

Sample Itineraries from **1 day to 3 days** in Hendersonville & Flat Rock, NC

Make an itinerary your own by taking what is appealing and adding or deleting to meet your specific needs! Contact Pam Collins for additional assistance at 828-693-0731 or pam@flatrockplayhouse.org.

Sample **1 Day** Itinerary for Flat Rock/Hendersonville, NC

Note:

Arrival times are dependent upon the driving time from your location.

Meet Step on Guide (9:00 am – 10:30 am) for an abbreviated tour of:

- Historic Main Street of Hendersonville,
(www.historichendersonville.com)
- Henderson County Curb Market (when open),
(www.curbmarket.com)
- St. John in the Wilderness Church,
(www.stjohnflatrock.episcopalwnc.org)
- Brief stop at Carl Sandburg National Historic Site,
(www.nps.gov/carl)



St. John in the Wilderness Church

11:00 – 11:45 am - (*Spring – Fall*)

Guided tour of gardens at Bullington Center (www.bullingtoncenter.org)

The Bullington Center, once the nursery of Bob Bullington, is on 12 acres of rolling land. Groups will be guided through the therapy garden, shade garden, perennial borders, and herb gardens. These gardens incorporate some of the many unusual mature trees that Mr. Bullington collected and introduced to the area. Guided tours require reservations.



Bullington Gardens

12:15 pm – Arrive for lunch with a delicious buffet lunch with freshly made sandwiches, salads and desserts at Café on the Veranda located inside A Day in the Country. (www.aditc.com)

Allow time for shopping after lunch in the 10,000 square gift and boutique shop!



A Day in the Country with Café on the Veranda

- 1:30 pm - Arrive at Flat Rock Playhouse for an afternoon of Broadway style entertainment with a show selected especially for your group. Flat Rock Playhouse has been entertaining guests for years. This professional equity theater provides quality entertainment for all ages with comedies, musicals & dramas. Get ready to be entertained!



Flat Rock Playhouse Collage of Shows

- 2:00 pm - Show Begins (Most shows run approximately 2 - 2.5 hours with a 15-minute intermission.)
- 4:30 pm - Visit Sky Top Orchard (www.skytoporchard.com) (August – November) and take home fresh picked apples and/or apple products!



Skytop Orchard

Depart for home.

Sample **2 Day** Itinerary for Flat Rock/Hendersonville, NC

Day 1

11:30 pm – Arrive and enjoy lunch at Savory Thyme Café at the **NC Arboretum**. (www.ncarboretum.org) Afterwards, enjoy a guided garden tour. The Arboretum boasts 65 acres of cultivated gardens, indoor and outdoor exhibits, and one of the finest Bonsai collections in the United States.



NC Arboretum

2:30 pm - Meet a **step on guide** (www.thetrolleycompany.com) to tour:

- Historic Main Street of Hendersonville, (www.historichendersonville.com)
- Henderson County Curb Market (when open), (www.curbmarket.com)
- St. John in the Wilderness Church, (www.stjohnflatrock.episcopalwnc.org)
- Brief stop at Carl Sandburg National Historic Site, (www.nps.gov/carl)



Downtown Hendersonville

- 4:45 pm - Check into a beautiful local hotel for a brief rest and relaxation prior to an exciting evening of food and entertainment.
- 6:00 pm - Arrive for dinner at one of the many locally owned restaurants and dine with a selected menu of delicious southern foods, North Carolina barbeque or a selection of many other foods.
- 7:00/7:30 pm- Arrive at **Flat Rock Playhouse** (www.flatrockplayhouse.org) for an evening of Broadway style entertainment with a show selected especially for your group. Flat Rock Playhouse has been entertaining guests for years. This professional equity theater provides quality entertainment for audiences of all ages with comedies, musicals & dramas. Sit back, relax and enjoy the show!



Flat Rock Playhouse Mainstage Entrance

- 7:30/8:00 pm - Show Begins (Most shows run 2-2.5 hours with a 15 minute intermission.)
- 10:15 pm - Depart for hotel for sweet dreams!

Day 2

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast at your selected hotel

9:00 am - (*August – November*)

Visit one of the many family-owned orchards in Apple Country this morning and take home fresh picked apples, fresh apple cider, apple cider doughnuts, and many other apple products!



Apple Orchards

Additional options other times of year:

- Burntshirt Winery with Tours of their Winery Production Facility/Vineyard and Tasting of their Wines (www.burntshirtvineyards.com)
- Carl Sandburg National Historic Site (tour of home) (www.nps.gov/carl)
- Chimney Rock Park (www.chimneyrockpark.com)
- Lake Lure Boat Tours (www.lakelure.com)
- Lake Lure Flowering Bridge (www.lakelurefloweringbridge.org)



Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

- 12:00 pm - Save room for a delicious buffet lunch with freshly made sandwiches, salads and desserts at Café on the Veranda located inside A Day in the Country. (www.aditc.com)
Allow time for shopping after lunch in the 10,000 square gift and boutique shop!



- 1:30 pm - Depart for home with stories and memories of the unique and fun experiences from your trip to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.

Sample **3 Day** Itinerary for Flat Rock/ Hendersonville, NC

Day 1

Arrive late afternoon in Flat Rock/Hendersonville, NC

- 4:00 pm – Enjoy late afternoon with a wine tasting at Burntshirt Vineyards (www.burntshirtvineyards.com) and a guided winery production facility/vineyard tour.

Enjoy a wine tasting of 7 wines in a beautifully renovated farmhouse overlooking acres of vineyards.



Burntshirt Vineyards

5:30 pm - Check into a beautiful hotel for a little rest and relaxation prior to an exciting evening of food and entertainment!

