







The Casso A vibrant and stylish 126-room boutique hotel centrally located downtown between Glenwood South and Warehouse Districts with locally inspired décor and a plant-forward restaurant called Good Day Good Night.

The Longleaf Hotel Modern, mid-century gem at the northern gateway to downtown Raleigh. The longleaf pine tree inspired every aspect of this modern renovation of a vintage motor lodge, including the swanky Longleaf Lounge and patio.

Heights House Hotel This historic pre-Civil War-era 1858 Italianatestyle mansion was lovingly renovated and revitalized into an intimate nineroom boutique hotel. Grand common spaces are crafted with immaculate detail and decorated with modern and vintage touches, including in The Parlor cocktail bar.

The Umstead Hotel and Spa Five Star and Five Diamond independent hotel drawing inspiration from art and nature. The property features privately curated fine art, 150 spacious guest rooms and suites, worldclass cuisine at Herons, a stimulating spa and a serene woodland setting.



DAY 1

Breakfast

- Begin your first day in Raleigh with a nutritious and energizing breakfast from Raleigh Raw, an organic raw juice bar and cafe.
- If you're extra hungry, consider **Penchwarmers Bagels**, wood-fired bagels and craft coffee at **? Transfer Co. Food Hall.**

Morning

 Grab a coffee or tea from ♥ Heirloom Brewshop or ♥ Black & White **Coffee Roasters** and spend your morning perusing the **♥ Warehouse District.** This buzzing area includes **♥ CAM Raleigh (Contemporary** Art Museum), a bean-to-bar chocolate factory, food hall, antique and boutique shopping, breweries and wine bars.

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Lunch

- Treat yourself to a barbecue lunch at **Vongleaf Swine BBQ** with whole hog barbecue and smoked meats on the traditional all wood smoking methods. Recipes are rooted in their upbringing while incorporating a modern flair that makes them special, with additional delicious options for vegetarians.
- Other excellent BBQ options downtown include Sam Jones BBQ and **Midwood Smokehouse.**





Afternoon

EXPLORE THE MUSEUMS

- **V.C. Museum of Natural Sciences** The largest natural science museum in the Southeast with four floors of exhibits, live animals, 3D movies, gift stores and cafes. The Nature Research Center offers a mixture of a visitor destination, research hub and hands-on student laboratory. **FREE**
- **Q City of Raleigh Museum** Works to "preserve Raleigh's past for the future" with exhibits, artifacts and programs that emphasize the history and culture of Raleigh. FREE

WORTH THE DRIVE

• **Q N.C. Museum of Art** More than 5,000 works of art spanning from antiquity to the present day make up the bulk of masterpieces you'll find at NCMA. The museum is home to the Southeast's largest collection of Rodin sculptures and the **Q Ann and Jim Goodnight Museum Park**, which is 164 acres of woodlands, open areas and walking trails that are complimented by monumental works of art. FREE

Dinner

- Enjoy some of the best southern cooking in the world right here in Raleigh. Visitors can't go wrong with **? Poole's Diner,** James Beard Foundation-winning chef Ashley Christensen's flagship restaurant.
- Crawford and Son JBF semi-finalist for Best Chef Scott Crawford's casual-yet-elegant neighborhood eatery.
- **Whiskey Kitchen** one-part whiskey bar, one-part Southern kitchen where regionally inspired dishes are served.

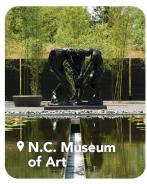
Night Cap

- Complete your day with cocktails and dessert at James Beard Semifinalist Bittersweet, a dessert, coffee and cocktail bar with a local, all-natural, seasonal menu.
- Other suggestions:
 [♥] Trophy Brewing Company for wonderful local beer and cocktails or
 [♥] Foundation for handcrafted, seasonal cocktails that showcase the finest offerings from nearby sources.























DAY 2

Breakfast

- **9** Big Ed's City Market Restaurant Known for hotcakes bigger than your hands, Big Ed's is the perfect spot for breakfast. Antiques and farm equipment hang from the ceiling, adding to the unique Southern charm of this Raleigh institution.
- Head to Poulted Bread An authentic bakery and stone mill serving craft bread and pastry made with organic, heirloom and locally sourced grains.

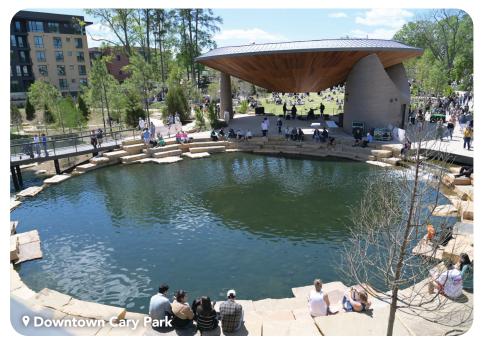
Morning

- **9 North Carolina State Farmers Market** Considered one of the nation's best and most modern markets, visitors enjoy 75 acres of indoor/outdoor specialty shops, restaurants and garden center with fruits, vegetables, meats and gift products from across the state.
- **Porothea Dix Park** Explore this 308-acre land parcel full of historic architecture and rich landscapes. The park is undergoing a transformation, which will include installing play areas, relaxation space, trails, water features, public art and more.

Lunch

- Grab lunch at A Place at the Table, a pay-what-you-can café
 providing community and healthy food for all meals that nourish your
 body and soul, ensuring each guest is treated with dignity and respect,
 regardless of means. Just one of 60 other pay-what-you-can restaurants
 in the global One World Everybody Eats network.
- Or head over to ? Transfer Co. Food Hall, a space for food producers, makers, vendors and restaurateurs to enjoy great food, all housed within the historic Carolina Coach garage and shop.
- Another option for those seeking classic Southern food is Peasley's
 Chicken + Honey, a fried chicken-focused restaurant by James Beard
 Award-winning chef Ashley Christensen.













Stroll through ♥ Person Street and ♥ Historic Oakwood District: This up-and-coming district north of downtown is surrounded by historic neighborhoods and ♥ William Peace University. Explore clothing boutiques, bookstores, historic attractions, bakeries, craft cocktail bars, breweries, wine shops and James Beard award semifinalist Scott Crawford's restaurants in this burgeoning district. • Enjoy public art on the **Mural Trail** Hit the streets to find inspiring

pieces that will have you clamoring for the perfect photo. Discover the area's 30+ murals by checking in at each one you visit on your mobile device.

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Afternoon

• **Powntown Cary Park** A newly opened iconic, seven-acre public gathering space including food and beverage facilities, interactive water features, a great lawn and an outdoor entertainment pavilion. Then explore the rest of downtown Cary, home to renowned restaurants, great shopping and top-tier arts and entertainment.

Dinner

- Experience some of Raleigh's most authentic and fresh Mexican and Latin American cuisine at **Centro**, born from the creative heart and mind of Angela Salamanca. Head upstairs for drinks at N.C.'s first Mezcaleria, **Qualic Pelón**, specializing in exotic mezcals, hand-crafted cocktails and South/Central American small plates.
- For Mediterranean and Middle Eastern-inspired flavors, head to Cheetie Kumar's Ajja, with a menu that draws inspiration from diverse foodways and cultures, vibrant spices and cooking techniques of the Mediterranean, the Middle East and beyond.

Nightcap

- For an after-dinner drink, head to the **Raleigh Beer Garden**, Guinness World Record holder for most beer on tap and the largest selection of beer on draught in the world.
- Elevate your evening with the meticulously curated menu of Italianinfluenced craft cocktails, an all-Italian wine list and local beers at **♦** The Parlor at Heights House Hotel.

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