



Welcome!
TO CHARLOTTE, NC
THE QUEEN CITY

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Charlotte, also known as the Queen City, in honor of Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the queen consort of British King George III during the time of the city's founding. We're a rapidly growing city and are now the 16th most populous city in the U.S. with about 113 people moving into our region daily.

Home to more than 10 Fortune 1000 companies, including household names such as Bank of America, Lowe's and Duke Energy, Charlotte continues to rank as one of the top cities for businesses, careers, job openings, and employee engagement.

The city is well-rounded with nearly 40 colleges and universities within a 25 mile radius, making it a great spot for aspiring professionals. In fact, there's been a 32% increase in job growth for young adults between the ages of 20-34.

Just a few hours from either the beaches or the mountains, there's so much to explore and experience to keep you busy and feeling like you're able to create more long weekend vacations within driving distance.

Let's see what Charlotte has in store for you!

Getting to Know the Greater Charlotte Area



Getting Around

There are a variety of ways to get around Charlotte, including areas you can walk to, as well as public transport options such as buses and the train. Check out the end of the guide for a QR code to scan for the CityLinx Routes.



WALKING

Many areas and neighborhoods of Charlotte are walkable with lots of activities nearby.

GREENWAYS

There are 62 miles of developed greenway trails in Mecklenburg county, making walking or bike riding an easy and enjoyable outdoor activity. Check out Charlotte Joy Rides for electric-assist bikes. View the greenways [here](#).

BUS / TRAIN

Charlotte offers both bus & rail train for public transportation. Visit the [CATS website](#) for info.

RIDESHARE

Uber & Lyft are plenty in Mecklenburg County

SCOOTERS

Download Lime, Spin or Bird app and snag a scooter for a fun way to zoom around. Great option for daytime, but unavailable after 9pm

AIRPORT

Charlotte-Douglas is an international airport and an American Airlines hub.

Hotels

Whether you're visiting friends and family, traveling for work, or maybe scoping out the city to relocate, you're sure to find accommodations to meet your needs.

UPTOWN CHARLOTTE

Uptown is where you'll find the luxury classic **Ritz-Carlton** or experience the glamour of **Grand Bohemian**, both on Trade St. If historical elegance is more your style then stay at *The Ivey's Hotel*. Need to stay close to the convention center? **The Westin**, **JW Marriott** and **Homes2 Suites by Hilton** will be right there, and within half a mile you'll find **Omni**, **Hyatt Place**, and the **Hampton Inn** all in close proximity to the center and plenty of dining options.



CLOSE TO THE AIRPORT

Making it a quick trip and want to stay close to the airport? Here are the top rated locations: **Hampton Inn & Suites CLT Airport**, **Springhill Suites by Marriott**, **Residence Inn by Marriott**, **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**, and **Sheraton CLT Airport Hotel**

SOUTH CHARLOTTE

Visiting friends or family south of 485 and want to stay somewhere in between them and the center city? Check out the newest addition in Ballantyne with rooftop views, the **AC Hotel**, or enjoy a local favorite at *The Ballantyne*. A little further east near Waverly you'll find **Hyatt House** or **Hilton Garden Inn**.

UNIVERSITY CITY *(North Charlotte)*

If your travels require you to stay north of the city, opt for the **UNC Charlotte Marriott University City** to be closest to the university.

AIRBNB

If a private stay is more your style to sleep up to 6, check out my AirBNB in Uptown Charlotte - just a 15 minute walk to the BOA stadium & Spectrum Center. Visit www.yourgatewaygetaway.com for more info and availability.

Local

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND THE CITY

One of the best things about Charlotte is the small town feel it has in such a growing city. Many find it surprising how many locations are kid and dog friendly, making it easy for all ages to jump in on the fun.

Charlotte is home to professional sports, multiple museums, world-class cuisine, craft breweries galore, music and entertainment, and so much more.

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QUICK
Hot Spots
REFERENCE



Bank of America Stadium

Catch the Carolina Panthers or Charlotte FC game or your next favorite concert in the heart of Uptown



Truist Field

Enjoy a baseball game with the Charlotte Knights or catch their firework show on Friday & Saturday nights in the summer after a game!



Spectrum Center

Watch the Charlotte Hornets basketball game or catch your next concert at this venue



NASCAR Hall of Fame

A shrine to the history & heritage of NASCAR with seasonal exhibits



Motor Speedway

Check out one of the races, whether on the drag strip, dirt track or the speedway



Discovery Place

A hands-on science museum and live animal encounters that's great for the whole family.



Shopping

If you have a love of shopping, be sure to check out SouthPark Mall, full of designers, boutiques and department stores



White Water Center

Ropes course, water rafting, wall climbing, hiking, live music, food & so much more



Botanical Gardens

Both the UNC and Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens offer a peaceful stroll and instagrammable moments

City Tours



QUEEN CITY RIDES

Offers a unique and eco-friendly way to tour Charlotte via golf cart rides. The seven-seat open golf carts are perfect for an outing with friends for a tour of Uptown or a brewery crawl. For trips further out, Queen City Rides offers van tours led by passionate guides for full city tours and corporate events. Tours are available seven days per week.

