

## Welcome to the Bull City

Perhaps you've heard about Durham's celebrated food scene, top-notch universities, or startup culture. Maybe you've heard that we're a southern city with a cosmopolitan streak – cool, cultured, but a little rough around the edges. We are that and more.

We are barbecue and biscuits, locally sourced small plates and craft cocktails. We're a gritty tobacco-grown town with health science and international corporations. We're activists, scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs. We're always moving – daring to be different – and we want to share our passions with you.

“One of the country's most vibrant – and most walkable – dining, drinking, and shopping destinations”

– *Bon Appétit*

## Accolades

We are “the Tastiest Town in the South,” per *Southern Living*, the “Foodie Capital of the South,” as told by the *New York Post* and “America's Next Hot Food City,” per *Zagat*. After one bite, you'll see why.

### Other accolades:

- #1 Best City for Millennials in the U.S. – *Growella*
- #13 Best Places to Live – *U.S. News & World Report*
- #2 Happiest Cities for Software Engineers – *CodeMentor*
- #3 City Where a Paycheck Stretches the Farthest – *Forbes*
- 2017's Top 25 Safest Cities in America – *WalletHub*
- #1 America's Leading Creative Class Metro – *The Atlantic*

## Anniversaries

**November 2018** – DPAC's 10th anniversary

**March 2019** – The Secret Game's 75th anniversary

**April 2019** – City of Durham's 150th anniversary

**May 2019** – Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival's 50th anniversary

## Durham's History

Fresh life has been breathed into the bones of this old tobacco haven as it prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary, helping make what's old new again. The red brick warehouses and rustic tobacco factories that once housed the world's largest tobacco company now form the historic **American Tobacco Campus**, creating a live-work-play destination brimming with energy and entertainment. Architectural landmarks have been repurposed downtown, with businesses such as the **21C Museum Hotel** and **American Underground** utilizing historic buildings.

**The Duke Homestead State Historic Site**, home of the self-made tobacco tycoon Washington Duke, features a restored mid-1800s home, tobacco barns, an original tobacco factory, and a museum. **Historic Stagville** was one of the largest plantations in the South, with 900 enslaved people and 30,000 acres. Now the site is devoted to the preservation and study of African-American culture with free tours available daily. **Bennett Place** provides a look back in time at restored historic structures and living history events at the site of the largest troop surrender and effective end of the Civil War.

## Boutique Hotels

**Unscripted Durham** is the latest boutique hotel to open in the heart of Durham located in a renovated mid-century motor lodge. The hotel also has 74 rooms, a pool deck, bar, ground-floor taproom, and diner.

Located just across the street, **The Durham** is an independent hotel inhabiting a resurrected mid-century Home Savings Bank building. The 53-room hotel is a cultural hub for our vibrant and engaged downtown community.

**21c Museum Hotel** has restored the historic Hill Building, into a 125-room boutique hotel. The hotel features a restaurant and lounge called **Counting House** and a museum with curated, rotating exhibits of contemporary art.

## Coming Soon

### Kingfisher

A new cocktail bar next to The Durham Hotel creating drinks infused with locally-sourced fruit & produce.

### Durham Food Hall

A casual, modern space designed for community destination dining and unique culinary experiences.

### M Tempura

The latest restaurant from Chef Mike Lee will be an intimate omakase-style tempura restaurant.

## New Additions

### Cucciolo Osteria

A new Italian restaurant from Korean-born chef Jimmy Kim focusing on Roman-style cooking.

### COPA

Its new menu features tapas centered around the flavors and ingredients of 19th century Cuba.

### Jack Tar &

### The Colonel's Daughter

With the spirit of the traditional American diner with modern tastes and flair, its aggressive menu is available every day from 7am - midnight.

### Cocoa Cinnamon's

### 4th Dimension Coffee

A new micro-roastery by Cocoa Cinnamon opening under a new brand in the Lakewood neighborhood.

### Saltbox Seafood II

The popular downtown seafood shack opened a casual sit-down restaurant in the Rockwood area.

### County Fare

Daily mini-food truck rodeo space with a beer garden and kid-friendly snacks.

### East Durham Bake Shop

The brick-and-mortar location from popular pie purveyor.

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## Durham Has Earned its Reputation as a Southern Foodie Epicenter

Durham delivers on the foodie experience. Savor fried fish delivered fresh daily from the coast at **Saltbox Seafood Joint**, sweet potato beer at **Fullsteam Brewery**, award-winning gin at **Durham Distillery**, and Southern favorites like biscuits and whole hog barbeque at **Picnic**.

**M Sushi** is an ambitious omakase, or "chef's choice" restaurant from Chef Michael Lee. Fresh fish is flown in daily from Japan and Korea. Check out **M Kokko**, Lee's tiny chicken comfort food spot next door. Lee plans to open a Korean fry bar, taco restaurant, and BBQ restaurant later this year.



Don't miss any of James Beard-nominated Matthew Kelly's restaurants. Savor Spanish tapas at **Mateo bar de tapas**, enjoy house-cured pastrami at **Lucky's Deli**, enjoy house-made Italian pasta at **Mothers & Sons**, and indulge in the moules frites at **Vin Rouge**. **Saint James Seafood** is Chef Kelly's newest restaurant.

**The Durham** has established itself as a locally focused mid-century modern boutique hotel. Don't miss **The Roof**, a rooftop bar with sweeping views of the city, and **The Restaurant at the Durham** from James Beard award-winning chef Andrea Reusing.

## You'll Love Our Craft Breweries... And Our Distilleries

Durham is no stranger to great craft breweries, with the award-winning **Fullsteam Brewery**, **Ponysaurus Brewing Company**, and **Bull Durham Beer Co.**, not to mention the delicious array of locally-sourced ciders produced by **Bull City Ciderworks**. The Bull City is also home to some of the best micro-distilleries in North Carolina, too.

**Durham Distillery**, recently rated the No. 2 craft gin distillery in the U.S. by *USA TODAY*, combines time-honored, gin-making traditions with techniques borrowed from modern chemistry to create spirits that are both classic and contemporary. **Honeygirl Meadery** (the Triangle's first meadery) celebrates nature and the work of honeybees by making meads (honey wines) with seasonal fruits, flowers, herbs, and honey. **Brothers Vilgalys** gained notoriety as the first distillery to produce Krupnikas in the U.S. Finally, no cocktail bar is complete without a top-shelf tonic syrup, which Durham's own **Alley Twenty Six** creates using cinchona tree bark, lemongrass, limes, and sugar before distributing throughout the country.



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