No matter what neighborhood you choose to explore, expect your palate to be wowed.
The 16th largest city in the nation, the Charlotte region is home to more than 2.7 million people and counting. Yet even as one of the country’s fastest growing cities, it’s the Queen City’s unmeasurable amenities—our friendly and welcoming attitude, our longstanding tradition of hometown pride—that keep people coming back for more.

A hard-working banking town that enjoys letting loose, Charlotte’s community comes together over good food and cold craft brews, at gallery crawls and home games. While exploring our walkable Uptown and its surrounding neighborhoods, discover elevated, farm-to-table cuisine, award-winning exhibits and thrilling outdoor adventure—all hallmarks of an energetic city on the rise.

This growing city, named after the Queen of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, may be the only place in the South where you can jump from a boisterous trip to the NASCAR Hall of Fame to a trendy rooftop bar overlooking the city’s skyline.

Booking accommodations in Charlotte for our tour group series was a great experience. The team was quick and efficient at dealing with our company’s requirements and was extremely helpful when it came to various suggestions. They put us in touch the hotel of our choice, which was also great at completing our request. We are really looking forward to bringing our clients to Charlotte next year and would highly recommend working with the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority.

Dave Coles
Product Manager, Topdeck Travel

Southern Living
Travel
FIND YOUR WAY
With the seventh busiest airport in the world, Charlotte experiences an influx of travelers every day. Learn how easy it is to get here and to get around.

Hotels
WHERE TO STAY
There are thousands of hotel rooms in Charlotte. Book a memorable stay hassle-free with this guide.

Group-Friendly Restaurants
From casual to ritzy, this section helps you navigate Charlotte’s burgeoning culinary scene with your entire group in tow.

Charlotte Tour Guide
Through unique and exciting excursions, find out why Yelp dubbed Charlotte the “No. 1 most up-and-coming city in America.”

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Charlotte is the largest and most accessible city between Washington, D.C., and Atlanta. Whether by plane, train or automobile, there’s an easy and cost-effective way to get here and get around.

Did you know 60 percent of the country is within a two-hour flight of Charlotte? The sixth busiest airport in the nation and American Airlines’ second largest hub, Charlotte Douglas International Airport averages 700 daily flights and provides nonstop service to more than 170 destinations, including 30 international cities. Keeping pace with the city’s rapid growth, the airport is increasingly busy, serving a record 46 million passengers in 2017. Over the next few years, new additions like an elevated roadway, a pedestrian tunnel, and additional concourses, terminals and gates will open, meaning CLT’s current nonstop offerings only stand to grow more.

Nonstop International Flights Include:

Daily:
- London, England
- Frankfurt, Germany
- Munich, Germany
- Montreal, Canada
- Toronto, Canada

Seasonal:
- Dublin, Ireland
- Madrid, Spain
- Rome, Italy
- Paris, France
- Barcelona, Spain

Charlotte Douglas International Airport

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There are more than 26,000 HOTEL ROOMS in Mecklenburg county, best booked during value periods such as weekends and in late fall and winter.
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   704.375.6014

2. 1201 S. Mint St.
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3. 555 S. McDowell St.
   Le Méridien Charlotte/Sheraton Charlotte Hotel
   Patrick Ross
   patrickross@parkingmgmtservices.com
   769.226.0447

4. 501 S. Caldwell St.
   NASCAR Hall of Fame
   Contact the Hall of Fame
   704.654.4471
   Weekdays based on availability; Overnight parking preferred

5. 501 E. Trade St.
   LAZ Parking
   Ann Marie Gibbs
   amgibbs@lazparking.com
   704.332.2629

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very free minute in Charlotte is one meant for exploring. With just as many art museums as rock-and-roll floors, as many pro sports offerings as live music venues, experience the Queen City with your group on these tours of our favorite neighborhoods, restaurants and attractions.

CAROLINAS AVIATION MUSEUM’S HOW THINGS FLY

Students (first through eighth grade) begin their visit with a lesson about the science behind flight, during which they will learn the parts of the plane and the four forces that allow for air travel. Each student gets the chance to take the controls of a Cessna 150. The tour concludes with an overview of the passengers’ role in aviation safety, which comes alive for students as they sit in an Airbus 320 life raft at the Miracle on the Hudson exhibit.

Length of Experience: 1 hour
Group Size: 10−30 students
Availability: For a reservation to be finalized, a nonrefundable deposit or a purchase order is required. The deposit will come out of the total and is not an additional charge. Payment must be made by one person upon arrival.

