

# Greensboro: City of Variety

In Greensboro, planning the perfect day (or week) of sightseeing is a breeze when you use the following themed tours as your guide. Indulge your love of history, take a stroll through beautiful gardens, learn more about events that have shaped our nation's culture, visit local industry and specialty shops or spend a day filled with cultural activities.

## 5-Day Itinerary

### Day 1

A day of history: see an old mill, a military park, a plantation – even pan for gold at an American castle

### Day 2

Plan an open-air day in area gardens

### Day 3

Learn about the rich African American legacy in Greensboro

### Day 4

Shopping you won't find anywhere else

### Day 5

Find art all over the city



*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.*

## Day One

### A Whole Lot of History

For history buffs, the **Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum at Historic Palmer Memorial Institute** is the perfect way to start your day. North Carolina's first official historic site to honor an African American and a woman, the site is the location of the former Palmer Memorial Institute, an

African-American preparatory school established and founded by Brown in 1902.

**Time: 1 hour**

Step back in time when you visit an 18<sup>th</sup>-century farmstead at **Tannenbaum Historic Park**. The house was used as General Cornwallis' headquarters during the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. While here, check out the exhibits depicting life in colonial Guilford County at the **Colonial Heritage Center**.

**Time: 30 minutes**

Visit the site of the epic battle that crippled Cornwallis' British army and set the stage for the American victory at Yorktown at the **Guilford Courthouse National Military Park**, the first Revolutionary War battlefield to be designated as a national park. A visitor center on the grounds welcomes you with film and exhibits of arms and equipment.

**Time: 30 minutes**

Experience the sights and smells of yesteryear at the **Old Mill of Guilford**, a fully functioning, water-powered gristmill. This mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An on-site gift shop provides visitors a wealth of stone-ground meals, honey, ham and an assortment of North Carolina pottery and crafts.

**Time: 40 minutes**

For a different spin on the area's history, explore **Castle McCulloch**, a restored 19<sup>th</sup>-century gold refinery built from granite and nestled in 60 wooded acres in Jamestown. The castle offers daily activities, from historic gold mill tours to panning for gold and other gems. Pack a lunch to enjoy in one of the scenic picnic areas.

**Time: 1 hour**

Take a trip back in time at **Mendenhall Plantation**. This early-19th-century Quaker plantation houses a museum, many unique out-buildings and one of two existing false-bottom wagons used to transport runaway slaves during the time of the Underground Railroad.

**Time: 45 minutes**

Return to one of the area's fine hotels; relax and re-energize for a night on the town. Enjoy dinner and a Broadway show at the **Barn Dinner Theatre**, the oldest theater of its kind in the country. Feast on hors d'oeuvres, a full-service bar and a mouthwatering gourmet buffet. Get ready to tap your toes to the sites and sounds of your favorite Broadway-style musicals.

## **Day Two**

### **A Walk in the Garden**

Prepare for a fun-filled day outdoors. Arrive at the **Bicentennial Garden and David Caldwell Historic Park**, a long-time Greensboro favorite. The

garden features flowering and deciduous trees, shrubs and annual beds with mass and design plantings that add vibrant color to the garden throughout the year.

**Time: 45 minutes**

Stroll across the street and visit the **Bog Garden**, a "bayou-like" park featuring a half-mile elevated wood walkway that provides easy and safe access through the garden. Take in the exotic beauty of more than 8,000 trees, shrubs, ferns, bamboo and wildflowers.

**Time: 45 minutes**

Located nearby, in the **Friendly Center** and the **Shops at Friendly Center** you'll find delightful, open-air shopping villages that feature more than 100 shops, restaurants and services. Several tasty dining options make deciding where to have lunch a happy dilemma.

**Time: 2 hours**

After lunch, discover one of the area's newest treasures at the nearby **Greensboro Arboretum**. With year-round appeal, the 17-acre greenhouse includes nine permanent plant collections of various species. Special displays and features include a hosta and wildflower trail, gazebo, rhododendron garden, vine-covered outlook and arbor, butterfly garden and lighted fountain.

**Time: 1 hour**

Complete your day with a scrumptious meal at one of Greensboro's fine eateries. Let the sounds of the **Greensboro Symphony Orchestra** soothe you with Masterworks Pops concerts featuring guest artists from around the world at War Memorial Auditorium.

