

Sample Itineraries from 1 day to 3 days for Hendersonville & Flat Rock, NC & Surrounding Areas

Make it your own by taking what is appealing and adding to your specific needs! Contact Pam Collins for more ideas or assistance.

Sample 1 Day Itinerary Flat Rock/Hendersonville, NC

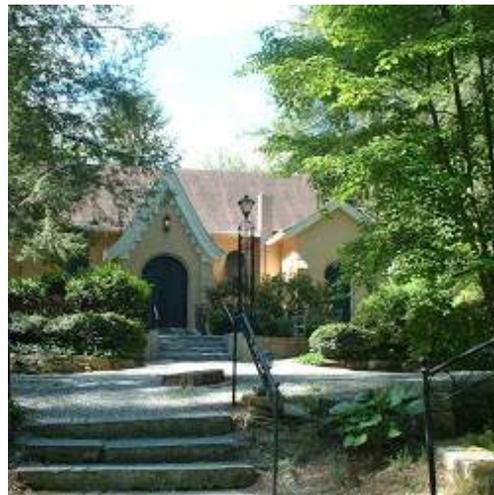
8:30 am – 10:30 am - Meet Step on Guide, Eva Ritchey for a 2-hour tour of:

- Historic Main Street of Hendersonville, (www.historichendersonville.com)
- Henderson County Curb Market (when open), (www.curbmarket.com)
- St. John in the Wilderness Historic Church, (www.stjohnflatrock.episcopalwnc.org)
- Brief stop at Carl Sandburg National Historic Site, (www.nps.gov/carl)
- 7th Avenue Historic Train Depot (www.avmrc.com/Depot_History.html)
- Stop at Van's Chocolates. (www.vanschocolates.net)

Named by Southern Living magazine as one of the best chocolate shops in the South



Carl Sandburg National Historic Site



St. John in the Wilderness Church

Van's Chocolates... *small-batch chocolatier since 1968*

202 Chadwick Avenue, Hendersonville, N.C. 828-697-2120

Fresh Preservative-free Chocolates, Candy, Gift Boxes



Optional:

10:45 am – 11:30 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.



Bullington Center Gardens

11:45 am – 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 with the discount coupon for groups in the 10,000 square gift shop! Browse through specialty foods, jewelry, Christmas decorations, garden items, “Made in the USA” home décor and more.



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. The Playhouse has been entertaining guests for 65 years. This professional equity theater provides quality entertainment for audiences young and old alike with comedies, musicals and dramas. Sit back, relax and let us entertain you!



Flat Rock Playhouse Downtown Hendersonville (2 locations)

2:00 pm - Show Begins (Most shows run approximately 2 - 2.5 hours with a 15-minute intermission.)

4:45 pm - Visit **Sky Top Orchard** (www.skytoporchard.com)
Take home fresh picked apples and/or apple products!
(Apple Farms are in full operation from August – early December.)



SkyTop Orchard

Sample 2 Day Itinerary Flat Rock/Hendersonville, NC

Day 1

12:00 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

3:00 pm - Meet a **step on guide** from The Trolley Co. for a guided 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)
- 7th Avenue Historic Train Depot (www.avmrc.com/Depot_History.html)
- A stop at Van's Chocolates. (www.vanschocolates.net)



Hendersonville

5:15 pm - Check into a beautiful local hotel for a little rest and relaxation prior to an exciting evening of food and entertainment. List of local hotels available.

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. List of group friendly restaurants available.

7:00/7:30 pm –

Arrive at **Flat Rock Playhouse** for an evening of Broadway style entertainment. The Playhouse has been entertaining guests for 65 years. This professional equity theater provides quality entertainment for audiences young and old alike with comedies, musicals and dramas. Sit back, relax and let us entertain you!



Flat Rock Playhouse Mainstage

7:30/8:00 pm -

Show Begins (Most shows run 2-2.5 hours with a 15 minute intermission.)

10:15 pm - Depart for the hotel for sweet dreams!

Day 2

Enjoy a bountiful breakfast at your selected hotel

9:00 am - (August – November)
Experience one of the many family-owned orchards in Apple Country this morning and take home fresh picked apples, apple cider, apple cider doughnuts, and many other apple products!