Call: 833.868.7258

Website: queencityrides.com

FUNNY BUS COMEDY TOUR

Whether a local or a visitor, Funny Bus is the ultimate experience for those looking to have a bit of humor with their history. Bring your own wine or beer and enjoy the ride as a comedian serves as your guide on this 90 minute tour, uncovering highlights and local hot spots of the city as you tour cool and hip neighborhoods around Uptown Charlotte.

Call: 704.659.3186

Website: funnybus.net/charlotte



C-CHARLOTTE TOURS

Daily, two hour long tour starts in busy Uptown Charlotte discovering popular dining spots, entertainment venues, sports arenas, galleries, museums and much more. Tour guides are Charlotte natives. Tours are held in air-conditioned, comfortable vehicles.

Call: 704.517.6844

Website: ccharlottetours.com

CHARLOTTE NC TOURS

Book Charlotte's only full-service tour company for unforgettable adventures via Segway, walking, bikes or bus. Take a walking tour around some of the Queen City's historic neighborhoods or rent a bike and experience the vibrancy of the city on your own. Enjoy food and brewery tours, historic tours and more – there's plenty to see and experience with this year-round option.

Call: 866.752.7130

Website: charlottenctours.com



Go to the Game

Charlotte has a ton of home team pride, regardless of which professional sporting event is your fave. Grab your tickets and root for the home team!

CHARLOTTE PANTHERS

What They Play: Football
Where They Play: Bank of America Stadium
When They play: September - January

CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS

What They Play: Baseball
Where They Play: Truist Field
When They Play: April - September

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

What They Play: Basketball
Where They Play: Spectrum Center
When They Play: October - April

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS

What They Play: Hockey
Where They Play: Bojangles Coliseum
When They Play: October - April

CHARLOTTE FC

What They Play: Soccer
Where They Play: Bank of America Stadium
When They Play: March - November

NASCAR

What They Do: Race Cars
Where They Race: Charlotte Motor Speedway
When They Race: May, October



Shop in Style

Whether you're looking for luxury brands, outlets or antiques, Charlotte has retail to fit any style.



SOUTHPARK MALL

Southpark

From luxury brands like Louis Vuitton and Tiffany's to department stores like Macy's and Neiman Marcus.

CONCORD MILLS

Concord

Shop, dine and play with 200+ retailers and the in-house SEA LIFE aquarium

CHARLOTTE PREMIUM OUTLETS

Southwest Charlotte

An open-air outlet center with nearly 100 retailers for options like Saks Off 5th, Michael Kors, Banana Republic Factory, Express Factory Outlet and Nike.

NORTHLAKE MALL

North Charlotte

A variety of retailers including Macy's, H&M and Dillard's and Soma, as well as locally owned shops. Let the kids play at the interactive play space on the first floor.

CAROLINA PLACE MALL

Pineville

With department stores, dining and activities like Dave & Busters, escape room Breakout and SkyZone, an indoor trampoline park, there's fun for all ages.

SLEEPY POET ANTIQUE MALL

South Charlotte

Plan an afternoon to explore the 44,000 square feet of vendors carrying vintage clothing, home goods and vinyl at Charlotte's largest antique mall.

BOUTIQUES

Around Charlotte

Atherton Mill & Market, Park Road Shopping Center, Phillips Place, CLT Find, Paper Skyscraper, 704 Shop, Girl Tribe Co are just some of the many options in the city.

Museums

If arts and history are what you're after, there will be plenty to explore.



LEVINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Uptown

The Center encompasses three different museums (or you could visit them separately) allowing you to experience a diverse range of art and culture. Included in the two day pass is the *Bechtler Museum of Modern Art*, *Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture* and the *Mint Museum* (both locations).

With the majority of the locations being all in the one central hub Uptown, you can explore the vibrant plazas, public art, stunning architecture, contemporary sculptures, societal themes, pop-up events, shopping, dining and more. At the *Bechtler Museum of Modern Art* you can expect to find an exhibition of mid-20th-century modern art and until recently, only a handful of the artworks in the Bechtler collection have been on public view in the United States, as they were mostly kept as a private collection by the Bechtler family of Switzerland. Named after Harvey Gantt, the first African-American mayor and first African-American student at Clemson, a South Carolina University, the *Gantt Center* focuses on celebrating the contributions that African-Americans have made to American culture. The *Mint Museum* has two locations, both displaying permanent collections and special exhibits throughout the year. Its Uptown location houses American and international collections and contemporary art. Also the original branch of the United States Mint, the Randolph location was the first art museum in North Carolina and includes a reference library of more than 18,000 volumes.

MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS

Uptown

Fun for all ages, this interactive museum features immersive installations that are a mind-bending reminder that nothing is really quite as it seems. Bring your camera and look for the photo op locations throughout the venue.

CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

East Charlotte

On this eight acre campus you'll find the oldest surviving house in Mecklenburg county. Their collection focuses on the Revolutionary period in American history and those that helped shape the Charlotte region.