CAROLINAS AVIATION MUSEUM’S MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

While learning about the events of the US Airways Flight 1549, “The Miracle on the Hudson,” high school students will learn how advances in technology and remarkable teamwork between organizations ensured the survival of all passengers that day.

Length of Experience: 1 hour
Group Size: 10−35 students
Availability: For a reservation to be finalized, a nonrefundable deposit or a purchase order is required. The deposit will come out of the total and is not an additional charge. Payment must be made by one person upon arrival.

CAROLINAS AVIATION MUSEUM’S HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY TOUR

Learn the history behind the first flight and experience the technology that makes flying the safest way to travel. As part of a three-station rotation, students (fourth through eighth grade) will learn about how the Wright Brothers used the scientific method, attempt to fly the Wright Flyer Simulator, handle the controls of a Cessna 150 and learn about US Airways Flight 1549, “The Miracle on the Hudson” as they experience sitting in a life raft from an Airbus 320.

Length of Experience: 1 1/2−2 hours
Group Size: 60−120 students
Availability: For a reservation to be finalized, a nonrefundable deposit or a purchase order is required. The deposit will come out of the total and is not an additional charge. Payment must be made by one person upon arrival.

CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER’S PRIVATE RAPTOR ENCOUNTERS

Can’t fly by Carolina Raptor Center for our regular scheduled encounters? Don’t get your feathers ruffled. Schedule a private encounter with our staff to learn more about these fantastic birds up close! Come have a taloned tête-à-tête with one of our eagles or owls. Don’t forget your camera for a selfie!

Length of Experience: 30 minutes
Group Size: Maximum 4 participants
Availability: Year-round.

CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER’S RAPTOR TRAINING ENCOUNTER

Curious about how we train our birds at Carolina Raptor Center? We’ll be glad to show you. Get a behind the scenes look at how our staff trains our birds for programs and shows! During this nose-to-beak experience, help us fly our Flight Show stars, walk with a vulture, or break out the brushes and paint with one of our resident birds. There will be photo ops, so don’t forget your camera.

Length of Experience: 60 minutes
Group Size: Maximum 4 participants
Availability: May through September.
CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER’S PRIVATE LIVE BIRD PRESENTATION
Want to take your visit to Carolina Raptor Center to new heights? Looking for the opportunity to get “close to birds” with these majestic animals? Schedule a live bird presentation featuring our resident birds on the glow. During this private presentation, learn more about conservation, natural history, as well as the role of the Carolina rooster and exotic species that are perched right here!
Length of Experience: 45 minutes plus time to walk the Raptor Trail
Group Size: 15 minimum
Maximum: 30 participants
Availability: Reservation required at least two weeks in advance. Subject to staff availability.

DISCOVERY PLACE SCIENCE’S EXPLORE MORE CORAL
Learn the mysteries of the beautiful and exotic coral growing in the World Alive aquarium and state-of-the-art Explore More Life fab. The program begins in Explore More Life with a brief overview of coral life and some hands-on activities. Learn how corals and their close relatives eat and participate in a coral or anemone feeding. The group will take a guided tour of the coral reef tanks showcasing the live coral that is being cultivated at the museum and then return to Explore More Life for a discussion with a Discovery Place Science aquarist. Visitors will learn what goes on behind the scenes to propagate coral, see samples from the back of house tanks and be able to ask questions about the coral program.
Length of Experience: 60 minutes plus unlimited museum exploration time
Group Size: 12-25 participants

HARVEY B. GANTT CENTER’S ENVISION ME FOR STUDENTS
Students will be led on a guided tour of one exhibition then experience a 45-minute workshop centered around creating a personal vision. Led by a museum educator or teaching artist, students will complete a goal setting exercise and use the information gained to create a self-portrait.
Length of Experience: 45 minutes
Group Size: Minimum 10 participants
Availability: Advance reservations required. Email gsa@ganttcenter.org or visit ganttcenter.org/learn.

HARVEY B. GANTT CENTER’S ARt TALK & TOUR
Students will experience a 30-minute guided tour of our current exhibitions followed by an art talk with regional artists and/or art professionals. This tour option must be scheduled at least one month in advance.
Length of Experience: 30 minutes
Group Size: Minimum 10 participants
Availability: Advance reservations required. Email gsa@ganttcenter.org or visit ganttcenter.org/learn.