Apple Orchards

Additional options other times of year:

- Shopping and free time in downtown Hendersonville
- Tryon International Equestrian Center Tour (www.tryon.com)
- Burntshirt Winery with Tours of the Winery Production Facility and Wine Tasting (www.burntshirtvineyards.com)
- Carl Sandburg National Historic Site (www.nps.gov/carl)

12:00 pm - Arrive to a specially prepared 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 shop! Browse through specialty food, jewelry, Christmas decorations, garden items, “Made in the USA” home décor.



A Day in the Country and Café on the Veranda

1:30 pm - Depart for home with memories of the unique and fun experiences from your trip to the beautiful NC.

Sample 3 Day Itinerary

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** with a guided winery production facility/vineyard tour. (www.burntshirtvineyards.com)



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! List of hotels available.

6:30 pm – Choose a relaxing evening with dinner and local entertainment. List of group friendly restaurants available.

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 a 2 hour guided 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)

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- Stop at Van's Chocolates. (www.vanschocolates.net)

Allow time for extra shopping in downtown Hendersonville at some point during your visit to our area.



Downtown Hendersonville, NC

10:30 am – Depart for Lake Lure Area (a scenic 22-mile drive).

10:45 am – Guided Tour of Lake Lure Inn followed by lunch. (www.lakelure.com) The 1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa is one of the original NC 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 & Spa

After lunch, afternoon options:

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

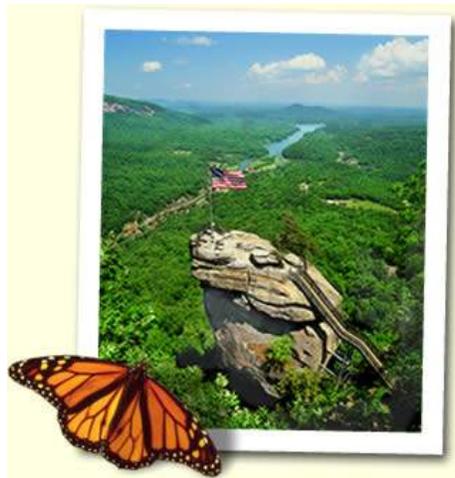
Discover the beauty and charm of Lake Lure. Relax on one of the covered tour boats while the skipper guides past local attractions and landmarks such as the locations used in filming the popular *Dirty Dancing* and the recently restored historic 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa. Listen to the legends and learn 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, a variety of events 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 more!

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



Apple Orchard (with pumpkins too!)

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. List of restaurants available.

7:00/7:30 pm -

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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 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....

- **Mast General Store**
- **Four Seasons Christmas, Garden Décor and More Store**
- **McFarland Bakery – Authentic “made from scratch” bakery since 1930!**
- **Boutiques, Galleries and much more...**

Mid-Morning - Depart for home with wonderful memories

Locally Owned Restaurants with Group Menus!

Café on the Veranda

- Located inside A Day in the Country 10,000 square foot retail shop!
- Enjoy a group buffet with a selection of delicious sandwiches, salads and dessert priced at \$13-\$15 pp.
- ***Inquire about themed teas. Inquire about a private dinner.***
- Contact Paula or Cindy at 828-692-7914. www.aditc.com

Flat Rock Wood Room

- Barbeque and Pizza.
- Group inclusive menus range from \$16.50 for lunch to \$22.50 for dinner.
- Contact Jamie Guay for group reservations at 828-435-1391.

Hubba Hubba Smokehouse

- Traditional wood-fired barbeque.
- Buffet pricing from \$13 - \$20 pp inclusive.
- Call Diana or Jill at 828-702-1301 for group assistance.
- www.hubbahubbasmokehouse.com

Moose Café/Hendersonville

- One of the original family owned farm to table restaurants in our area
- Southern style menus
- Lunch meals are \$10 inclusive; dinner is \$14 inclusive.
- Contact the Manager on Duty at 828-595-9650. www.eatatthemoosecafe.com

Season’s Restaurant at Highland Lake Inn

- Season’s gives diners a premier culinary experience
- Group lunch buffet \$25 inclusive; group dinner buffet \$35 inclusive
- Contact Kim McCall at 800-758-8210. www.hlinn.com