6:30 pm – Choose a relaxing evening with dinner & local entertainment

Day 2

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast at your selected hotel before exploring the area

8:30 am - Meet a step on guide (www.thetrolleycompany.com) for tour of:

- Historic Main Street of Hendersonville, (www.historichendersonville.com)
- Henderson County Curb Market (when open), (www.curbmarket.com)
- St. John in the Wilderness Church, (www.stjohnflatrock.episcopalwnc.org)
- Brief stop at Carl Sandburg National Historic Site, (www.nps.gov/carl)
- When time permits, a brief stop at a local handmade chocolate shop.

Allow time for extra shopping after the guided tour in downtown Hendersonville!

- **Mast General Store** (Traditional mercantile goods, clothing, footwear and outdoor gear.) www.mastgeneralstore.com
- **Four Seasons** (Christmas, Garden Décor and More...) shopmainstreets.com/nc/hendersonville/four_seasons/four_seasons.html
- **McFarland Bakery** – Authentic “made from scratch” bakery since 1930! www.mcfarlanbakery.com
- **Mia’s Marketplace** – Full of unique items from jewelry to antiques (www.miasmarketplace.net)
- **And much more....**



Downtown Hendersonville, NC

11:00 am After shopping, enjoy lunch on your own in Downtown Hendersonville at one of many wonderful sidewalk cafes and restaurants.

1:00 pm – Depart for Lake Lure Area (a scenic 22-mile drive)

2:00 pm - Walk the beautiful Flowering Bridge at Lake Lure.

Officially dedicated Oct. 19, 2013, the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge blooms on the historic 1925 Rocky Broad River bridge in Lake Lure, NC. When the bridge was closed to traffic in 2011, the Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge came together to create gardens on the 155 feet of the bridge and along a pathway at both ends of the three-arch span itself. With an emphasis on native plants, the Friends mission is to create a “Gateway to Somewhere Beautiful” for the enjoyment of the public.



3:00 pm – Guided Tour of Lake Lure Inn (www.lakelure.com) followed by lunch. The 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa is one of the original North Carolina landmarks, built when the waters of Lake Lure first began to fill.

Over the years, the Inn has hosted a range of celebrities from F. Scott Fitzgerald, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge to Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey during the filming of *Dirty Dancing*.



Lake Lure Inn

Additional Options in the area:

Lake Lure Boat Tour **or** visit to Chimney Rock Park

Lake Lure Boat Tour – (www.lakelure.com)

Discover the beauty and charm of Lake Lure. Relax on one of our covered tour boats while your skipper guides you past local attractions and landmarks such as the locations used in filming the popular *Dirty Dancing* and the recently restored historic 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa. Listen to the legends and learn about the natural and cultural history of Hickory Nut Gorge, home to Lake Lure, North Carolina.



Lake Lure Boat Tours

Chimney Rock State Park (www.chimneyrockpark.com)-

Only minutes from Lake Lure, Chimney Rock offers the best of the mountains in one place – spectacular 75-mile views, hiking trails for all ages, a 404-foot waterfall, special programs for groups and more.



Chimney Rock State Park

Enroute back to hotel:

(August – November)

Visit one of the many family-owned orchards in Apple Country and take home fresh picked apples, fresh apple cider, apple cider doughnuts, apple pies, apple butter and many other apple products!

(http://www.historichendersonville.org/apple_orchards.htm)



Apple Orchard

Return to hotel for R & R.

6:00 pm - Arrive for dinner at one of the many locally owned restaurants and dine with a selected menu of southern foods, North Carolina barbeque or a selection of many other foods.

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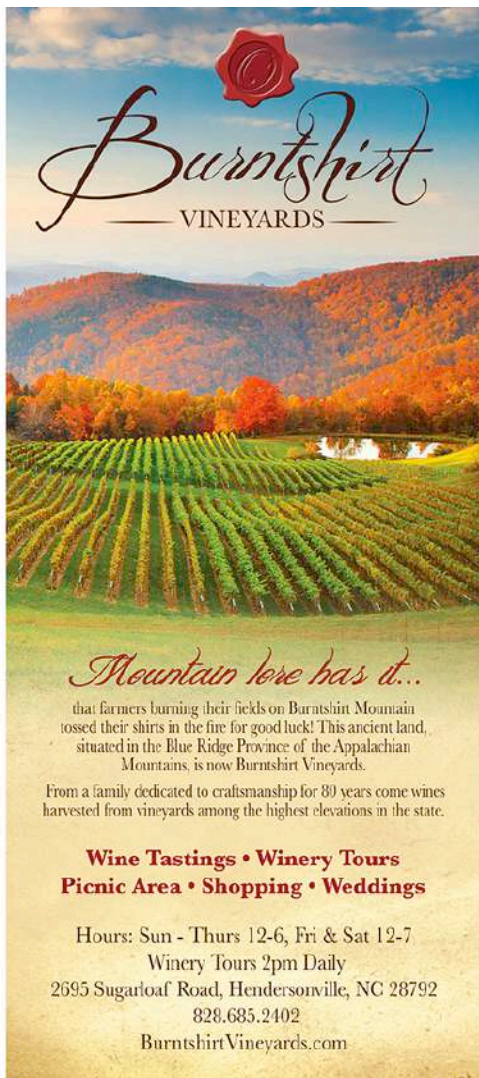
Day 3:

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast at the hotel

Before departing our area, allow one last stop to take home something as a souvenir or just because....

Brief Stop for shopping at A Day in the Country
(www.aditc.com)

Allow time for browsing in the 10,000 square gift and boutique shop!



A Day in the Country

Mid-Morning - Depart for home with stories and memories of the unique and fun experiences from your trip to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.

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