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### Downtown Asheville

Downtown Asheville is filled with colorful sights, historic buildings, and spectacular Art Deco architecture. Explore the charming streets of downtown Asheville lined with wonderful restaurants, bookstores, shops, live music, and more than 30 art galleries. Enjoy art walks or watching the street artists and musicians. In town on a Friday night? Be sure to check out Asheville's famous drum circle held every Friday night in downtown's Pritchard Park beginning between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. and continuing, with brief breaks, until about 10:00 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.exploreasheville.com/iconic-asheville/downtown](http://www.exploreasheville.com/iconic-asheville/downtown).



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### Biltmore Estate

Experience the Gilded Age's elegance at America's largest home, George Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate. A national historic landmark and one of the country's top architectural wonders, the Biltmore Estate is a breathtaking home in the Blue Ridge Mountains with 250 rooms, historic exhibits, magnificent century-old gardens, and a charming winery. Explore the estate's breathtaking 8,000-acre backyard, a peaceful escape for horseback riding and rafting. Enjoy guided tours and see the exquisite Tiffany stained-glass lamp exhibit. Enjoy relaxed dining, shopping, and wine tasting at Antler Hill Village. For more information, please visit [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com).



### French Broad Chocolate Lounge and Factory

Farm to factory. Bean to bar. Bar to bakery. Handcrafted in the mountains of Asheville. After learning their trade in Costa Rica, Jael and Dan Rattigan set up shop in Asheville. At this sacred space for chocophiles, you can find hand-crafted artisanal chocolate truffles, salted caramels, from-scratch pastries and cakes, all featuring superb local and organic ingredients. Lounge on the leather couch, admire local art, and sip a glass of Pinot Noir paired with their quintessential chocolate cake. Or see how perfectly a creamy Pisgah Stout pairs with their dark, dense cacao nib brownie. Sit back and enjoy a Liquid Truffle, their signature hot sipping chocolate, the likes of which you'll find in Europe's finest chocolate houses. Can't get enough? Take a tour of the French Broad Chocolate Factory to see how your favorite chocolate creations are made! For more information, please visit [www.frenchbroadchocolates.com](http://www.frenchbroadchocolates.com).



### Asheville Pinball Museum

This museum is keeping the pinball craze alive, with a little Space Invaders on the side. The Asheville Pinball Museum has more than 30 vintage tables and more than 20 classic video arcade games to admire, but that's not even the best part. Located in the old Battery Park Hotel in downtown Asheville, the museum makes its visitors a pretty sweet deal: one entry fee to let you in the door, and the flipper, buzzer, flashing world inside can be your pinball playground, no quarters needed. For more information, please visit [www.ashevillepinball.com](http://www.ashevillepinball.com).



# LOCAL ACTIVITIES

## Battery Park Book Exchange and Champagne Bar

Oenophiles and bibliophiles take note! This store offers you the marriage of two of earth's finest pleasures, books and wine, side by side. Or should we say page by glass? Peruse thousands of books in dozens of categories while sipping a fine wine, sparkling wine, or champagne. Check out this unique used bookstore and champagne bar in downtown Asheville. For more information, please visit [www.batteryparkbookexchange.com](http://www.batteryparkbookexchange.com).



## Goat Yoga at Franny's Farm

Located a 30-minute drive from The Omni Grove Park Inn, come bend with Goat Yoga Asheville at Franny's Farm, an interactive yoga class that helps you get zen with goats. Classes are for all skill levels and great for those new to yoga or those who just need more baby goats in their life. For more information, please visit [www.frannysfarm.com/goat-yoga-asheville/](http://www.frannysfarm.com/goat-yoga-asheville/).



## Asheville Breweries

Asheville offers a dizzying array of beer. From hoppy IPAs to dark stouts, the city's breweries keep beer flowing like mountain water. With more breweries per capita than anywhere else in the U.S., Asheville was first named Beer City USA in 2009 and has swept the competition almost every year since. Track down the city's best pints and pours. For more information, please visit [www.exploreasheville.com/foodtopia/beer-scene](http://www.exploreasheville.com/foodtopia/beer-scene).

## The River Arts District

This unique neighborhood along the French Broad River not far from downtown Asheville is home to more than 165 artists with working studios located in 18 turn-of-the-century industrial buildings. You will find an amazing range of art – from cutting-edge sculpture and paintings to traditional raku fired pottery, and everything in-between. Make an afternoon of it – walk a little, drive a little, and stay and have lunch in one of the nearby restaurants while exploring all of the different art galleries and, in many cases, meeting the artists as well! For more information, please visit [www.riverartsdistrict.com](http://www.riverartsdistrict.com).

## Blue Ridge Parkway

Named "America's Favorite Drive," the Blue Ridge Parkway connects the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina to the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. Take a 469-mile journey into America's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, including Cherokee traditions, music, and crafts. Enjoy stunning vistas of mountain meadows, old farms, and diverse flora and fauna. Discover scenic hiking trails, picnic areas, and scenic overlooks. The Blue Ridge Parkway is more than a road - it's a beautiful adventure. For more information, please visit [www.blueridgeparkway.org](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org).



## The Adventure Center of Asheville

The Adventure Center of Asheville (ACA) is nestled on 120 acres just two miles from downtown, offering a variety of adventures for all ages. The ACA is an exciting adventure oasis designed to serve the whole family. The ACA prides itself on being the place where enthusiasts, first timers, and children come together to connect with each other, nature, and adventure. It's a place where you can learn to ride mountain bikes, zipline, kayak, and walk a tight-wire 25 feet in the trees and has the first zipline designed for children 10 and under. For more information, please visit [www.ashevilletreetopsadventurepark.com](http://www.ashevilletreetopsadventurepark.com).