Hope and History

BILLY GRAHAM’S HOMETOWN TOUR
Choose this unique tour for your group, and spend the day learning about “North Carolina’s Favorite Son” and his hometown of Charlotte. Begin at the Billy Graham Library, where you will discover how a humble farmer’s son became pastor to presidents and shared God’s love with millions of people around the world. After lunch in the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar, you will head out for a tour around Charlotte, seeing some of the historic sites in the life of Billy Graham and his family, learning about the Queen City along the way.
Length of Experience: 4 1/2 hours
Group Size: 6-15 participants
Availability: To schedule a tour, call C-Charlotte Tours at 704.517.6844.

NARROWAY THEATRE
New York has Broadway. But Carolina has NarroWay. Only at I-77 exit 90, you can find “The Broadway of Christian Entertainment,” NarroWay Productions. Live theater and dinner come together in an experience that is uniquely NarroWay. Take in an original, large-scale, Broadway-style show. From a mystery to a murder mystery, or a classic tale like Beauty and the Beast, these moments using their camera phones also adds history to the fun of this tour.
Length of Experience: 2-3 hours
Group Size: Minimum 10 participants
Availability: No restrictions.

DISCOVERY PLACE SCIENCE
Are you a super sleuth? Test your crime-solving skills with a NarroWay Mystery Theatre. Mystery Theatre is part game, part show and all fun! Erase the line between actor and audience as you uncover clues, question suspects and race to determine motive, means and opportunity. Keep both eyes open as you take on this delicious dinner-themed show. Then watch for something shady to unfold. Always family-friendly, NarroWay has three different Mystery Theatre shows appropriate for all ages. Interactive and fun, Mystery Theatre is also a great cooperative activity where groups can encourage team-building and problem-solving skills. Shows can be scheduled by appointment for groups of 40 or more.
Length of Experience: Approximately 3 hours
Group Size: No minimum when shows are on the NarroWay calendar. 40 or more to add a nonscheduled date.
Availability: Sundays and Fridays, plus extended holiday schedules; additional dates for groups of 40 or more by request.

Group Size: 12-25 participants
Length of Experience: 45 minutes
Availability: Advance reservations required. Email gsa@ganttcenter.org or visit ganttcenter.org/learn.

TOURS / 
SOUTHERN EATS AND TASTY TREATS

7TH STREET PUBLIC MARKET
Located in the First Ward, 7th Street Public Market is an incubator for local businesses that has become a community destination offering fresh foods and drink options such as sushi, sushi, sandwiches, coffee, beer and pastries. The market hosts Live Music Fridays, and vendors host events like Tuesday Night Wine Nights by the Associated Table Wine Shoppe and Rock and Roll Nights hosted by German's Cheese Shop. The market's space can be rented for private events, and tables can also be reserved for parties. For more information, call 704.236.8354 or visit 7thstreetpublicmarket.com.

Length of Experience: Varies
Group Size: No minimum or maximum
Availability: Open daily. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHARLOTTE NC TOURS’
TASTE AND GLIDE SEGWAY TOUR
We have combined two fun events to create one amazing tour. On the Taste and Glide Segway tour, we will explore the city’s history as well as its good food. The tour is approximately 2 1/2 hours and we stop at three to four locations depending on the day of the week.

Length of Experience: 2 1/2 hours
Group Size: 25 people, potentially 30 with advance notice
Availability: Riders must be 18 years or older. Younger riders must be accompanied by a parent and must be at least 100 pounds. Tours begin daily at 3 p.m. Visit charlottenctours.com to book your tour. If you have questions regarding our tours please email info@charlottenctours.com.

CLARKE ALLEN EVENTS’
FARM TO TABLE TOUR
Fresh air and sunshine come standard with the Farm to Table Tour. Visit local farms, engage in outdoor activities and enjoy dinner at one of Charlotte’s best sustainable dining destinations. If you’re ready to get back to nature, then join Clarke Allen Events because this is the tour for you.

Length of Experience: 4 hours
Group Size: Minimum 30 participants
Availability: No restrictions.