Spots to get Social



AXE THROWING

Bad Axe Throwing ~ 350 E 6th St

You're guaranteed a fun few hours at this urban axe throwing bar. I like to have a pizza delivered and order beer or wine from the bar. Invite a few friends and have a great time! PRO TIP: Book ahead online for a guaranteed spot!



QUEEN PARK SOCIAL

4125 Yancey Rd

Think Dave & Busters, but cooler! Bowling, shuffleboard (incl full court), ping pong, Jenga, pool tables, darts & more. Full bar with a bar menu. Indoor & outdoor seating. Best part is it's nearby to other breweries in walking distance! Check out Red Clay, a cidery close by on Clanton.



WINERIES

Raffaldini Vineyards ~ 450 Groce Rd, Ronda, NC 28670

While Charlotte itself has several great spots to have a nice glass of wine, we are thin on actual vineyards. There are a few within an hour or two away. Treehouse, Veronet, Rocky River, and Divine Llama to name a few. My favorite though is Raffaldini Vineyards for its beautiful landscape and views. Tip: go on the hike if possible.



BREWERIES

Greater Charlotte Area

If craft beers are your thing then you'll find no shortage here, with 30+ local breweries! Olde Mecklenburg, NoDa, Wooden Robot, Sycamore, Birdsong, Catawba Brewing, Heist, Hi-Wire and this just names a few. Check out the QR code page for a full list, map to each & top beers from each!

Live Entertainment

In addition to Bojangles, Spectrum and the Bank of America Stadium, these venues will surely entertain!

PNC MUSIC PAVILLION

Northeast Charlotte

An outdoor amphitheater featuring both ticketed assigned seating and lawn seating.

BLACKBOX THEATER

NoDa

An intimate late-night venue for EDM lovers highlighting electronica DJs from across the world.



AVIDXCHANGE MUSIC FACTORY

Uptown

A converted textile mill turned multi-venue music hub is home to Charlotte Metro Credit Union Amphitheater, The Fillmore and The Underground, making it a destination for music lovers of every genre.

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATER

NoDa

Originally a movie theater in 1945, this intimate venue hosts all genres and boasts great reviews for the acoustics and easy viewing anywhere you're positioned.

THE EVENING MUSE

NoDa

An intimate venue for up & coming musicians, artists, comedians, poets and more.

THE COMEDY ZONE

Uptown

Charlotte's only full time comedy club, featuring top touring comedians, open mic nights, and special events. A cozy seated venue with food & drink menus.

MIDDLE C JAZZ

Uptown

An upscale jazz club with nightly live musical acts and cocktails in an intimate setting boasting New York-style with Southern hospitality.

COYOTE JOES

West Charlotte

If country music is your vibe, this is your spot for dancing to headliners and a house band, rounded out with billiards, a mechanical bull and line dance lessons.

Where to Eat

VOTED BEST ITALIAN EVERY YEAR

Mama Ricotta's ~ Midtown ~ 601 S Kings Dr AA

Book your reservation in advance for the weekends to skip the line for this Charlotte favorite. Traditional Italian food in a quaint setting, you won't be disappointed. Start your meal with the Goat Cheese & Mascarpone Dip and enjoy the amazing service!

Call: 704.343.01148

Website: mamaricottas.com



UPSCALE BOHEMIAN

Mico ~ Uptown ~ 201 W Trade St

An sophisticated experience rooted with Argentinian culinary bites, this elegant decor will leave a lasting impression. Found within the Grand Bohemian Hotel, this takes date night to a whole new level.

Call: 704.372.1877

Website: micorestaurant.com



SOUTHERN COMFORT

Haberdish ~ NoDa ~ 3106 N Davidson St

So many stylish southern touches interweaved here, from the locally hand-crafted decor to the farm fresh ingredients sourced from hometown partners. Pair the chicken and waffles with the Big Fix for those dragging weekend mornings.

Call: 704.817.1084

Website: haberdish.com



BRUNCH & SUNSHINE

Ruby Sunshine ~ SouthEnd ~ 332 W Bland St

Jump on the online waitlist an hour (or two) before you want to sit down! You'll have a hard time just picking one thing from its twist on New Orleans flavors. You can't go wrong with anything you choose, but if you don't know where to start, try the Pig Candy Bacon Bites and any of the Bennies!

Call: 980.350.8800

Website: rubybrunch.com



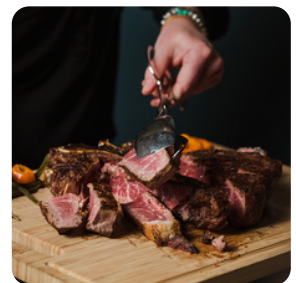
SAVORY STEAKS

The Porter's House ~ South Charlotte ~ 7417 Waverly Walk Ave

A modern steakhouse with an elevated menu and a bourbon room to go with it. Don't skip the Wagyu Beef Carpaccio and the 36oz Porterhouse, served table side, is plenty to serve 2-3!

Call: 704.930.7878

Website: theportershous.com



Where to Drink

THE LOCAL COFFEE SHOP

CoCo & the Director ~ 100 W Trade St

Wherever you're staying in Uptown, you can take a quick walk to one of my fave spots to grab a pastry & a coffee, with cool lounging vibes. PS - their AB&J smoothie is worth the try!

