

Pinehurst Golf & Art Vacation

This area of rolling sandhills gently cloaked in pines truly is golf heaven, so you may want to spend your days pitting your skills against the many, magnificent courses the area has to offer. However, you may also want to enjoy the artsy side of the south central Piedmont. Either way, this 3-day itinerary will satisfy the Tiger in you.

3-Day Itinerary

Day 1

Play a round on one of Pinehurst's legendary courses, then take a tour of Pottery Country in and around Seagrove.

Day 2

Hit the links at Pine Needles, then browse Southern Pines' collection of shops, galleries, and gardens.

Day 3

Try your hand at a course designed by a golfing legend, then explore North Carolina's horse country.



With so much to see and do in the area, we recommend the following 3-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

It's time to hit the links at **Pinehurst**, but be sure and book your tee times well in advance. The resort is popular with visitors, and even with eight courses it isn't always easy to get the time you want. Play all morning and have lunch at the clubhouse, then luxuriate with a massage or other services at **The Spa at Pinehurst**.

Now that you're relaxed, take a short road trip and explore the area's pottery tradition. From Pinehurst, you head west on Highway 211 until you come to Highway 705. You are now in Pottery Country, with more than 80 family potteries carrying on a long-standing tradition. For the next twenty miles you'll see signs where you can pull off the road and watch the artists at work as well as purchase one-of-a-kind pieces. Near the end of Highway 705, you'll come to the town of **Seagrove** where the **North Carolina Pottery Center** tells the history of pottery making with exhibits of pottery old and new. Return to Pinehurst and finish your day with a relaxing dinner at **Theo's Taverna**.

Day Two

On day two, you can walk in the footsteps of Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb. Since 1996, **Pine Needles** has hosted the US Women's Open Championships three times and both **Pine Needles** and nearby **Mid Pines** are as challenging as when Donald Ross first designed them. Enjoy a round on each course, or improve your game with a lesson or workshop from the **Learning Center** of renowned golf instructor Peggy Kirk Bell.

After golf, visit the **Southern Pines Historic District** where an array of restaurants and boutiques will delight you. Have lunch at **Café Iano** where the lobster rolls are a specialty, then stroll along the tree lined streets and browse the shops and galleries such as **Gap Creek Candle Company** and **Artist Alley**. **Campbell House Galleries** is the home of the **Arts Council of Moore County** and has three exhibit areas with paintings and pottery by local artists for sale.

More local artists are featured at the **Hastings Gallery** in the Boyd Library lobby on the campus of **Sandhills Community College**, but the art is not for sale. From there, head to the **Sandhills Horticultural Gardens**, also on the college campus and designed and maintained by the Landscape Gardening Department and Sandhills Horticultural Society. Several garden styles are featured in the 32 acres, including the **Sir Walter Raleigh Garden** (a formal English

Garden) and a native wetland trail. Finish your day at **Ashten's Restaurant & Pub** for steaks and seafood.

Day Three

Start day three with a round of golf at the home of the "Bear." The famous 18th hole at the **Legacy Golf Links** has challenged many great golfers and the Nicklaus Design course is one of only three courses in the area to host a USGA National Championship.

After your game, visit the **Historic District of Aberdeen** where you'll find quaint shops featuring antiques, collectibles, handicrafts and unique gifts. Go Mexican for lunch at **La Poblanita Mexican Café**, a local favorite, then head to the **Artists League of the Sandhills**. Housed in an old storage terminal of the Aberdeen Rockfish Railroad, the facility has 45 artists-in-residence studios and a gallery of their work. Next on your list is **Sky Art Gallery** which features contemporary paintings, mixed media and photography by local, regional, national and internationally known artists.

Beside golf and art, the Sandhills is known as horse country, with a number of exquisite horse farms and riding venues. **Carolina Horse Park at Five Points** is located a few miles south of **Aberdeen** on Hwy 211. Here you'll find 250 acres of protected land dedicated to world-class equestrian competitions in Steeplechase, Eventing and Dressage. The park is the only one of its kind in North Carolina and offers the visitor a variety of events. Finish your day with dinner at **Thai Orchid Restaurant** in Aberdeen, a local favorite for Thai food.

Where to Eat:

Theo's Taverna (Pinehurst) – lunch, dinner
Café Iano (Southern Pines) – lunch, dinner (Fri-Sat)
Ashten's Restaurant & Pub (Southern Pines) - dinner
Thai Orchid Restaurant (Aberdeen) – lunch, dinner

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