FEAST FOOD TOURS & CULINARY EVENTS

GATHER TOGETHER WITH FEAST FOOD TOURS & CULINARY EVENTS TO ENJOY A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF CHARLOTTE’S RAPIDLY CHANGING CULINARY COMMUNITY. YOU’LL DISCOVER JUST WHAT MAKES QUEEN CITY FOOD FOLKS TOWN WITH FRESHNESS AND HANDS-ON CLASSES, ENGAGING SPACES, LOCAL FARM CONNECTIONS, COFFEE CUPPINGS AND TONS OF PUIRITY, CULINARY-INSPIRED WORKSHOPS WITH YOUR FAVORITE FOODS, AND RECEPTION-Syle AFFAIRS WITH SOME OF THE AREA’S BEST CHEFS AND FOOD PRODUCERS. FEAST CAN ALSO CURATE THE COMMON DESIRE TO “NOT JUST GO OUT TO DINNER” WITH TOURS AND OTHER INTERACTIVE DINING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING A FUN, EDUCATIONAL AND ENLIGHTENING EVENT TO CONNECT YOU WITH THE LOCAL CULINARY SCENE. FOR A MORE ENCOMPASSING CITYWIDE CULINARY EXPERIENCE, FEAST FOOD TOURS & CULINARY EVENTS CAN ALSO ASSIST WITH FAM TRIPS, DINE-AROUNDS AND BOP-ON-GUIDE SERVICES.

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE: 1 1/2 HOURS OR 6−8 HOURS
GROUP SIZE: 4−40 PARTICIPANTS
AVAILABILITY: MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY PREFERRED. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE AND SUBJECT TO CULINARY ARTISAN/ESTABLISHMENT AVAILABILITY.

FEAST CULINARY EXPERIENCES
Gather together with FEAST Food Tours & Culinary Events to gain a unique perspective of Charlotte’s rapidly changing culinary community. Discover just what makes Queen City food folks tick with hands-on classes, engaging spaces, local farm connections, coffee cuppings and tons of pairing education, culinary-intensive workshops with your favorite foods, and reception-style affairs with some of the area’s best chefs and food producers. FEAST can also curate the CROWNING AROUND CHARLOTTE NC TOURS’
HIPSTERS, MURALS, AND HISTORY SCOOTER TOUR
Join us as we ride scooters through Charlotte’s favorite neighborhoods, NoDa and Plaza Midwood. Plaza Midwood, NoDa, and Plaza Midwood are unique neighborhoods and are home to many of Charlotte’s favorite hangouts. We will cruise through some of Charlotte’s favorite hangouts and see the highlights of the neighborhoods.

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE: 2 HOURS
GROUP SIZE: 8 PEOPLE
AVAILABILITY: TO BOOK THIS TOUR PLEASE EMAIL INFO@CHARLOTTERNCTOURS.COM. RIDERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. YOUNGER RIDERS MUST BE ABLE TO RIDE A BIKE AND MUST BE ACCOMPANYED BY A PARENT.

Savory Spice Shop
Funny Bus Comedy City Tour

CLARKE ALLEN EVENTS’
RAIL TRAIL TOUR
All aboard for fun on the LYNX Blue Line Light Rail Tour with Clarke Allen Events. Our tour includes things to see and do at every stop along the way. Join us in the fun with family and friends for an eco-friendly way to experience Charlotte.

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE: 2−3 HOURS
GROUP SIZE: MINIMUM 30 PARTICIPANTS
AVAILABILITY: NO RESTRICTIONS

FUNNY BUS COMEDY CITY TOUR
Departing from 7th Street Public Market, the Funny Bus Comedy City Tour routes through Charlotte’s most interesting neighborhoods, making note of the humor in everyday life. Led by a tour guide-turned-stand-up comedian, the 90-minute, BYOB tour highlights history and architecture. A pit stop halfway through invites guests to experience a Queen City locale as well. (Please note: The “Rude R” version of this tour is held Thursday through Sunday; the PG-13 version is held on Sundays and on holidays.)

LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE: 90 MINUTES
GROUP SIZE: 5−30 PARTICIPANTS
AVAILABILITY: THURSDAYS, 6 P.M.; FRIDAYS, 4 P.M.; 6:30 P.M.; 8:30 P.M.; SATURDAYS, NOON, 2 P.M.; 4 P.M.; 6 P.M.; SUNDAYS, 8 P.M.; 1 P.M.; 3 P.M.; 5 P.M.

FABULOUS CHARLOTTE
Savory Spice Shop
Funny Bus Comedy City Tour

SOUTHERN EATS AND TASTY TREATS
**AWESOME ATHLEISURE**

**BALLANTYNE GOLF ACADEMY**
Engage and stimulate your team through golf with customizable team-building events at Ballantyne Golf Academy. We offer team-building exercises designed to foster both fun and collaboration. Our experienced staff will divide your group into small teams so you can work together in friendly competition.

**Length of Experience:** 2−3 hours  
**Group Size:** 6−60 participants  
**Availability:** Offered seven-days a week

**CAROLINA PANTHERS STADIUM TOUR**
Bank of America Stadium is the headquarters for the Carolina Panthers of the NFL and includes training facilities, practice fields and administrative offices. Tours for groups of 11 to 100 people are available throughout the week and must be reserved at least 10 days in advance. The hour-long tour typically includes points of interest such as a luxury suite, team locker room, media work spaces and the field tunnel. Tours and routes are subject to availability.

