

From Bull Durham to the Blue Ridge

Starting in eastern North Carolina, this itinerary leads westward to the Blue Ridge Mountains, from Durham to Boone. See some of North Carolina's great film locations while experiencing the history behind these picturesque settings.

5-Day Itinerary

Day 1

Visit Durham and Duke University for gardens and history

Day 2

History and outdoor fun in Hillsborough, Burlington and Greensboro

Day 3

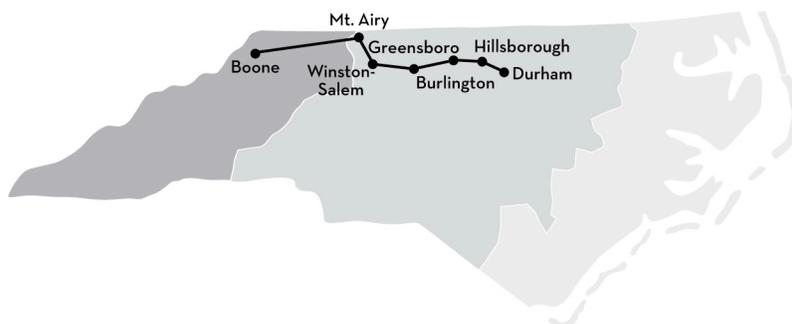
Stop in Winston-Salem for history and heritage

Day 4

See where a television legend was born in Mount Airy

Day 5

Boone and Linville for outdoor activity and beauty



With so much to see and do in the area, we recommend the following 5-day itinerary. Enjoy your visit by mixing and matching events to your particular interest. Be sure to check days and hours of operation for each venue.

Day One

Durham:

Start your trip at **Duke University**, instituted in 1924 by James Buchanan Duke as a memorial to his father, Washington Duke. As you walk the campus, take time to study the stately Georgian-style architecture on the

East Campus, the dramatic Gothic design of the West Campus, Duke Chapel and the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. Several films and television shows have filmed on this nationally ranked, private university.

Filmed here: *Weeds*, *Kiss the Girls*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Dawson's Creek*

Make your next stop El Toro Stadium, in **Historic Durham Athletic Park**. Built in 1926 as a minor-league facility, it seats 3,500 and is set against a backdrop of the downtown Durham skyline. A hallmark of the facility is the round tower with conical roof, which serves as the ticket office.

Filmed here: *Bull Durham*

For an inspirational experience, visit the **North Carolina Central University Arts Museum**. North Carolina Central University is the nation's first public liberal arts institution that was founded for African Americans.

Filmed here: *Weeds*

Day Two

Hillsborough:

Spend the first part of your day at **Ayr Mount Historic Site and Poet's Walk**. Scottish merchant William Kirkland built the brick 1815 plantation house, which includes a collection of Federal Period furniture, porcelain and crystal. Of interest is a set of North Carolina etchings by Louis Orr. The Poet's Walk is a trail winding through landscaped grounds, woodlands and pastures on 256-acres along the banks of the Eno River.

Burlington:

Next, experience **Snow Camp Historic Site**, which interprets colonial and antebellum life through living-history and theatrical productions. The outdoor amphitheatre was the location for scenes from Stephen King's *Children of the Corn II*. During summer months, you can catch two historical dramas, *The Sword of Peace* and *Pathway to Freedom*.

Greensboro:

At the **Greensboro Historic Museum** explore exhibits about short story writer O. Henry and famed war correspondent and newscaster Edward R. Murrow. You'll learn about the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that affected the nation and about Dolley Madison's lasting legacy as first lady.

To see where one of the games in *Bull Durham* was filmed, head to **War Memorial Stadium**. Originally opened in 1926 as a football stadium, it was transformed over the years into a baseball park. Several franchises have called it home.

Cap off your evening with a performance at the **Carolina Theatre**. First opened in 1927, this restored vaudeville theatre serves as one of Greensboro's premier performing arts centers showcasing theatre, dance, concerts and films.

Filmed here: *Shake, Rattle & Roll*

Day Three

Winston-Salem:

Begin the day at **Old Salem**, the historic Moravian town where costumed interpreters demonstrate household activities and trades of the 18th and early 19th centuries. Founded in 1766, the town of Salem has survived to become one of America's most authentic and well-documented colonial sites. Be sure to include stops at **Winkler Bakery**, the **Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts**, the **Old Salem Toy Museum** and **Old Salem Tavern**.

Filmed here: *The Lottery, Tecumseh*

From there, head over to the internationally renowned **North Carolina School of the Arts**, the first state-supported facility of its kind in the world. Its many venues host student performances in dance, drama, music and film. Film School archives house the second largest non-commercial collection of films (following the Library of Congress,) including 25,000 original feature films on 35mm, 1,500 live action and animated short films, documentaries and newsreels and 8,000 previews of coming attractions. Attend one of the current student films.

Day Four

Mount Airy:

Spend your day exploring Andy Griffith's hometown and the inspiration for the fictional town of Mayberry on the classic television series, *The Andy Griffith Show*. Get a trim at Mount Airy's version of Floyd's Barbershop, visit **Snappy Lunch** for a tasty pork chop sandwich or drop by the Bluebird Diner for a chocolate shake and some real down-home cooking. And the Mount Airy Visitors Center houses the world's largest collection of Andy Griffith memorabilia.

The **Andy Griffith Playhouse**, circa 1920, is Mount Airy's first known public school site. Griffith attended elementary school and performed on stage here during the 1930s and 1940s. Plan a September trip to celebrate the Annual Mayberry Days Festival.

You can also visit **Aunt Bee's Room**, dedicated to the memory of Aunt Bee (Frances Bavier) with a collection including her vanity, twin bedroom suit and various other belongings.

Day Five

Boone:

Take a relaxing drive along **The Blue Ridge Parkway**. Over half of its 469 toll-free miles meander through the highlands of North Carolina, comprising what travel writers around the globe have called "America's most scenic drive." The Parkway encompasses a world of mountain forests, wildlife and wildflowers thousands of feet above a patchwork of villages, fields and farms.

Filmed here: *Forrest Gump, Hannibal*

Linville:

At **Grandfather Mountain**, you'll encounter nature on a whole new level on the mile-high swinging bridge, hiking trails and cliff-side picnic area. It's the only private park in the world designated by the United Nations as an international biosphere reserve. Learn more about the mountain at Grandfather's **Nature Museum**. Exhibits and award-winning films speak to its many aspects – endangered species, unique weather, colorful wildflowers and birds.

Filmed here: *Forrest Gump*

For more information:

Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.durham-cvb.com

Burlington/Alamance County Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.burlington-area-nc.org

Greensboro Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.visitgreensboro.com

Winston-Salem Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.visitwinstonsalem.com

Boone Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.visitboonenc.com

Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce

www.visitmayberry.com