



24 HOURS IN

Raleigh N.C. 



WHERE TO STAY

**📍 The Longleaf Hotel**

A modernized mid-century gem sitting at the northern gateway to downtown Raleigh. The longleaf pine tree inspired every aspect of this modern renovation of a vintage motor lodge.

**📍 Heights House Hotel**



This historic property is completely renovated and restored to a nine-room boutique inn and gathering space. Created from an 1858 Italianate style historic mansion in the Boylan Heights neighborhood, this National and Raleigh Historic Landmark is one of the few remaining pre-civil war houses in the area. HHH boasts a lobby bar and lounge for guests and the community, The Parlor, with Italian-inspired cocktails and wines.

**📍 The Umstead Hotel & Spa**



Five Star and Five Diamond independently owned hotel drawing inspiration from art and nature. The property features stunning interiors punctuated with privately curated fine art, 150 spacious guest rooms and suites, world-class cuisine, a stimulating spa and a serene woodland setting.

BREAKFAST

**📍 Big Ed's City Market Restaurant**

Known for hotcakes bigger than your hands, Big Ed's in City Market is the perfect spot for breakfast. Antiques and farm equipment hang from the ceiling, adding to the unique Southern charm of this Raleigh institution.

**📍 A Place at the Table**



A pay-what-you-can cafe serving breakfast and lunch in downtown Raleigh, A Place at the Table provides a sense of community and a space for people to enjoy a meal together around the table. The menu is presented with suggested prices, and diners have the option to pay that price, to pay more, to pay less or to volunteer as payment for their meal.

**📍 Volunteer with Designed For Joy**

Designed For Joy (DFJ) is a transitional work experience for women who have experienced trafficking, homelessness, incarceration or other vulnerable situations. Their handmade leather goods are made by women/for women to pay their staff a living wage. The company provides living wage work hours while building confidence and refreshing resumes, launching women with marketable skills and solid references into the job market. Get involved in the company's mission by participating in a voluntourism activity at the Designed for Joy studio in downtown Raleigh. Work side by side with the artisans while also learning more about the work DFJ does for the community in Raleigh.

LUNCH

**📍 Sam Jones BBQ**



Third-generation pitmaster and James Beard semifinalist Sam Jones' eatery in downtown Raleigh is rooted in the tradition of North Carolina whole-hog barbecue and tried-and-true Southern staples.

**📍 Eastcut Sandwich Bar**

The first restaurant to open in Raleigh's new Iron Works development, this delicious sandwich shop specializes in East Coast sandwich culture, with owners from New York and New Jersey. Offerings range from clubs to cheesesteaks to house-roasted turkey and even vegetarian sandwich options.

MORNING

*Experience why Raleigh is known as the Smithsonian of the South (all free to visit)*

**📍 NC Museum of History**

A journey through the past of North Carolina's history so that others, natives and visitors can learn of the lives our ancestors lived. Also includes the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame on the third floor.

**📍 NC Museum of Natural Sciences**

Largest natural science museum in the Southeast with four floors of exhibits, live animals, 3D movies, gift stores and two cafes. The museum includes a Nature Research Center which is a mixture of a visitor destination, research hub and hands-on student laboratory.





NC MUSEUM OF ART AND ART PARK

**AFTERNOON**

**📍 NC Museum of Art and Museum Park**

More than 5,000 works of art spanning from antiquity to present day make up the bulk of masterpieces at NCMA, plus the largest museum art park in the country. The park's 160+ acres include a vast trail system and 30 works of art surrounding the outside of the museum and along the trails and greenway paths.

**📍 CAM Raleigh**



The Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh's Warehouse District showcases constantly changing exhibits that explore what's current and coming in the art and design world. CAM's goal is for visitors and the community to be inspired by and engage with the art.

*Explore Raleigh's Warehouse District*

**📍 Raleigh Denim Workshop**

Artisan denim brand that uses vintage machines to create limited runs of men's and women's jeans.

**📍 Heirloom Brewshop**

Heirloom offers guests a solace from the hustle and bustle of the city at this Asian-inspired sanctuary offering coffee, tea, sake and food.

**📍 Father & Son Antiques**

Mid-century antiques, vintage clothing and records.

**📍 Boxcar Bar + Arcade**

Classic and modern arcade games.

**📍 Videri Chocolate Factory**

Bean-to-bar chocolate factory.

**HAPPY HOUR**

**📍 Raleigh Beer Garden**

Guinness World Record holder for most beer on tap and largest selection of beer on draught in the world.

**📍 Trophy Brewing Company**

Awarded craft brewery with wild and sour beer program and weekly beer releases.

**DINNER**

**📍 Madre**



Fresh and inventive Spanish tapas arrived in Raleigh's Smoky Hollow development in June 2023. Madre is "a celebration of motherly hospitality and the beautiful way of life along the Mediterranean."

**📍 Ajja**



Led by beloved James Beard Foundation Award-nominated chef/owner Cheetie Kumar and partner Paul Siler is Ajja, in the Five Points neighborhood. The Hindi/Urdu word for "come over," Ajja invokes a destination that is celebratory and inviting. The menu draws inspiration from the diverse foodways and cultures, vibrant spices and cooking techniques of the Mediterranean, the Middle East and beyond.

**NIGHT CAP**

**📍 Fox Liquor Bar**

James Beard Foundation 2019 "Outstanding Chef" award winner Ashley Christensen has re-opened the iconic Fox's Liquor Bar after a three-year hiatus.

**📍 Bittersweet**

2024 James Beard Semi-Finalist dessert, coffee and cocktail bar.

**NOW OPEN**

**📍 Downtown Cary Park**

The newly opened park offers an iconic, seven-acre public gathering space including food and beverage facilities, interactive water features, a great lawn and an outdoor entertainment pavilion.

**COMING SOON**

**📍 Dueling Dinos**



An exhibit 67 million years in the making will feature what's thought to be the only 100% complete skeleton of a Tyrannosaur in the world (plus a Triceratops skeleton, among the most complete ever found). An entire new lab—opening in April 2024—is being built for this exhibit, and visitors can get up close and personal with the fossils and meet some of the scientific team as they uncover long-buried secrets.

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