**Length of Experience:** 1 hour  
**Group Size:** 11−100 participants  
**Availability:** Reservations are required 10 days in advance.

**CLARKE ALLEN EVENTS’ SPORTS FANATICS TOUR**
We knock entertainment out of the park with this Fan-tastic Charlotte tour! Get a behind-the-scenes look at our city’s most prominent stadiums with Clarke Allen Events. Then, take a swing at memory-making with a round at Toppqolf Charlotte. Score major points for a fun event with our Sports Fanation Tour.

**Length of Experience:** 4−5 hours  
**Group Size:** Minimum 15 participants  
**Availability:** Some stadiums are unavailable during peak season.

**TOPGOLF CHARLOTTE**
At Toppqolf Charlotte, there’s no pressure to be good. Take a swing, score some points, share a laugh or an app, or just throw an epic party. Any way you play, it’s a great time for all. Each venue features fun and competitive golf games for all ages, climate-controlled playing bays for year-round comfort, an impressive food and drink menu, private spaces for groups of any size, HD TVs to watch the big game and a music selection that will make every visit feel like a party.

**Length of Experience:** Varies  
**Group Size:** 1−8 participants  
**Availability:** Reservations can be made two weeks in advance at toppqolf.com/reservations.

**NASCAR HALL OF FAME’S RACING INSIDERS TOUR**
Get closer to the history and heritage of NASCAR. Your tour of racing country starts in the NASCAR Hall of Fame, where you’ll get an exclusive look at behind-the-scenes artifacts and enjoy lunch at the Pit Stop Café. Afterward, journey to nearby race shops and local racing attractions with one of our step-on tour guides. Two tour routes are available.

**Length of Experience:** Average tour lasts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Group Size:** No restriction  
**Availability:** Email groupsales@nascar.com or call 1.888.902.6463 to set up a time.

**THE OLDE MECKLENBURG BREWERY TOUR**
The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery (OMB) is Charlotte’s largest and oldest independent craft brewery. The brewery has received numerous national and international medals for its beers in North America and Europe. OMB was also named Best Brewery Tour in the country by the readers of USA Today, and it receives many accolades for its multi-acre Munich-inspired biergarten, which seats over 1,000.

**Length of Experience:** 1 1/2 hours  
**Group Size:** 15−99 participants  
**Availability:** No minimum for leisure travelers.  
**Tour Times:** Monday through Sunday 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Ask your server/bartender about where to meet your tour guide. All tours areRFCR1000380599. For those looking for a guided experience on water and land, look no further than the U.S. National Whitewater Center’s Raft + Zip Tour. Guests enjoy both a 1 1/2-hour guided tour through the trees along the Catawba River, and a 1 1/2-hour whitewater rafting experience (Family Rafting or Adventure Rafting) on the world’s largest man-made whitewater river. The tour components can be sequenced as desired for the day of your visit.

**Length of Experience:** 4−5 hours  
**Group Size:** Maximum 8 participants per tour.  
**Multiple tours can be booked.  
**Tour Times:** Monday through Sunday 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

**USNWC’S RAFT + ZIP TOUR**
Explore the woodlands along the Catawba River and portions of the Historic Tuckaseegee Ford and Trail on the US National Whitewater Center's Canopy Tour. Participants are guided through the tree canopy traveling from platform to platform on a series of zips, sky bridges, cargo net cliffs, suspended ropes and other high-adventure challenges. The tour reaches heights in excess of 90 feet in the hardwood trees that lace a 90-foot-deep canyon before working its way through a wetland delta and proceeding along the banks of the Catawba River.

**Length of Experience:** 3−4 hours  
**Group Size:** Maximum 8 participants per tour.  
**Multiple tours can be booked.  
**Tour Times:** Can book after 5 p.m. on weekdays; any time on weekends. To book, call 704.525.5644 ext.109 or email info@oldsmeckbrew.com.

**FROSTY POURS AND ADVENTURE GALORE**

**CLARKE ALLEN EVENTS BARCADE TOUR**
Grab your game-loving friends for an unforgettable Charlotte experience with Clarke Allen Events! We take your group to four different locations for food, drinks, arcade games, an hockey, Skee-Ball, bowling, giant billiards and so much more. Best of all, “I hear what do you want to do?” Call your crew for a Barcade Tour. We divide your group into small teams so you can work together in friendly competition.

