

Discover Pinehurst and the North Carolina Sandhills

Discover the Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen area of North Carolina, where legends have been born and traditions forged. Located in the heart of North Carolina's picturesque Sandhills region, world-class golf is only the beginning of the many diversions you'll find here.

3-Day Itinerary

Day 1

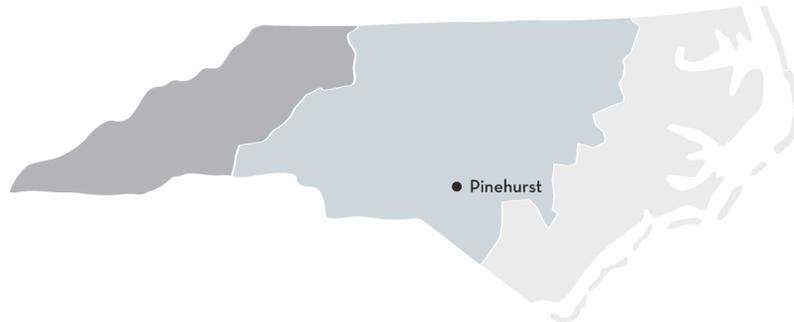
Equestrian activities and horticultural gardens in the Pinehurst area

Day 2

History and antiques shopping in Pinehurst and Southern Pines

Day 3

History and pottery in the North Carolina Piedmont



With so much to see and do in the area, we recommend the following 3-day itinerary. Enjoy all the area has to offer by mixing and matching events to your particular interest. Be sure to check days and hours of operation for each venue.

Day 1

Breakfast at **Pinehurst Track Restaurant**, where you can watch Pacers and Trotters train. Tour stables and the restored **Pinehurst Fair Barn**. This is the oldest continuously operating equine facility in North Carolina, built in 1917 for the Sandhills Fair. Many celebrities have performed at the events held here, including Annie Oakley, legendary markswoman, in 1922.

Drive to Southern Pines and out Young's Road to see the horse farms and horses. Tour **Yellowframe Farm**. Check the Convention & Visitors Bureau Calendar of Events just in case there is an equestrian competition, polo or carriage drive in progress.

Have lunch in **downtown Southern Pines** at one of the many unique and cozy restaurants.

From Southern Pines, continue to the **Sandhills Horticultural Gardens** located on the Sandhills Community College campus. Enter through the new visitors center where you can view an introductory video and other photos depicting the history of the gardens. Proceed through the 25 acres of gardens that include the largest holly collection on East Coast, roses, conifers, rhododendron and azaleas, a formal English garden and native wetland trail. Sculptures throughout the gardens and a winding waterfall add to the beauty of the setting.

Day 2

Today is all about history. Start at the 1772 **House in the Horseshoe**, a State Historic Site. This pre-Revolutionary War house is a former cotton plantation with special architectural features. Bullet holes are still visible from a 1781 skirmish between Whigs and Tories, which is reenacted each August.

Have lunch in the **Cameron Historic District** at Miss Bell's Tearoom or the Dewberry Deli in The Old Hardware.

Take a leisurely stroll down Main Street and enjoy the many fine antique shops. Check the Convention & Visitors Bureau Calendar of Events for the dates of the **Bi-Annual Cameron Antique Street Fairs**. These fairs are traditionally held on the first Saturday of May and October each year with over 300 antique dealers in attendance.

End the day in **Southern Pines**, driving through Equestrian country and touring the **Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities** – don't miss the **North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame**, housed on the second floor and honoring writers from the Tar Heel State.

Day 3

Start your day with a tour of the **Malcolm Blue Farm**, an 1825 Scottish farm in Aberdeen featuring a museum, restored farmhouse and gristmill. Down the road, visit the 1790 Bethesda Church, which

features **Old Slave Gallery** and some more historic bullet holes – these are from a Civil War battle – along with graves of area pioneer settlers. Continue to the **Historic District of Aberdeen** to view antiques shops and art galleries.

It's off to the **Seagrove Pottery** country for lunch and to visit the North Carolina Pottery Center and many potteries along the way.

Spend the afternoon visiting one of the largest and oldest communities of working potters in the United States. You can view the working potters throwing pots. Shop for every imaginable type of pottery – including salt-glazed, crystalline, earthenware and much more – at the community's over 105 pottery shops.

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