 15 minutes

TOUR
JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

This university is one of only four private campuses in the nation with more than 16,000 students. The weekday tour explores the prestigious culinary lab where visitors can see future chefs in action. To taste the food from current culinary students, visit Johnson & Wales’ dining hall Monday through Friday.

DISTANCE TO NEXT STOP: 130 mi | 209.22 km | 2 hours

EXPLORE
DOWNTOWN ASHEVILLE

Experience the funky vibe of Asheville - visitors feel it the moment they begin strolling through Asheville’s vibrant city center – it’s an unmistakable mountain vibe that has beckoned tourists to this region time and again. Lining the streets of this walkable neighborhood, find a wide array of independent shops and some of the best dining in the Southeast.

DISTANCE TO NEXT STOP: 82.7 mi | 133.09 km | 1 hour 45 minutes

TOUR
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Home of the Mountaineers and nestled in the beautiful town of Boone, N.C., Appalachian State offers weekday tours with opportunities to meet faculty members, learn about majors and the admissions process.