**Length of Experience:** 4−5 hours  
**Group Size:** Minimum 15 participants  
**Availability:** After 3 p.m.

**NODA BREWING COMPANY’S BEER TASTINGS**
One of Charlotte’s oldest homegrown microbreweries, Noda Brewing Company is a unique production brewery that specializes in small-batch premium beers offering something for nearly every beer drinker. Groups are guided through the brewing process from start to finish, stopping along the way to see, feel and smell the hops, grains and malts that go into the beers. Pre-booked groups will be able to taste beer that is currently in fermentation tanks and compare side-by-side against the final product to understand the differences.

**Length of Experience:** 45 minutes−1 1/2 hours  
**Group Size:** 15−99 participants  
**Availability:** No maximum for leisure travelers.  
**Tour Times:** Monday through Sunday 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

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**Length of Experience:** Varies  
**Group Size:** 1−8 participants  
**Availability:** Reservations can be made two weeks in advance at toppqolf.com/reservations.

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**Group Size:** 15−99 participants  
**Availability:** No minimum for leisure travelers.  
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**PUBLIC TOUR**

**Length of Experience:** Average 30 minutes  
**Group Size:** No minimum. Maximum is up to 100 people.  
**Availability:** Can book after 5 p.m. on weekdays; any time on weekends. To book, call 704.525.5644 ext.109 or email info@oldsmeckbrew.com.

**PRIVATE TOUR**

**Length of Experience:** Average 30 minutes  
**Group Size:** 15 participants minimum. One pint or one sample flight is included in the private tour price.  
**Availability:** Can book after 5 p.m. on weekdays; any time on weekends. To book, call 704.525.5644 ext.109 or email info@oldsmeckbrew.com.
Availability: The Canopy Tour is available by reservation only.

USNWC’S TWILIGHT CANOPY TOUR

Looking for a unique evening adventure? Join the U.S. National Whitewater Center for the Twilight Canopy Tour as you experience traveling through the trees along the Catawba River as the sun goes down. This unique activity allows guests to see the USNWC from a completely unique perspective—total darkness. This unique activity allows guests to see the USNWC from a completely unique perspective—total darkness.

Length of Experience: 3−4 hours
Group Size: Maximum 8 participants per tour
Availability: The Twilight Canopy Tour is available by reservation only.

FIT FOR A QUEEN

CLARKE ALLEN EVENTS’ ANTIQUES AND TASTY TREATS

A treasure-hunter’s dream, Clarke Allen Events will take you on this exciting tour including a stop at the area’s best antique mall, The Depot at Gibson MIl, where guests can score one-of-a-kind finds. And to end you shop—and don’t shop—we include a savory sampling of tasty treats from area chocolatiers, ice cream shops and bakeries!

Length of Experience: 4 hours
Group Size: Minimum of 15 participants
Availability: No restrictions

CLARKE ALLEN EVENTS’ HEALTH & ADVENTURE TOUR

Discover the best of health and wellness with this engaging city tour. With stops at whole food markets, guests enjoy a fun and easy way to make empowered choices. Add a healthy dose of yoga, plus outdoor fun and fitness at the U.S. National Whitewater Center, and you’re well on your way to living the good life with Clarke Allen Events and our Health & Adventure Tour.

Length of Experience: 6−8 hours
Group Size: Minimum of 15 participants
Availability: No restrictions

USNWC’S ZIP TOUR

Zip Tour provides a 1 1/2 to 2 hour hands-on guided experience traversing a series of zip lines, rope bridges, and aerial tree-top platforms through the woodlands along the Catawba River.

Length of Experience: 1 1/2−2 hours
Group Size: Minimum of 8 participants per tour
Multiple tours can be booked.
Availability: The Canopy Tour is available by reservation only.

RAFFALDINI VINEYARDS PRIVATE LABEL TOUR

This private, behind-the-scenes tour of the vineyard and allee allows participants to experience the creation of a bottle of Raffaldini wine from start to finish. Starting in the winery and then moving to the vineyard, participants see where the grapes are grown and then taste how they are blended to create the different flavors of the award-winning wine.

Length of Experience: 1 1/2−2 1/2 hours
Group Size: 10−40 participants
Availability: Reservation required and subject to availability. A photo ID verifying legal age of 21 is required. To book, email eventplanning@raffaldini.com or call 336.530.7055.