Call: 704.353.6003

Website: cocoandthedirector.com



SIP & PLAY

Puttery ~ 210 Rampart St

An adults only venue with it's take on mini-golf! Enjoy the ambiance and grab your drink to play one of the two immersive 9 hole themed courses. Two bars, tasty craft cocktails (try the Tasty Green!) and a menu perfect for sharing.

Call: 704.368-1600

Website: puttery.com/locations/charlotte/



THE CRAFT COCKTAIL SPECIAL

Idlewild ~ 424 E. 36th St

You won't find a cocktail menu here. Tell them what you like and be amazed at the delicious concoctions you'll get! Very intimate setting. Without a reservation, best to get there as soon as they open at 6 or so to catch a table or seat at the bar. My personal fave: East Side Rickey (think cucumbers & mint!)

Call: 704.572.8678

Website: idlewildbar.com



LARGEST BEERS ON TAP

Charlotte Beer Garden ~ 1300 S Tryon St

The WORLD'S LARGEST beer on tap selection - everything from local draft beers, International beers, and ciders to wine and cocktails available. Two levels, TVs, food menu and outdoor + rooftop seating area... check it out!

Call: 704.375.1776

Website: charlottebeergarden.com



ROOFTOP VIEWS

Throughout Charlotte

Everyone loves a good rooftop bar. *Fahrenheit* and *Aura Rooftop* are Uptown classics. For Insta-worthy pics, head to *Novelty House* or *RH Rooftop Restaurant*. In SouthEnd the new *RSVP* has good views and farther south in Ballantyne scope out *Hestia*.



Get Active



CAROWINDS

NC / SC Stateline

If you love amusement parks and roller coasters, then you'll want to head to Carowinds. Home of the Fury 325, North America's longest steel coaster with an 81-degree drop, you won't be disappointed. Enjoy 60+ rides and Carolina Harbor, the Carolina's largest water park for a fun filled day for everyone!



CROWDERS MOUNTAIN

State Park | 522 Park Office Ln, Kings Mountain NC

Only about an hour's drive, this State Park will offer challenging hikes, towering cliffs and 25 mile views of the surrounding Piedmont. Choose from eleven trails, including Pinnacle Trail and Crowdres Trail that both have great views.



GOLF COURSES

Quail Hollow, Ballantyne Country Club, TPC Piper Glen, Charlotte Country Club, Rocky River, Carolina Lakes and More

Whether you're looking to hit the greens by yourself or with buddies, Charlotte has an array of twenty-six different courses to choose from. If you're in the Queen City in May, be sure to catch the Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Club. Top Golf also has two locations if looking for a variation to mix in.



MURAL TOUR

NoDa through Uptown to SouthEnd

Charlotte has an affinity for mural and street art. From large-scale paintings to public interactive displays, local and national artists come together to add to the city's vibrant energy. Easy finds are always in NoDa, Camp North End, Plaza Midwood, Uptown and SouthEnd. Check out the QR code at the end of the guide for a map of about 60 murals.

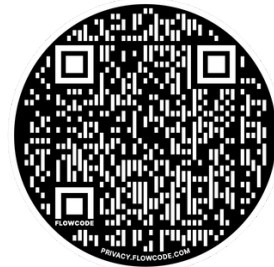
Quick Scans

FOR AREA INFORMATION



MAP OF BREWERIES

Want to go brewery hopping?
Check out this quick list & map of
30+ area breweries



CITYLYNX ROUTES

Quick access to the routes for
both the Gold Line & Blue Line
rail stops.



STREET MURAL TOUR

Explore some art mural locations.
Some stay, some get updated, all
make great photo ops!



EXPLORE SOUTHEND

Quick 2 minute video
highlighting some of my favorite
spots in the SouthEnd area

Popular

NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND CHARLOTTE

It's no surprise that lifestyle tends to drive the decision for where in a city you choose to live. Charlotte is full of diversity and lends itself to eclectic and traditional neighborhoods both. Whether you're looking for a vibrant, walkable areas or quiet, suburban communities, you'll find it in Charlotte

With dining, shopping, parks, sports, music and more, there is something for everyone here in the Queen City.

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If sociable, sporty and energetic is your vibe, UPTOWN is for you.

Choose from cheese boards to craft pizza at **The Market at 7th Street**, global cuisine with a Southern twist at **Mimosa Grill** or the daily prix fixe menus at **McNinch House Restaurant** for fine dining in the circa-1892 Victorian-era home of a historic Charlotte mayor.



Enjoy drinks with a view at **Merchant & Trade**, an impressive wine list and classic cocktails at **La Belle Helene** or food and drinks at one of the many options in historic **Latta Arcade** and **Brevard Court**. Experience the late night lounge vibe at **Crave** with decadent desserts. Stay at the **Grand Bohemian** and book dinner reservations for an elegant experience at **Mico**.

Stroll around Uptown through **Romare Bearden Park**, get to know Charlotte's history with the **KNOW CLT app** or catch a show at one of the **Blumenthal Performing Arts** venues, like the **Knight Theater** (adjacent to the **Bechtler Museum of Modern Art** in the **Levine Center for the Arts**) or **Belk Theater**. Catch a concert at the **Spectrum Center** or the **BOA Stadium**.

