



THE SCOUT GUIDE

CITY CHEAT SHEET

A TRAVEL GUIDE FOR ASHEVILLE, NC

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**Please note that due to COVID-19 some of these businesses might be closed or have specific guidelines in place. We recommend calling ahead and/or visiting their websites for the latest information on their status, offerings, etc.*

WHEN TO GO

It's always a good time to be in Asheville, but spring, when everything starts to bloom, and fall, when you can take in the beauty of the changing colors of the leaves, are particularly appealing. A drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway is a must—but note that it sometimes closes in the winter—and is especially stunning in autumn.

WHERE TO STAY

Hotel Arras

7 Patton Avenue

Located in the heart of downtown Asheville. You can expect Southern welcomes, free spirits, and breathtaking views. Wine hour is a must, and be

sure to take in all the local artwork while you're there.

Bunn House Hotel

15 Clayton Street

Only two blocks from downtown, this boutique hotel is known for its lovely grounds. Additionally, a stay includes complimentary beer, wine in the mini fridge, and in-room breakfast.

The Windsor Boutique Hotel

36 Broadway

If you are looking for a high-style stay, this hotel, which is also situated in the heart of downtown, has a distinctly Parisian vibe. With its historic features, luxury amenities, and stunning art collection, you will not be disappointed.

Cambria Downtown Asheville

15 Page Avenue

The perfect blend of upscale relaxation, business, and fun.

Griffin's Lair

30 All Souls Crescent

A cozy, sophisticated short-term apartment rental that's conveniently located in Historic Biltmore Village. Views from the private terrace overlook Biltmore Village and The Cathedral of All Souls.

The Inn on Biltmore Estate®

1 Lodge Street

Elegant surroundings, sweeping estate views, gracious hospitality and service, plus an onsite spa to help you find your bliss are just a few reasons to book here.

WHAT TO DO

Asheville Art Museum

2 Pack Square

Explore an outstanding collection of American art from the 20th and 21st centuries and discover the richness of Western North Carolina's unique artistic history.

Lexington Glassworks

81 South Lexington Avenue

The place to go if you're looking for a taste of the local artisan scene. You can watch one-of-a-kind glass pieces being hand blown... and you can even grab a beer on the weekends.

Momentum Gallery

24 North Lexington Avenue

Momentum offers a contemporary and modern program with an emphasis on emerging and mid-career artists.

Tracy Morgan Gallery

188 Coxe Avenue

Asheville's only contemporary art gallery featuring photography, works on paper, painting, and sculpture.

Riveter

701 Old Fanning Bridge Road, Mills River

A fabulous one-stop place for exercise and health. It's a premier indoor climbing gym (currently open for members and pass holders), bike park, and wellness arena.

Asheville Museum of Science

43 Patton Avenue

Western North Carolina's home for science learning, discovery, and exploration. Ideal for kids!

Asheville Pinball Museum 1

Battle Square, Suite 1B

This colorful, fun place is full of retro pinball machines.

French Broad Chocolates Factory Tour

821 Riverside Drive

Dive into the world of bean-to-bar chocolate and get a peek into the chocolate making process.

Navitat

242 Poverty Branch Road, Barnardsville

A thrilling tree-based zipline adventure. You can (literally) hang out in local scenery.

Flying Bike Tours

225 Coxe Avenue

Offers electric bike tours and rentals so that you can explore must-see sights, beautiful greenways and stunning views.

Blue Ridge Parkway

Driving along the parkway is the perfect way to experience the outdoor beauty that Asheville is known for. If you're feeling up to it, stop at any trailhead to explore some magnificent hiking trails. Craggy Gardens (Milepost 364.4 along the parkway) is a favorite place on the parkway due to its kid-friendly, wide open spaces and fantastic vistas.

