

TOUR THE “HOME OF AMERICAN GOLF”® PINEHURST, SOUTHERN PINES, ABERDEEN AREA

Discover where legends were born and traditions forged in the heart of North Carolina’s picturesque Sandhills region. The world-class golf is only the beginning of many diversions you’ll find here. The area’s rich Scottish heritage and turn-of-the-century villages make history and culture come alive with quaint homesteads, museums, gardens, studios and shops. Equestrian activities include horse shows and competitions, carriage drives, polo, horse trials, steeplechase and harness racing. There’s also other recreational activities include tennis, cycling, and hiking.

1-DAY Tour: Pinehurst Area Golf Tour



Start the day touring the more than 100 year old Pinehurst Resort including the Carolina Hotel and the clubhouse from which emanate 5 courses. Visit the famed Pinehurst No. 2 course where many major championships have been held, including the 1999 and 2005 U.S. Open championships. For a bit of history in Pinehurst, visit Tufts’ Archives in Given Library, in the quaint village of Pinehurst, and see the displays of how the game of golf started and then developed into the world famous area that it is today.

Continue your golf tour by driving through the Pinehurst Traffic Circle onto Midland Road, “The Fifth Avenue of Golf”, towards Southern Pines and your drive will take you past eight golf courses: The National, Midland Country Club, Mid South Golf Club, Longleaf Country Club, Talamore, Knollwood, Mid Pines, and Pines Needles. Enter Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club for lunch in the Terrace Room overlooking the Donald Ross designed course and a tour of this 1920’s resort. Departing Mid Pines, turn right and then a quick left into Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club where the US Women’s Open will return for the third time in 2007. Visit the Learning Center for a few tips on improving your golf swing.



1-DAY Tour: Historic Homes and Antique/Art Gallery shopping

Your day will begin with a tour of the Malcolm Blue Farm, an 1825 Scottish farm in Aberdeen which features a museum, restored farmhouse, and gristmill. Down the road visit the 1790 Bethesda Church, which features Old Slave Gallery, exterior bullet holes from Civil War battle, and graves of area pioneer settlers. Continue to the Historic District of Aberdeen and visit antiques shops and art galleries.



Visit the Shaw House properties in Southern Pines for a tour of the three historic homes located on site. The tour will give you a glimpse of daily life of early county settlers 1770-1850. Then lunch in one of the quaint restaurants along Broad Street in historic Southern Pines. A few blocks from downtown Southern Pines, visit Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, located on Connecticut Avenue. It is the former home of author James Boyd, now home to the NC Literary Hall of Fame and a center for many concerts, lectures, and other cultural activities. The tour of this early 1900’s home will include the many rooms, gardens and the Hall of Fame on the 2nd floor.

1-DAY Tour: Equestrian tour and Horticultural Gardens



Breakfast at Pinehurst Track Restaurant and watch Pacers/Trotters training. Tour stables, and restored Pinehurst Fair Barn. Drive to Southern Pines and out Young's Rd. to see numerous horse farms and horses. Be sure to check the Convention & Visitors Bureau's Calendar of Events just in case there is an equestrian competition, polo, or carriage drive in progress.

Lunch in historic downtown Southern Pines at one of the many unique, quaint restaurants along both sides of Broad Street.

From Southern Pines continue to the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens located on the Sandhills Community College campus. Enter through the new visitors center where one may view an introductory video and other photos depicting the history of the gardens. Enter the 25 acres of gardens that include the largest holly collection on the East Coast, roses, conifers, rhododendron and azaleas, a formal English garden and native wetland trail. Sculptures throughout the gardens and a winding waterfall add to the beauty of the entire setting.



3-DAY Tour: Golf, History, Antiques and Shopping

Day 1 AM: Historical Golf Tour

Start the Morning with a tour of the Pinehurst Resort including The Carolina Hotel, Clubhouse and view golf courses including famed Pinehurst No. 2. Be sure to stop by to view the statues of famed golf architect Donald Ross and Payne Stewart, winner of the 1999 US Open. Croquet or Tennis anyone? Visit the Pinehurst tennis facility, croquets courts, lawn bowling greens or just sit in a rocking chair on the porch. Take a self-guided walking tour in the Village of Pinehurst, tour Tufts Archives, and stop in the quaint shops along the way.

Lunch in a legendary inn or one of the village's many restaurants or cafes.



Take an afternoon drive along picturesque Midland Road the "Fifth Avenue of Golf" on the way to Southern Pines, viewing the eight golf courses that you'll pass, and stopping at the Midland Road Shops. Tour Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club and Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, site of the US Women's Open Championship in 1996, 2001, and again in 2007. At Pine Needles take in a golf demonstration. End the day strolling through more quaint shops in the historic downtown of Southern Pines.

Day 2 AM: Historical Homes, Antiques, NC Literary Hall of Fame & Equestrian

Tour the 1772 House in the Horseshoe, a State Historic Site. The pre-revolutionary war house is a former cotton plantation with special architectural features. Bullet holes are still visible from a 1781 skirmish between Whigs and Tories, now reenacted each August.

Drive to the Historic District of Cameron where you may lunch at Miss Bell's Tearoom or the Dewberry Deli in the Old Hardware.

Take a leisurely stroll down Main Street in Cameron and enjoy the many fine antique shops, complete with something for everyone. Check the Convention & Visitors Bureau – Calendar of Events for the dates of the Bi-Annual Cameron Antique Fair, traditionally held on first Saturday of May and October each year. Over 300 antique dealers are in attendance with something for everyone. End the day in Southern Pines, driving through Equestrian Country along Young's Road, and touring the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities on Connecticut Avenue.



Day 3: SCC Horticultural Gardens, Pottery Country

Breakfast in Southern Pines or the Village of Pinehurst before going to the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens on the campus of Sandhills Community College to enjoy the many exhibits, sculptures, and beautifully groomed and diverse gardens.



Drive along the "Pottery Highway", NC Route 705, to Northern Moore County Pottery country and the Seagrove area for lunch, visiting some of the many potteries along the way.

Spend the afternoon at the NC Pottery Center in Seagrove, one of the largest and oldest communities of working potters in the United States. You can view the working potters throwing pots and purchase every type of pottery imaginable including salt-glazed, crystalline, earthenware and much more at over 105 pottery shops in the Seagrove area. The Convention & Visitors Bureau can provide you with a pottery map which lists many of the potters in Northern Moore County and Seagrove.