Bask in the walkability of the **Fourth Ward** historic district and peep the history map on the corner of W Sixth St and N Poplar St.



UPTOWN

MIDTOWN



*Spirit of Mecklenburg,
Captain James Jack*

Thinking of a modern, sophisticated, urban space? MIDTOWN may be it.

With a skyline view and amenities walkable via the **Little Sugar Creek Greenway**, which runs from Center City through the neighborhood, Midtown offers a wide variety of dining from **Mama Ricotta's** – a traditional Italian restaurant serving the city for over three decades – to **Pisces Sushi** whose menu features rolls, entrees, hibachi and an

enticing wagyu burger. Enjoy the warm and welcoming environment of **Dressler's** for high-end plates featuring sustainably farmed ingredients that create delectable Southern dishes.

Drink award-winning craft beer from the rooftop terrace of **Devil's Logic Brewing**, tucked away in the center of this just-outside-of-Uptown neighborhood, or enjoy casual cocktails at **Midtown Tavern**.

Grab a latte at **Waterbean Coffee** before grabbing breakfast at the **Original Pancake House**, followed by strolling the greenway or **Midtown Park**, complete with open green space and **Living Lenses**, a Braille music box translating Braille letters into musical notes. Stroll the shops of the **Metropolitan** for home goods or dance the night away with a class at **Midtown Ballroom**.

Blocks from Uptown, you can take home fresh delicacies from the **Kings Drive Farmers Market** where you can find it all, from fruits and vegetables, fresh herbs, baked goods, beautiful bouquets of cut flowers, fresh meats from nearby farms, and even your holiday Christmas tree.

If you want established, cozy and historic, DILWORTH is for you.

Taste Indian flavors in a turn-of-the-century bungalow that has housed **Copper Modern Indian Cuisine** since its opening in 2005. **300 East** has served the city since 1986 and remains a favorite from weekend

brunch to dinner. Sit beside the koi pond of **Dilworth Tasting Room** for wine and cocktails, enjoy a night out at **The Bar at 316**, complete with drag shows and karaoke, and sip fine wine at **Mere's** or grab it to go.

Step in **Paper Skyscraper** for stationery, books and Charlotte-centric gifts or **PlantHouse** for a drink at the bar and a terrarium workshop.

If you want friendly, picturesque and mature, MYERS PARK is it.

Dine on upscale California-inspired cuisine at **Napa on Providence** or Italian fare at **Stagioni** in a 1926 Tuscan-style villa then take a drive down the gorgeous **Queens Rd West**. For Southern staples, stop in **Reid's Fine Foods**, a butcher shop and specialty foods store founded in 1928.

Sip on upscale cocktails at **Dot Dot Dot**, a members-only cocktail lounge, peruse the casual nightlife of **Montford Avenue** and visit **Good Food** on **Montford** for wine and cocktails or stop in **Selwyn Avenue Pub**,

MYERS PARK a neighborhood gathering spot serving Myers Park for over 30 years.



Shop and dine at **Park Road Shopping Center**, a destination since its 1956 opening. Stroll around the fountains and greenway at **Freedom Park** or marvel at the grounds and art exhibits of **Mint Museum**.



*Feeling a youthful, vibrant, trendy scene and absolutely love dogs? **SOUTH END** is for you.*

Take the **Light Rail** from Uptown and find yourself in this playful, old mill district. Grab breakfast to start your day at **Ruby Sunshine's** or **Snooze AM Eatery**.

Be amazed by the world's largest beer selection on tap at **Charlotte Beer Garden**. Step into **The Salted Melon Market & Eatery** for counter service, brunch and easy-going nightlife. Start your dance party at **The Music Yard at SouthBound** and finish the night at **Broken Promises**. For rooftop eats, try **The Waterman Fish Bar** for delicacies like lobster rolls and daily oyster specials.

Sip cider at **Red Clay Ciderworks**, coffee and natural wine from **Stable Hand** and locally crafted brews at **Sycamore Brewing's** new multilevel location, a newly imagined South End staple. Hop over across the street to **Puttery** for a cool ambiance, tasty cocktails and indoor putt putt. Get your pets in with dogs galore in the streets.

Play a round of pinball and pingpong at **Pins Mechanical Co.** Bike the rail trail after making your own candles at **Paddywax Candle Bar** and then head to **Atherton Mill** for shopping and dining. Art lovers go gallery hopping and explore dozens of brightly colored murals painted throughout the neighborhood by local artists.

Walk past the **Confetti Hearts Wall** heading to **Barcelona Wine Bar** for Spanish tapas and wine for date night. Don't skip a Charlotte staple, **Hawker's Asian Street Food**, then take in the dreamy aroma of **Jenni's Splendid Ice Cream** and grab yourself a waffle cone.



If the eclectic, artsy and playful vibe is more you, then NODA is your spot!

