

DISCOVER
DURHAM

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

Durham 150 Closing Ceremony

A culminating event to the yearlong commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the City of Durham, the Closing Ceremony will take place on November 2 at **DPAC** from 7:30-10 p.m. The production will dynamically retell more than 150 years of history through cinematic storytelling and live performance.

Durham's History

Fresh life has been breathed into the bones of this old tobacco haven as we 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, such as the eclectic **Brightleaf District** and **American Underground**.

Durham is the only county in North Carolina with three state historic sites. **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

Jeddah's Tea

Husband and wife team combine their passion for tea, social activism and community will create a new space downtown.

Bull City Solera and Taproom

The owners of Bull City Burger & Brewery plan to serve Mexican pizza and Italian tacos.

Durham Food Hall

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

New Additions

Sister Liu's Kitchen

This tiny carry-out and casual outdoor dining restaurant serves home-style handmade Chinese delights.

Kingfisher

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

Bull City Mini

A Durham-inspired indoor/outdoor mini golf course and bar serving house-made prosecco.

COPA

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

Zweli's

A family owned, authentic Zimbabwean restaurant serving cuisine based on Chef Zweli's eclectic palate.

Saltbox Seafood II

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

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. **M Tempura** is one of only three true tempura restaurants on the East



Coast. Lee plans to open a Korean tapas restaurant, taco restaurant, and dumpling 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 latest 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** and **Ponysaurus Brewing Company**, **Hi-Wire Brewing** taproom at Golden Belt, and 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 is home to **Durham Distillery**, the No. 1 craft gin distillery in the U.S., **Mystic Farm & Distillery**, the largest solar-powered bourbon distillery in the world, and **Bedlam Vodka of Graybeard Distillery**, the only rice vodka distilled on the East Coast. **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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