

Explore

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

A Travel Guide from Brittany Brady & Clark Duncan

Welcome to Western North Carolina! A region defined by its breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountains, rich Appalachian heritage, and vibrant culinary and arts scenes. Whether you're drawn by the call of scenic hiking trails, the charm of historic mountain towns, or the flavors of locally inspired cuisine, WNC offers an unforgettable experience.

Join Brittany Brady and Clark Duncan as they share their favorite places to stay, eat, and explore - offering an insider's guide to the hidden gems, local hotspots, and authentic experiences that make this region so special. From cozy cabins and farm-to-table dining to scenic overlooks and craft breweries, discover the best of Western North Carolina through the eyes of those who know it best.

WHERE TO STAY



The Radical Hotel

A modern, artistic boutique hotel that offers unique design and an immersive stay experience.

Website

www.theradicalavl.com

Address

95 Roberts Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone

866.993.7371

Horse Shoe Farm

Nestled in nature, this tranquil retreat features wellness amenities and scenic views, perfect for relaxation.

Website

<https://thehorseshoefarm.com>

Address

155 Horse Shoe Farm Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Phone

828.393.3034

WHERE TO EAT



The Bull & Beggar

Known for its elegant ambiance and exquisite dishes, this spot is a must-visit for food lovers.

Website

www.thebullandbeggar.com

Address

37 Paynes Way
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone

828.575.9443

The Purple Onion

A cozy venue offering farm-to-table cuisine with live music, adding a local flavor to every meal.

Website

<https://purpleonionsaluda.com>

Address

16 E Main Street
Saluda, NC 28773

Phone

828.749.1179



BEST DESSERT SPOTS

French Broad Chocolate Lounge

Indulge in artisan chocolates, decadent desserts, and rich hot chocolate.

Website

www.frenchbroadchocolates.com

Address

10 S Pack Square
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone

828.252.4181

McFarlan Bakery

A historic bakery serving classic Southern baked goods—perfect for a sweet treat.

Website

www.mcfarlanbakery.com

Address

309 N Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone

828.749.1179



PLACES FOR A DRINK

Flat Iron Roof Top Bar

Known for panoramic views and creative cocktails - ideal for a sunset toast.

Website

<https://www.ashevilleflatiron.com>

Address

68 Patton Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone

828.579.2106

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company

A favorite for craft beer enthusiasts, featuring a stunning beer garden and seasonal brews.

Website

<https://sierranevada.com>

Address

100 Sierra Nevada Way
Mills River, NC 28732

Phone

828.681.5300



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

NC Arboretum & Bent Creek Forest

A scenic haven for running, walking, biking, and immersing yourself in natural beauty.

Website

<https://www.ncarboretum.org>

Address

100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way
Asheville, NC 28806

Phone

828.665.2492

Ecusta Trail (Opening Summer 2025)

A trail perfect for walking, biking, and soaking in the beauty of the outdoors.

Website

<https://www.ecustatrail.org>

Address

201 S Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone

828.490.1854



ENTERTAINMENT SPOTS

The Orange Peel

A legendary music venue known for hosting diverse and talented artists.

Website

<https://theorangepeel.net>

Address

101 Biltmore Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone

828.398.1837

Flat Rock Playhouse

The State Theatre of North Carolina, offering high-quality stage performances in an intimate setting.

Website

www.flatrockplayhouse.org

Address

2661 Greenville Highway
Flat Rock, NC 28731

Phone

828.693.0403



BRUNCH FAVORITES

Biscuit Head

Famous for its enormous biscuits and creative, flavorful gravies.

Website

<https://biscuitheads.com>

Address

417 Biltmore Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone

828.333.5145

Arabella

A trendy brunch spot offering fresh, locally sourced dishes in a welcoming atmosphere.

Website

<https://arabellabreakfastandbrunch.com>

Address

536 N Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone

828.595.2449



BEST VIEWS

Sunset at Biltmore

Capture breathtaking sunsets with the iconic Biltmore Estate as your backdrop.

Website

<https://www.biltmore.com>

Address

One Lodge Street
Asheville, NC 28803

Phone

800.411.3812

Jump Off Rock

A scenic overlook with panoramic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, perfect for sunrise or sunset moments.

Website

<https://visithendersonvillenc.org>

Address

4501 Laurel Park Highway
Laurel Park, NC 28739

Phone

828-693-4840