The Biltmore Estate®

1 Lodge Street

You can't come to Asheville and miss this iconic landmark built by George Vanderbilt on 8,000 acres of land with gorgeous views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

WHERE TO SHOP

Bette Boutique

2 All Souls Crescent

NEST Boutique + DIY Studio

10 Biltmore Plaza ☞ 54 North Lexington Avenue

Peace & Nice Boutique

32 All Souls Crescent

Scout Boutique

18 Brook Street

These shops, all within Biltmore Village, carry on-trend women's apparel and accessories.

The Gardener's Cottage

34 All Souls Crescent

A quaint store within Biltmore Village that sells florals and gifts.

MTN Merch

22 Lodge Street and 49 North Lexington Avenue

Another can't-miss with locations in Biltmore Village and downtown. Offers locally made and locally themed goods.

Traveling Chic Boutique

30 Haywood Street

Hazel Twenty and

Maisie Twenty

16 Patton Avenue

Minx

64 North Lexington Avenue

blu29

146 Church Street

More clothing boutiques that are local favorites.

Provisions Mercantile

728 Haywood Road

A modern-day mercantile with the perfect mix of nostalgia and modern trends

for the home and gift-giving. While you are there, grab a latte from **Kafe Neo**.

Playdate Goods

315 Haywood Road, Suite 111
Cozy vibes and sustainably focused children's goods.

WHERE TO EAT

Over Easy Cafe

32 Broadway Street
Serves a variety of breakfast dishes that will satisfy any food restrictions you might have. The cafe only uses local, seasonal, organic meats and dairy.

Hole Donuts

168 Haywood Road
This Asheville favorite is perfect for breakfast or a sweet afternoon snack.

Isa's Bistro

1 Battery Park Avenue
Ideal for a relaxing, lunch, or brunch with friends. The French-inspired cuisine is fabulous.

Baba Nahm

1 Page Avenue #139
A grab-and-go restaurant serving up delicious Middle Eastern food. Be sure to get an order of fries.

All Day Darling

102 Montford Avenue
Offers an all-day menu of market-focused foods. Think baked goods, hearty salads, toasts, and seasonal dinner specials.

Buxton Hall BBQ

32 Banks Avenue
A must-visit lunch spot due to its whole-hog barbecue

and famous fried chicken sandwiches made by James Beard Award winners.

12 Bones

5 Foundy Street
Another restaurant that locals flock to for Asheville-style barbecue.

Benne on Eagle

35 Eagle Street
Serves modern soul food that's deliciously prepared by chefs John Fleer and Ashleigh Shanti.

Smoky Park Supper Club

350 Riverside Drive
If you're looking for a dinner that's distinctly Asheville, this is the spot. Don't miss the Char Grilled NC Oysters.

The Bull & Beggar

37 Paynes Way
Tucked away in the River Arts District, this restaurant offers an intimate atmosphere. Try the filet served with madeira sauce and bone marrow.

Bargello

7 Patton Avenue
An innovative, Mediterranean-inspired restaurant that focuses on local ingredients and offers exceptional cocktails.

WHERE TO DRINK

Liberty House Coffee + Café

221 South Liberty Street
Enjoy a specialty coffee from this incredible garden-to-table local favorite.

Farewell

11 Southside Avenue
Next-level coffee and light

bites. While you're in the area, pop next door and check out the South Slope Cheese Co.

Mountain Juicery

1863 Hendersonville Road in South Asheville
Serves killer smoothies (try the Cashew Mango Lime), fresh pressed juices, and healthy snacks.

Elements Real Food

233 South Liberty Street
An organic, cold-pressed juice bar and café.

Antidote

151 Coxe Avenue
A beautiful 19th-century cocktail lounge with a can't-miss hidden rooftop botanical bar.

Green Man Brewery

27 Buxton Avenue
Asheville's second oldest brewery. It's also dog-friendly with great views on their upstairs patio.

Highland Brewing

12 Old Charlotte Highway, Suite 200

Hillman Beer

25 Sweeten Creek Road

Burial

40 Collier Avenue

New Belgium

21 Craven Street

Blue Ghost

125 Underwood Road
Additional breweries that contribute to Asheville amazing beer scene, and are all worth a visit.