

Chapel Hill/Orange County

21 THINGS TO DO IN 2017

Here's the short list of where to begin your adventure.

1: SPARKLE With A Priceless Gems Tour

The University of North Carolina hosts Priceless Gem Tours on Fridays during the academic year. These tours are an extraordinary opportunity to explore specific topics with a campus expert.

<http://www.unc.edu/visitors/priceless-gem-tours/>

2: SEE The Stars At Morehead Planetarium

Did you know? Between 1959 and 1975, nearly every astronaut who participated in the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz programs trained at Morehead. <http://moreheadplanetarium.org/>

3: FIND 5 Creative Murals Around Town

Pencils, florals, landscapes, bees... Chapel Hill and Carrboro North Carolina, in the United States, has more than 30 distinctive murals, most by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill alumnus Michael Brown.

<http://www.chapelhillrecorder.com/murals/>

4: SCORE At the Carolina Basketball Museum

The museum experience begins with a six-minute theater presentation and includes video tributes to Dean Smith, Roy Williams, Michael Jordan and more. <http://www.goheels.com/fls/3350/museum/index.html> Monday-Friday, 10am - 4pm, Saturday, 9am - 1pm.

5: RELAX at the Honeysuckle Tea House

Located just outside of Chapel Hill, this open air pagoda is built slightly into a hillside and tables line the perimeter for great views and a breeze. Assorted teas, small selection of food and wine. Pure relaxation.

<http://www.honeysuckleteahouse.com/>

6: SLURP A Milkshake At Sutton's Drug Store

Since 1923, Sutton's Drug Store has occupied an old brick building — now designated "A Town Heritage Site" — on Franklin Street, just a few hundred feet from the grassy quad of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's north campus. <https://www.ourstate.com/suttons-drug-store/>

7: TAR HEEL! Gear

The East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill Sportswear opened in 1989 after Kathy Sapp, a former UNC athlete, combined her knowledge of the sportswear industry with her passion for UNC into a business. Down the street, The Shrunken Head Boutique, a family owned and operated store has been favorite stop of visitors to Franklin Street for 46-years.

8: SEE Great Works Of Art

In January of 2017 the Ackland Art Museum of The University of North Carolina received its largest gift ever — over \$25 million — from alumnus Sheldon Peck and his wife Leena. The gift included 134 primarily 17th-century European masterworks, including seven works by Rembrandt van Rijn. <http://ackland.org/>

9: WALK Through The Carolina Inn

The Carolina Inn has a long and distinguished history as a premiere hotel on the UNC campus. For 90 years the Carolina Inn has won awards for combining delightful traditions and modern amenities for any visitor to Chapel Hill. Even if you are not staying at the hotel, stop by for coffee and dessert. www.carolinainn.com

10: STROLL The North Carolina Botanical Garden

This conservation garden comprises more than 1,000 acres, including 10 acres of display gardens and a number of natural areas in the Piedmont of North Carolina. Our main visitor site, the Display Gardens and Education Center, is located off the US 15-501 Bypass in Chapel Hill.

<http://ncbg.unc.edu/2017-events/>

11: SAY "HELLO" At The Visitors Center

More than 2.5 million visitors come to Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County, NC communities each year. The Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Center on Franklin Street provides free information, maps, tour ideas and merchandise. Located in the historic Bentley Building, parking is free in the lot behind the Visitors Center, 501 West Franklin Street.

12: EXPLORE Creative Carrboro

Shop at an old textile mill, enjoy coffee and pancakes. Says one visitor, "I love going out to Weaver Street Market. Lots of fun little shops out there." We agree. Check out Weaver Street Market and their great coffee, walk around Carr Mill Mall, an old textile mill and stop for a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants that line Weaver and Main Streets. www.carrboro.com

13: GET FRESH At The Carrboro Farmers' Market

Fresh eggs, baked goods and produce await you at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. Celebrating its 39th year, over 70 market members sell their locally produced goods each week directly to shoppers. Located in the Carrboro Town Commons on 301 West Main Street. It's a must stop!

<http://www.carrborofarmersmarket.com/>

14: TASTE & IMBIBE Distilled Spirits And Beer

The Crunkleton Bar on Franklin Street, stirs up 500 distilled spirits, mixed with original techniques and ingredients, and 12 varieties of draft beer.

<http://thecrunkleton.com/index.php>. Or visit TOPO, Chapel Hill's own local organic vodka distillery, produced sustainably, which provides opportunities for local farmers. <http://www.topodistillery.com/>

15: TAKE A DRIVE In The Country

Set your Google Map to Maple View Country Store and drive the country roads to this world famous ice creamery with rocking chairs and breathtaking views of rural Orange County fields and farms that haven't changed in a hundred years. For a guide to area farms, visit:

<https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/blog>.

16: WALK This Way

We have walkable towns. Hit Franklin Street in Chapel Hill, drive to Chapel Hill's Community Park and walk Bolin Creek, or visit Hillsborough and walk the beautiful Riverwalk. Fresh air, botanicals and natural scenic beauty abound. This is North Carolina.

17: RELIVE Historic Hillsborough

Just 20 minutes from Chapel Hill, Hillsborough is a small, historic town that is funky and walkable. Explore the Riverwalk. There are numerous shops and restaurants — from an Organic Market to a coffee shop, pizza and Italian, and a chocolate shop that makes you drool and come back for more.

www.visithillsboroughnc.com

18: SHOP at Southern Season, University Place

Whether you are a professional chef or epicurean, a loyal guest or a first time visitor, indulge your senses at Southern Season at University Place. Moonshine Chocolate cordials, Mint Tupper Bourbon balls, Chocolate Truffle Rooibos Tea, much more. <http://www.southernseason.com/>

19: MOOOOO! Annual Farm Tour

Tour local, sustainable farms and discover the delicious meat, dairy, fruits and veggies produced right here in the Piedmont! Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23 from 2-6pm both days. 38 farms, \$30.

<https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/pft/>

20: GET INSPIRED at Memorial Hall

Presenting exceptional arts experiences that inspire the UNC community and beyond and celebrate the intrinsic value of the creative process.

<https://www.carolinaperformingarts.org/>

21: LAUGH at DSI comedy club

Learn improv to help your work performance and to make you laugh. We are home to a first class comedy club, DSI (Dirty South Improv) and Zach Ward, owner, will offer a custom experience.

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WELCOME

One thing is for sure, one adventure will lead you to another, and it won't be long before you've added 25 more things to this list.