Named for its main street, North Davidson, this walkable hipster haven is full of craft beers, local artists and easy-going energy. Stroll the North Davidson corridor and dine on European flavors in the thoughtful dining room of **Ever Andalo** or Italian dishes from the Instagrammable patio and dining room of **Figio 36**. Step across the street to **Idlewild** to get speakeasy style cocktails in an intimate setting or next door to its new sister spot **Fairweather** for easy shareables and blended cocktails. Enjoy upscale pub fare and an extensive drink menu (oyster shooters included) at **Growlers Pourhouse**.

Celebrate NoDa's beer culture at **Salud Beer Shop**, voted "Best Beer Bar in the U.S." by USA Today for three years running, or head upstairs to **Salud Cervceria** for coffee during the day and unique Dominican-inspired brews and a rotating natural wine list in the evening, and don't miss the monthly **Noche** Latina dance party.

Marvel at the avant-garde, French Renaissance-inspired décor at **Amélie's French Bakery** as you order the infamous salted caramel brownie from the extravagant bakery case (or the macaroons). Grab your coffee of choice from **Summit Coffee NoDa** and take a mural tour of the city's art district. Relax on the lawn of the **Johnston YMCA**, aka "NoDa's Front Yard," and catch national and local acts at **Neighborhood Theatre**, one of the city's most historic music venue destinations. If EDM is more your thing, then check out **Blackbox Theater** for late night live entertainment.

NODA



Do you desire upscale, ritzy and posh? SOUTHPARK is for you.

An elegant neighborhood centered on extravagance, SouthPark's dining features small plates at **Cordial's** bar atop the **AC Hotel Charlotte SouthPark**. **Harper's**, a neighborhood staple since 1987, dishes up Southern-style comfort foods in a relaxed environment. An upscale experience awaits at **Steak 48** with steaks and seafood served in an intimate setting.

One of only four locations in the Southeast, **RH Rooftop Restaurant** offers a terrace-like atmosphere for drinks with a view, while **Mizu's** rooftop bar menu of cocktails and sake blends Asian and Southern flavors for a perfect aperitif. Choose from coffee and tea amidst **Summit Coffee's SouthPark** shop's elevated ambiance.

Surround yourself in luxury at **SouthPark Mall** or in the open-air charm of **Specialty Shops SouthPark**. For post-retail therapy, take in the scenery at **Park Road Park** and relax on lush greenery as you take in the great outdoors.



This area boasts massive homes with perfectly manicured lawns and luxury apartments with amenities galore. A variety of old colonial style homes, traditional ranch and mini-mansions can be found in the micro-communities like Barclay Downs, Foxcroft, and Beverly Woods. Get your tickets in advance for a day at the Wells Fargo Championship at **Quail Hollow Golf Course**.

BALLANTYNE



Seeking upscale, stylish and maybe a little suburban? **BALLANTYNE** goes on the list.

This ever growing area just south of the 485 loop is becoming a destination all on its own. You'll find so much to explore in this bubble if you call it home. Start with the perfect date night by having dinner at *Hestia* atop the new AC Hotel with rooftop views followed by live performances the first Friday of each month at *Ballantyne's Backyard*.

Satisfy your tastebuds by visiting the "Diners, Drive-Ins & Drives" featured BBQ mahi at *Cabo Fish Taco* and swing by to grab an assortment of desserts at *Sugar Handmade Gourmet Donuts*. If Italian is what you're craving then don't miss *OGGI* and try the flan.

Get your girls day in at *The Ballantyne* where you can start by choosing one of the 100 services offered at the spa and follow it with a traditional English Afternoon Tea on the weekends - get the champagne too - and top it off by meeting up with the fellas for dinner at the in-house restaurant *The Gallery*.

If you're looking for something more casual and love burgers, head over to ***Bad Daddy's Burger Bar*** or try a neighborhood staple at ***Duckworth's Taphouse & Grill***. To get your drink and dance on over at ***Bradshaw's Social House*** with live band entertainment most weekends.



The Ballantyne Spa

Love all things outdoors and want to be out of the main city? LAKE NORMAN is a spot to consider.

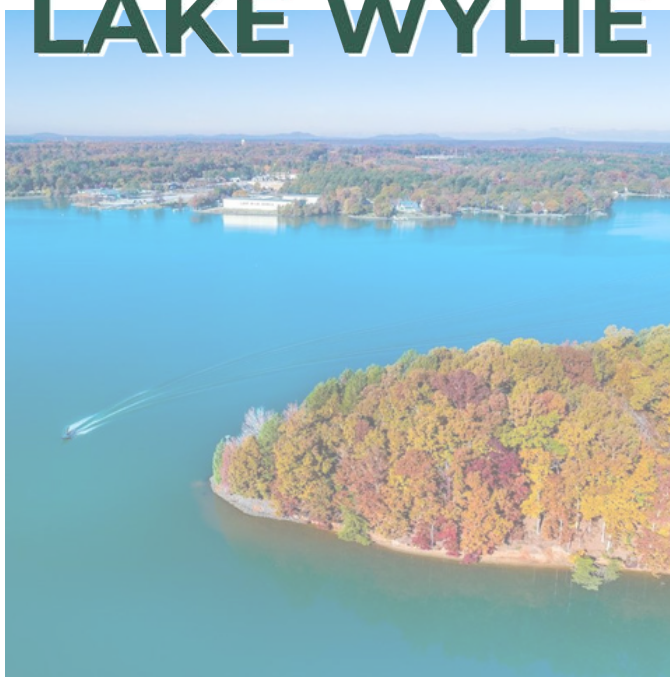
Home of the Carolinas' largest man-made lake, Lake Norman has 500+ miles of shoreline and is surrounded by smaller towns like **Mooreville**, **Huntersville**, **Denver**, **Davidson** and **Cornelius**. **Lake Norman**