TREEHOUSE VINEYARDS

Treehouse Vineyards is a North Carolina family-owned vineyard and winery venue, which was established in 2005 on the 200-year-old family farm and opened to the public in 2010. We produce hand-crafted cabernet sauvignon, merlot, Riesling, dry white blend, and several award-winning native muscadine wines.

Treehouse Vineyards is named for our treehouses charmingly placed around the vineyard, which accommodate both daily and overnight stays.

Length of Experience: 1−2 hours
Wine-tasting and wine-making tour.
Up to 3 hours for live music or other entertainment such as DIY with Wine, trivia, and murder mystery shows.

Treehouses can be rented for the day or overnight stays.

Group Size: No minimum or maximum
Availability: Treehouse Vineyards is open seven days a week. Scheduled wine tastings and tours are offered daily for $8 per person with a souvenir logoed wine glass included. Reservations for groups of 15 or more can be made. Treehouse Rentals require an online reservation. Rates vary depending on treehouse, season and day of the week. Wine is sold by the glass or bottle.
CULTURAL CRAVINGS

BECHTLER MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

One of the city’s crown jewels, the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art displays a stunning collection of mid-20th century modern art with works by Picasso, Warhol, Giacometti and more. Through a museum-wide tour, participants will come to understand the role of the Bechtler family as patrons, mentors and friends of the artists in the collection. In addition to touring the galleries, guests will also participate in a hands-on art workshop.

**Availability:**
Minimum 30 participants
Group Size: Unlimited
Length of Experience: 4 hours

**Attractions** may include the Mint Museum Uptown, Flavors from the Earth and other culinary partners. Guests will be able to take their finished product with them at the conclusion of the workshop. Tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

**Length of Experience:** 2 hours
**Group Size:** 10–30 participants
**Availability:** Reservations required two weeks in advance.

**Cultural Coffee Break**

Savor the rich history of Charlotte and the Southeast with this thought-provoking tour provided by Clarke Allen Events. Four distinctive historical centers/museums expand your appreciation of the South’s contribution to modern culture. Of course, to keep guests refreshed, we also schedule stops at three of the city’s most desired coffee houses and cafes. Mugs up for your cultural coffee break. Attractions may include the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture, Levine Museum of the New South and Charlotte Museum of History.

**Length of Experience:** 5 hours
**Group Size:** Minimum 15 participants
**Availability:** No restrictions

**Wine & Art Tour**

Immerse yourself in Charlotte’s art scene with our Wine & Art Tour. Clarke Allen Events takes you to visit four amazing arts venues and two extensive wine bars for a cultural day that’s truly a feast for the senses. Gather your favorite culture lovers for a fun-filled spin and savor the Queen City’s best. Attractions may include the Mint Museum Uptown, Mint Museum Randolph and the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art.

**Length of Experience:** 4 hours
**Group Size:** Minimum: 30 participants
**Availability:** No restrictions

**HARVEY B. GANNT CENTER’S STANDARD GUIDED TOUR**

Experience the history of the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture and an introduction to Charlotte’s Black History with an in-depth 45- to 60-minute guided tour of our facility and our current exhibitions. Participants can also experience a deeper connection with the exhibits by completing a thematic exercise or a scavenger hunt.

**Length of Experience:** 45-60 minutes
**Group Size:** Minimum 10 participants
**Availability:** Advance reservations required. Email gsa@ganttcenter.org or visit ganttcenter.org/learn/

**HARVEY B. GANNT CENTER’S VISUALIZING BLACK ART**

Participants will experience a 15-minute guided tour of one of our current exhibitions. A workshop focusing on one of the following noted Black Artists (Romare Bearden, Kara Walker, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Augusta Savage and Gordon Parks) concludes the experience. Create art in the style of the artist their teacher has selected. Participants will be able to take their finished product with them at the conclusion of the workshop. Tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

**Length of Experience:** 15 minutes
**Group Size:** Minimum 10 participants
**Availability:** Advance reservations required. Email gsa@ganttcenter.org or visit ganttcenter.org/learn/

**HARVEY B. GANNT CENTER’S ENVISION ME**

Participants will experience a guided tour of one exhibition and then take part in a 45-minute workshop centered around creating a vision for themselves. Led by a museum educator or teaching artist, students will complete a goal-setting exercise and use the information gained to create a self-portrait. Tours must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

**Length of Experience:** 45 minutes
**Group Size:** Minimum 10 participants
**Availability:** Advance reservations required. Email gsa@ganttcenter.org or visit ganttcenter.org/learn/

**THE MINT MUSEUM’S ARTBREAK**

The Mint Museum, in collaboration with the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art and the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture, provides Charlotte with free lunchtime tours. Visitors can choose to visit one of the three museums for each date and experience a tour structured around a common theme.

