

# Explore Your Charlotte Center City

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I am always struck by the perfect entertainment balance we have in Charlotte. We have big cities' shows, sports and dining quality, yet you can generally get a table at your favorite restaurant and tickets to the hottest show/game. I have lived in other major cities, and this is an uncommon blessing. Take advantage of how well we are served.

Charlotte's Center City offers endless combinations of entertainment and dining options from family night, to boys night, to date night. Winter provides some of the best opportunities to get out and explore. The choices and combinations are endless, but here are a few sample itineraries to help you build your own night on the town.

### Itinerary #1 – BBQ, Basketball and Some Craft Beers

Right now, the Charlotte Hornets are in the thick of the NBA season with home games at the Hive most weeks through early April. Ticket prices vary, but there are affordable options. Start your game day itinerary with a pre-game dinner at one of the many local restaurants within three blocks of the Spectrum Center. City Smoke, Mert's Heart & Soul, and Coaltrain's Char Grill all offer comfort food to help get you ready for tip off. After the game, celebrate the big win with friends at one of the many night spots such as Flight Beer Garden & Music



Hall, Ink N Ivy, Connolly's on Fifth, Epicentre or Cowbell Burger & Whiskey Bar, just to name a few.

### Itinerary #2 – Date Night on the Town

The options can range from a casual date to the anniversary celebration. One combination is to begin this romantic night on the town at Tavolo, 204 North, or Sea Level. Each of these is conveniently located near the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, the Belk Theater, Booth Playhouse and the McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square, where you can enjoy world-class shows or performances. Cap this

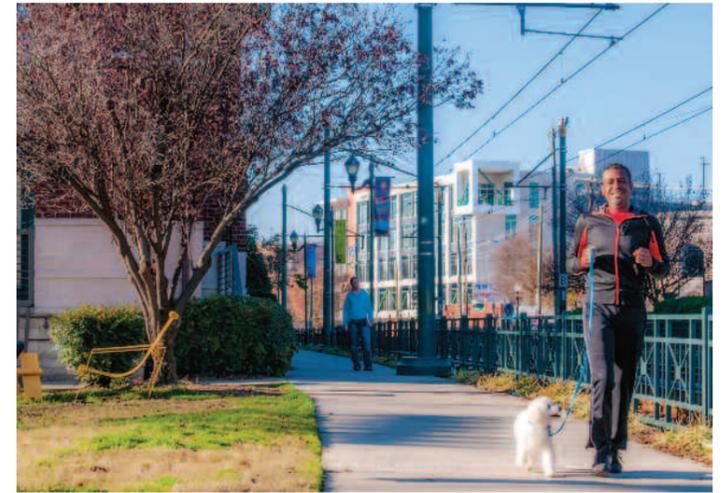
perfect date night with cocktails and dessert at Essex Bar and Bistro, Fahrenheit or Stoke Charlotte.

### Itinerary #3 – Rail Trail, Restaurants, and More Rail Trail

Charlotte's winters often include some unseasonably warm days. So when Mother Nature gives us a break, head out to South End's Rail Trail. Start this itinerary at Edna's Porch, our newest pocket park distinguished by its bright yellow porch swings, located next to the Carson Station. From there, head south along the trail to Futo Buta, Rai Lay Thai, or Crispy

Crepe to let your taste buds do some exploring while you warm up with international fare. Hop back on the trail and head out to meet your friends (or make new ones) at Vin Master Wine Shop, Sycamore or Triple C Brewing.

This winter make sure and get out, try some of these options or create your own combinations. Make sure to document your version of Charlotte lifestyle by taking photos of these unique excursions and tagging them with #UptownAllAround or #SouthEndAllAround. See you @CharlotteCenterCity.





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