State Park offers miles of mountain bike trails and swimming beaches as well as a boathouse complex complete with a free boat ramp for anglers and cruisers. Hit up the visitor center to rent pedal boats, kayaks, paddleboards and canoes. Nearby you can take the kiddos to cool off at **Quarry Swimming at Carrigan Farms**, an open-swim, natural quarry oasis. Whether you dock or dirve there, try the local favorite **Hello Sailor** for a lakeside seafood meal and fun cocktails at their outdoor tiki bar.



The quieter lake life of LAKE WYLIE offers options in NC and SC.

LAKE WYLIE



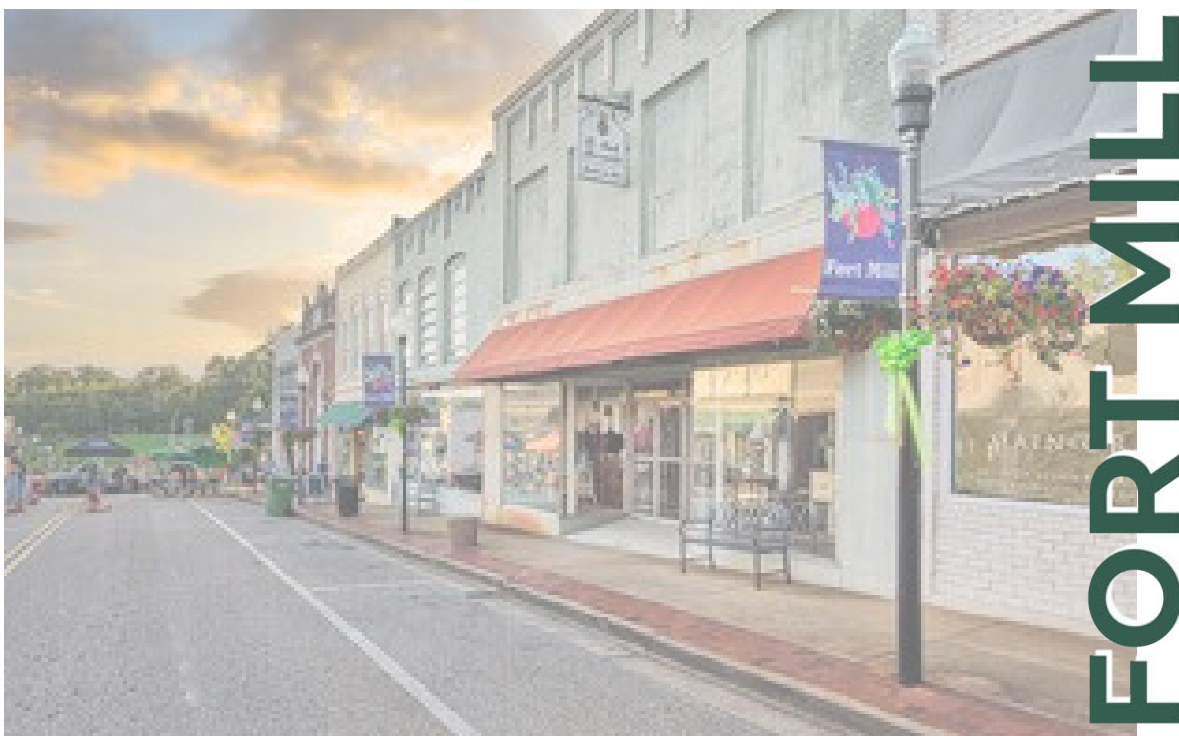
Another man-made lake but smaller than its northern sister, and nestled between **Belmont, NC** and **Tega Cay, SC** you'll find ample things to do including family activities, boat rides, laid-back bars and an array of eateries. Stop at **Papa Doc's Shore Club** for a bite lakeside. Set aside 2-3 hours and float down the **Catawba River** from the **Lake Wylie Dam** for a slower pace out on the water.

*Curious about stepping just over the state line to South Carolina? Then **FORT MILL** is where you'll want to look.*

This old textile mill community was a center for the textile manufacturing industry back in the 1800s. Easily accessible via I-77, Fort Mill has been rapidly growing in popularity for its great school systems, proximity to *Lake Wylie*, and its Southern Hospitality.

