

Arts in the Triangle

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Just the Museums

You can build a weekend getaway around the major art museums in North Carolina's Research Triangle Region (even if they aren't hosting a special exhibition during your visit). The permanent collections at the region's five collecting museums of art will give you so much to see, you'll need to spend a night in Chapel Hill/Orange County, Durham or Wake County (and also reenergize by trying some other artsy things to do the next day).

HERE IS A SAMPLE ITINERARY.



FRIDAY: **Morning in Durham**

North Carolina Central University Art Museum

1801 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC • 919.530.6211

http://www.nccu.edu/aboutnccu/art_museum/index.cfm

Collections and temporary exhibitions of 19th- and 20th-century African-American art. Local artists and students also showcase their work.

FRIDAY: **Lunch in Durham**

Nasher Museum Café

2001 Campus Dr., Duke University Central Campus, Durham, NC • 919.684.6032

Food & Wine writes, "The outstanding new Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University has an ever changing exhibit of culinary art at its restaurant." Chef Giorgios Bakatsias provides a contemporary menu of seasonal recipes with fresh ingredients. Admission to the museum is not required.

FRIDAY: **Afternoon in Durham**

Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University

2001 Campus Dr., Duke University Central Campus, Durham, NC • 919.684.5135

<http://www.nasher.duke.edu>

65,000-sq.-ft. museum featuring classical to contemporary works of art, including Duke's permanent collections as well as galleries for special exhibitions, sculpture gardens, café, and gift shop.

FRIDAY: **Dinner in Raleigh**

Iris, the Museum Restaurant

2110 Blue Ridge Rd., West Building, N.C. Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC 27607 • 919.664.6838

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/visitors/restaurants/listing.details.php?partner=15005>

A sophisticated, full-service restaurant featuring contemporary American cuisine in a distinctly modern setting, Iris specializes in seasonal fare using many locally sourced ingredients.

FRIDAY: Evening in Raleigh

North Carolina Museum of Art

2110 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607 • [919.839.NCMA](tel:919.839.NCMA)

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/visitors/listing.details.php?partner=14698>

One of the premier visual arts museums in the Southeast, featuring a dramatic new gallery building, home to a world-class collection including more than 30 Rodin sculptures, plus a 164-acre Museum Park. Hosts special exhibitions, family activities, classic film series, lectures and workshops, plus concerts and films in the Museum Park amphitheater. A meal at the museum restaurant and a stop in the museum store complete your visit. Free admission (fee for some exhibitions and programs).

SATURDAY: Morning in Chapel Hill

Ackland Art Museum

S. Columbia St. (off E. Franklin St.), Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3400 • 919.966.5736

<http://www.ackland.org>

The permanent collection of over 15,000 objects includes the art of Asia, Africa, Europe and America, with works ranging from ancient times to the 21st century. The Museum holds the most significant collection of Asian art in the state and one of the largest collections of works on paper in the Southeast. Long known for its strength in European painting and sculpture, the Ackland has recently added additional emphasis to the building of its collection of 20th-century and contemporary art. Admission is free.

SATURDAY: Lunch in Chapel Hill or Carrboro

Lunch along Franklin St., Chapel Hill, or E. Main St., Carrboro.

SATURDAY: Afternoon in Raleigh

Gregg Museum of Art & Design

2610 Cates Ave., 2nd Floor, Talley Student Center, N.C. State University, Raleigh, NC 27607 • 919.515.3503

http://www.visitraleigh.com/visitors/things_to_do/museum/listing.details.php?partner=14390

Each year, the Gregg presents a series of changing exhibitions of the finest regional, national and international visual arts in N.C. State's museum facilities in the Talley Student Center. In addition to its exhibitions, the Gregg Museum of Art & Design maintains permanent collections of applied and decorative arts, including architectural drawings and works on paper, ceramics, paintings, photography, textiles, metal, furniture and works by self-taught artists. Free admission.

SATURDAY: Evening on the Town

Check out one of many performing arts events in the area; see calendars.