### **Day Three**

#### **African-American Heritage Sites**

Take a commemorative walk that chronicles our nation's past at the **Walkway of History**, where sidewalk markers record six chapters in local African-American history. Ranging from the first fugitive slave on the Underground Railroad to the first African-American State Supreme Court justice, the walkway is located on South Elm Street at February One Place.

**Time: 20 minutes**

Drive or walk a short distance to the **Greensboro Historical Museum**, where sit-ins are commemorated in a striking exhibit. Walk to the Greensboro Cultural Center, and visit the **African American Atelier**, which showcases African-American art within the community.

**Time: 1 hour**

Eat lunch at one of **downtown Greensboro's unique restaurants**. Liberty Oak, Undercurrent Restaurant, Ganache, Café Europa (located at the

Greensboro Cultural Center) and 223 South Elm are just a few of the many options.

Explore Greensboro's colleges and universities, which offer a wealth of African-American history. North Carolina A&T State University is home to the **A&T Four Statue**, which honors the courageous act of the freshmen who carried out the lunch counter sit-in of February 1, 1960, at the Woolworth Building in downtown Greensboro. The statue is located in front of the Dudley Building on the North Carolina A&T State University campus. The **University Galleries** house one of the largest collections of African culture between Washington, DC, and Atlanta. World art and community ethnic groups are showcased along with tributes to astronaut Rn McNair and the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Holgate Library at Bennett College depicts scenes of black life and features the works of painter Varnette Honeywood.

**Time: 1-1½ hours**

Return to your hotel, and prepare for dinner and a night of entertainment. Check out one of the many productions at the local colleges or universities.

#### **Day Four**

##### **Local Industry & Specialty Shops**

Your visit would not be complete without a stop at Greensboro's famous **Replacements, Ltd.** Take a special etiquette class or do a little shopping. With the world's largest inventory of old and new porcelain, bone china, earthenware, crystal, flatware and glassware, Replacements offers the perfect opportunity to look for that long-lost piece of your favorite china collection. Tour the enormous warehouse, home to over 11,000,000 pieces in more than 250,000 patterns. Take a free tour of the showrooms, museum, warehouse and restoration facility. Shop Replacements' showroom for giftware, dinnerware, one-of-a-kind items, antiques and collectibles.

**Time: 1-1½ hours**

Savor a delicious lunch and a cold brew at **Red Oak Brew Pub**. After a delicious meal, take a 20-minute tour of the Bavarian-built brew house and fermentation cellar. See how lagers are brewed and taste free samples at Red Oak, North Carolina's biggest microbrewery.

Antique seekers will adore the tree-lined streets and shops of **Old Greensborough**. For out-of-the-ordinary collectibles, this area is a must-see.

**Time: 1-1½ hours**

Stroll through a neighborhood of specialty shops, boutiques, restaurants and galleries housed in elegantly refurbished 1920s vintage buildings at **State Street Station**.

**Time: 1 hour**

Satisfy your appetite at a local bistro or café, and take in a show or concert at the **Greensboro Coliseum Complex, War Memorial Auditorium** or the **Carolina Theatre**.

## **Day Five**

### **A Cultural Kaleidoscope**

Immerse yourself in the arts at the **Greensboro Cultural Center at Festival Park**. This showplace is home to 15 visual and performing arts organizations, along with four art galleries and gift shops. For a culture-filled morning, visit any of the following galleries: African American Atelier, Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art and ArtQuest, Greensboro Artists' League Gallery and Gift Shop, Guilford Native American Art Gallery and Gift Shop.

**Time: 1-1½ hours**

Stay in the area for lunch. Restaurants in and around the cultural center offer everything from salads and sandwiches to full-course meals. After lunch, satisfy your cultural hunger at the **Weatherspoon Art Museum** in the Anne and Ben Cone Building at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. With six galleries and a sculpture courtyard, this contemporary art museum is nationally recognized for its collection and changing exhibitions of 20th-century American art.

**Time: 1 hour**

Visit the **Guilford College Art Gallery** and see rotating selections from the college's wide-ranging permanent collection of fine art and crafts, as well as occasional traveling exhibits.

**Time: 30 minutes**

Round out a day of culture with a visit to the **Irene Cullis Gallery**, located in the Cowan Building on the Greensboro College campus. Six exhibits are featured yearly.

Grab dinner and drinks at a downtown eatery and make plans to enjoy an evening of performance at the **Triad Stage at Pyrlle Theater** or the **Broach Theatre**.

For more information on these or other locations and events in Greensboro see [www.visitgreensboro.com](http://www.visitgreensboro.com).

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