**Length of Experience:** 30 minutes
**Group Size:** This tour is free and open to the public thanks to the support of the THRIVE Fund.
**Availability:** Every third Thursday of the month from noon to 12:30 p.m.

**THE MINT MUSEUM’S ART OF READING**

Bring your book club to the Mint’s Art of Reading Tours. Book clubs who are reading “Pride and Prejudice” by Jane Austen, “The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd or “The Lacuna” by Barbara Kingsolver can visit the museum for a discussion and tour that will bring to life historic events, social customs and art depicted in the books.

**Length of Experience:** 60 to 90 minutes
**Group Size:** Minimum 3 participants
**Availability:** For book clubs, tours are available Wednesday through Sunday. For individuals, public tours for each book are scheduled quarterly. Visit the museum’s Happenings calendar for more information. Tours are free for museum members and free with general admission for non-members.

**THE MINT MUSEUM’S TASTE OF THE MINT**

Culinary arts blend with Mint Museum Uptown for an appetizing cultural experience. Explore a food tasting tour with small plates and drink pairings at remarkable restaurants near the Mint. Flavors from the Earth and other culinary partners offer different food and drink experiences sure to tempt taste buds. Afterwards, armed with a one-hour exploration of the arts led by a Mint expert who will provide insight into the American, Contemporary and Craft + Design collections along with special limited-engagement exhibitions. This exploration can take the form of a tour or a sketching lesson in the galleries.

**Length of Experience:** Approximately 2 hours
**Group Size:** 12–20 participants
**Availability:** Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Public tours are occasionally scheduled on the museum’s Happenings calendar. To book your tour, contact Taste of the Mint.

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HISTORIC BENCHMARKS

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HISTORIC LAMPA PLANTATION

Not just for Halloween, this 90-minute, lantern-led tour features all the haunting tales of Uptown’s ghostly past.

REF+ GOLD MINE

The first gold discovered in the US was discovered here, and people continue to come here to learn about the history of mining—and some even pan for gold themselves.

WELLS FARGO HISTORY MUSEUM

Step inside an 1889 bank, sit in an old stagecoach, or try your hand at Morse code. This small Uptown museum offers a fun peek into the city’s early banking years.

LIVING HISTORY

CAROLINA HISTORY & HAUNTS TOURS

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CHARLOTTE LIBERTY WALK

On this self-guided walking tour, 19 historic sites tell the story of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County during the American Revolution. Points of interest include Queens University, Cook’s Inn, Settler’s Cemetery and the Thomas Polk homestead.

CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Learn what life was like here centuries ago for residents—including the Catawba Nation, European immigrants and African-Americans—through housing replicas, artifacts, maps and historic exhibits.

HOME TEAMS

NBA BASKETBALL

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Charlotte Hornets

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Spectrum Center, Uptown Charlotte

NFL FOOTBALL

Team
Carolina Panthers

Venue
Bank of America Stadium, Uptown Charlotte

TRIPLE-A BASEBALL

Team
Charlotte Knights

Venue
BB&T Ballpark, Uptown Charlotte

AHL HOCKEY

Team
Charlotte Checkers

Venue
Bojangles’ Coliseum, East Charlotte

USL SOCCER

Team
Charlotte Independence

Venue
Spotswood at Matthews, Town of Matthews

MLL LACROSSE

Team
Charlotte Hounds

Venue
American Legion Memorial Stadium, Elizabeth neighborhood

UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Located in the University City neighborhood and connected to uptown Charlotte via light rail, UNCC is a public urban research university that offers competitive programs in a wide variety of degrees.

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY-CHARLOTTE

Located in Uptown Charlotte, Johnson & Wales is known primarily for its culinary arts programs, which continue to bring new and innovative chefs to the Charlotte region.

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

Located on a 100-acre campus near uptown Charlotte.

QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE

Queens University is a small private university on a 95-acre campus in Charlotte’s historic Myers Park neighborhood.

CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

With six campuses throughout the Charlotte metropolitan region (the main one is in Charlotte’s Elizabeth neighborhood), CPCC is the largest community college on the East Coast.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Nineteen miles north of Charlotte sits Davidson College, a private liberal arts school.

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

Located in Rock Hill, South Carolina on a 456-acre campus, Winthrop University is a public, liberal arts university.

WINGATE UNIVERSITY

Wingate University’s main campus is in Wingate, North Carolina, just south of Charlotte.

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