Just off of I-77 you'll find *Baxter Village*, a mixed use development with 1400 homes and a walkable downtown district. Head to *Fish Market Bar & Grill* for delectable seafood or if you want something more casual then check out the gastro pub *Killington's*. You can grab your favorite beer or wine at *Grapevine* with their selection of 400+ wines, 100+ beers and wine shop to round out finding the perfect gift. Adjacent to Baxter Village is *Kingsley*, with a waterfront ambiance to dine and socialize at. Here you'll want to try *Spice*, a unique Asian cuisine with locally sourced ingredients. If you're a steak lover *Epic Chophouse* will invite you in for a space where old meets new. Don't forget to stroll down *Main Street* for that small town feeling and a walk through the *Ft Mill History Museum* and pick up a fun gift to take back home at *PuckerButt Pepper Company*.

Surrounding the area you'll find *Tega Cay* surrounding *Lake Wylie* to the west and to the east will be the booming area of *Indian Land*.





Resources

IF CHARLOTTE COULD BE YOUR HOME

As a local Realtor®, I understand there are several factors that go into deciding what area you want to call home.

My hope is to always be a resource for you if you're considering the greater Charlotte area for your next permanent residence.

Whether that is with area recommendations, references for different contractor services, or to help you buy, sell or invest in real estate, I'm ready to partner with you every step of the way.

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School Resources



Navigate the different school sites around Charlotte and surrounding counties

GreatSchools.org is a helpful starting resource

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG

Explore Charlotte's biggest district at <https://www.cmsk12.org/> and find your specific school by address at <https://mcmmap.org/geoportal/#/schools>

CABARRUS COUNTY

Concord, Harrisburg, Mt. Pleasant

Explore the school district at <https://www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us/>

Find your specific school by address [here](#)

UNION COUNTY

Waxhaw, Marvin, Weddington, Matthews, Indian Trail, Monroe

Explore the school district at <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/>

Find your specific school by address [here](#)

GASTON COUNTY

Gastonia, Belmont, Cramerton

Explore the school district at <https://www.gaston.k12.nc.us/>

Find your specific school by address [here](#)

MOORESVILLE COUNTY

Mooresville

Explore the school district at <https://www.mgsd.k12.nc.us/>

Find your specific school by address [here](#)

YORK COUNTY

SC: Fort Mill, Tega Cay

Explore the school district at <https://www.fortmillschools.org/>

Find your specific school by address [here](#)

LANCASTER COUNTY

SC: Indian Land, Lancaster

Explore the school district at <https://www.lancastercsd.com/>

Health Care

Charlotte is booming and so is it's healthcare scene. Offering an array of specialty services, major hospital systems, emergency and preventative services, new locations are popping up all throughout the greater Charlotte area.

ATRIUM HEALTH

Atrium is one of the two biggest players in the healthcare systems scene. CMC is it's flagship hospital and offers the only Level 1 trauma center in the region. The system is also home to Levine Cancer Institute.

NOVANT HEALTH

Also a non-profit provider, Novant Health hosts 15 area hospitals (and growing) along with 350 physician practices. With several specialties located from city to suburb, finding care won't be difficult at all.

ORTHO CAROLINA

The nation's leading orthopedic independent practice since 1922, you can find services ranging from surgery, physical therapy, pediatric specialists, sports and comprehensive care to even urgent care centers.

LEVINE CHILDRENS

An award winning, and nationally ranked pediatric hospital, Levine is part of the Atrium Health System and has been voted "Best Children's Hospital" 15 years in a row by U.S News and Health Report. Also proud to be a part of the Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

VETERAN AFFAIRS

Located in east Charlotte is the main location for Veteran services. A few satellite locations also surround the area for more convenient access.

PRIVATE PRACTICES

Private practices are still plenty in the greater Charlotte area, as well as fee-for-service options, walk-in clinics and urgent cares alike.



Work with Me

I believe in taking an intentional approach to understand your specific needs, desires and situation to create a tailored strategy that best aligns with those to help you meet your housing goals in the most seamless way possible.



PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES:

- Realtor® for NC & SC
- Forbes Market Leader, 2022
- Five Star Professional, 2019-23
- Charlotte Real Producers, 2020
- MLS Rookie of the Year candidate, 2019
- Keller Williams Luxury
- Coaches other agents
- Marketing Degree
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LISTING SPECIALIST

I apply my B.A. in Marketing to position your listing to attract the highest number of buyers and net you the most amount of money. My sales experience of more than a decade is put to great use not only in selling your home, but in negotiating the details throughout the transaction.

BUYER REPRESENTATIVE

I work hard to gain an understanding of your lifestyle vision - not just the details of your home, but also your interests for outside the home, so you'll be thrilled with your purchase decision year after year!

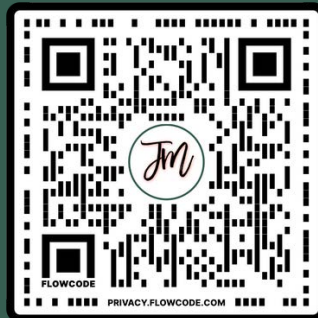
PARTNER & RESOURCE

Even beyond closing day, I am a resource for you even when you need a handy man, estate planner, insurance quotes and so much more. Let me connect you!

LET'S *Connect*

Whether you're looking to relocate into, within or out of Charlotte, let's jump on a proactive call to discuss your plans and needs!

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