

Celebrate African-American History in Durham

Freedom from slavery was just the first step in a long quest for civil rights for African Americans. Visit Durham to celebrate African-American heritage and art. See churches, neighborhoods, schools and businesses where great strides toward equality have been made. Lift up your heart in a beautiful chapel. Wrap up your visit on a lighter note, as butterflies float freely around you in the largest museum butterfly house on the East Coast.

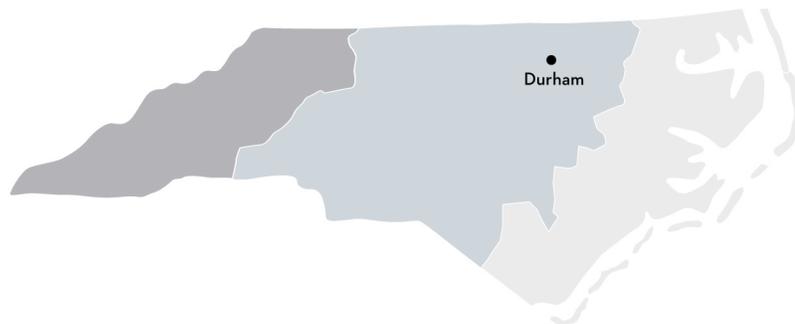
2-Day Itinerary

Day 1

Explore African-American heritage in Durham, plus shopping, art and cuisine

Day 2

Visit historic churches and a discover a science museum in Durham



With so much to see and do in the area, we recommend the following 2-day itinerary. Enjoy all the area has to offer by mixing and matching events to your particular interest. Time indicators are recommendations only. Feel free to spend as much or as little time as your schedule allows. Be sure to check days and hours of operation for each venue.

Visit **Hayti Heritage Center** in Durham. Operated by St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, the center is located in what was once one of the most successful African-American marketplaces and neighborhoods in the United States. The center features African-American works, artifacts and visual art galleries.

Adjoining the center is **Historic St. Joseph's AME Church**, which was recently converted into a 416-seat performance hall. Founded in 1896, St. Joseph's was one of the first autonomous African-American churches in the United States. The 1891 sanctuary includes a stained-glass portrait of Washington Duke.

Nearby, Durham's **Parrish Street neighborhood** became known as "Black Wall Street," a name derived from the vast number of African-American businesses that flourished there in the 1920s and 1930s, including NC Mutual Life Insurance (founded in 1898) and Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the nation's first African American-owned bank.

Time: 2 hours

Stroll the 103-acre Georgian Revival campus of **North Carolina Central University (NCCU)** and stop in at the **NCCU Museum of Art**. Founded in 1910, NCCU is the nation's first publicly supported liberal arts college for African Americans. With 6,000 students, NCCU is a vibrant, vital university that consistently ranks high in academic ratings. In addition to having one of the nation's highest rated law schools for women, NCCU has developed a successful Hospitality and Tourism Administration Degree program in the School of Business.

The NCCU Museum of Art features permanent collections and temporary exhibits of 19th and 20th-century African-American art. Learn about Durham's significant role in the sit-in movement to protest lunch counters that only served whites while viewing a historic display including a portion of Durham's old Woolworth's lunch counter.

Time: 2 hours

Spend the evening exploring the **Brightleaf District**. Downtown Durham includes shops, nationally acclaimed restaurants and thriving nightclubs in the west end of downtown Durham. Anchored by namesake Brightleaf Square, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, the district includes turn-of-the-century brick tobacco warehouses with world-class restaurants, art galleries, jewelers, clothiers and specialty shops. Stop in at **Parker & Otis**, a specialty food store with gourmet cheese, wine and candy.

Day 2

Visit some area churches. **White Rock Baptist Church** was founded in 1866. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed the congregation at its former sanctuary in Historic Hayti on February 16, 1960 with his history-making "Fill up the jails" civil rights speech following the famous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in on February 8, 1960. The

congregation moved to its current building in the late 1970s. Sunday visitors can attend services starting at 10:00 a.m.

The **Duke University Chapel** is a beautiful neo-gothic centerpiece of Duke University's West Campus. The chapel features a 5,200 pipe organ, intricate stained glass windows and a 210-foot tower housing a 50-bell carillon. For Sunday visitors, non-denominational services start at 10:00 a.m.

Time: 1-2 hours

Next, enjoy Durham's **Museum of Life and Science**. Here, you'll find the **Magic Wings Butterfly House and Aventis CropScience Insectarium**, the largest museum butterfly house east of the Mississippi, consisting of a three-story tropical glass conservatory, featuring rare species of butterflies in free flight. The Insectarium features more than 25 live exotic and native species of insects and insect predators and an extensive collection of mounted specimens from around the world. Visit the shop in the connecting Museum of Life and Science, a 78-acre, 68,000 square foot, regional, interactive science-technology center.

Time: 2 hours

For additional information:
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