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WELCOME TO CHARLOTTE

Greetings from



CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Charlotte Douglas International Airport is the fifth busiest airport in the world in operations and the second largest hub for American Airlines, Charlotte's a breeze to access from most major cities. Quick, direct flight times make accessing the Queen City a cinch. Plus, Charlotte Douglas International Airport is just 7 miles from Uptown.

TOP TEN
busiest airport in the world
(by aircraft movements)

700
average daily flights

221+
domestic and international
flights

184
direct flights daily

7 MILES
from CLT to Uptown Charlotte

50.2M
passengers passthrough the airport
annually

GETTING AROUND

Once you're in town, navigating the city is a breeze. With a speedy light rail system, rentable scooters, multiple ride-sharing services, and bus routes that traverse the region, you'll have plenty of ways to easily access everything North Carolina's largest city has to offer.



2,200 bikes in Charlotte's bike-sharing programs



to walk to most attractions, hotels and restaurants in Uptown



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Lynx Blue Line Light Rail Stations connecting South Charlotte to University City



RENTABLE E-SCOOTERS are available throughout Uptown





CHARLOTTE NEIGHBORHOODS

With the increasing popularity of the LYNX Blue Line light rail, LYNX Gold Line streetcar and other transportation projects, visitors and locals are able to hop from diverse Charlotte neighborhoods – from South End to Plaza Midwood – filled with restaurants, bars, coffee shops and other attractions.

AREA DESCRIPTION: UPTOWN

UPTOWN: THE HEARTBEAT OF THE QUEEN CITY.

CHARLOTTE'S SKYLINE IS ONLY 7 MILES FROM THE CLT AIRPORT

Host to cultural museums like the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, featuring the iconic Firebird statue out front, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture and the Mint Museum, Charlotte's diverse arts & culture scene offers up can't-miss experiences.

When you get hungry, go for a quick bite at Coco and the Director in the Charlotte Marriott City Center or Amélie's French Bakery & Café, a quirky and eclectic bakery featuring delicious treats and delicacies.

For something more upscale, try Church and Union, a New American restaurant with food from Top Chef alum Jamie Lynch, or The King's Kitchen, a nonprofit Southern staple that donates meals to vulnerable communities in Charlotte.

We are a city of sports lovers, creatives expressing through art, culture and culinary, bankers mix with coders, and upscale eateries balance beloved go-to hot spots. The energy of Uptown is palpable, and this bustling metropolis offers entertainment for every type of visitor.



UPTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Transportation (top left)

Charlotte is moving forward with plans to rebuild its Uptown transit center underground and has eliminated a street-level hub. This will allow for an active street frontage with retail and offices and a more secure transit center. The tentative date for construction to begin is 2025 with a completion date of 2029.

Retail (bottom left)

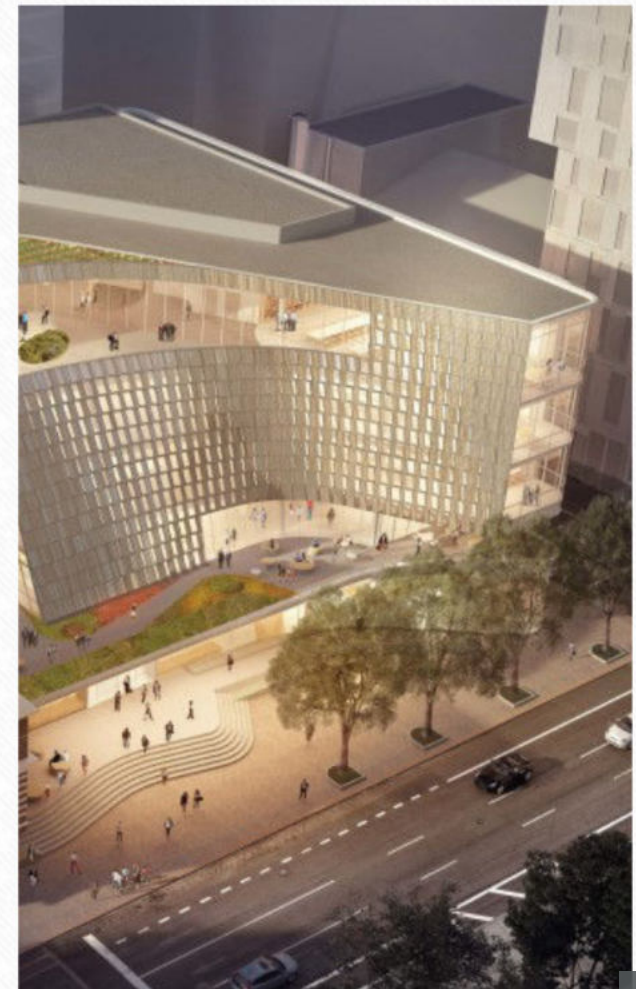
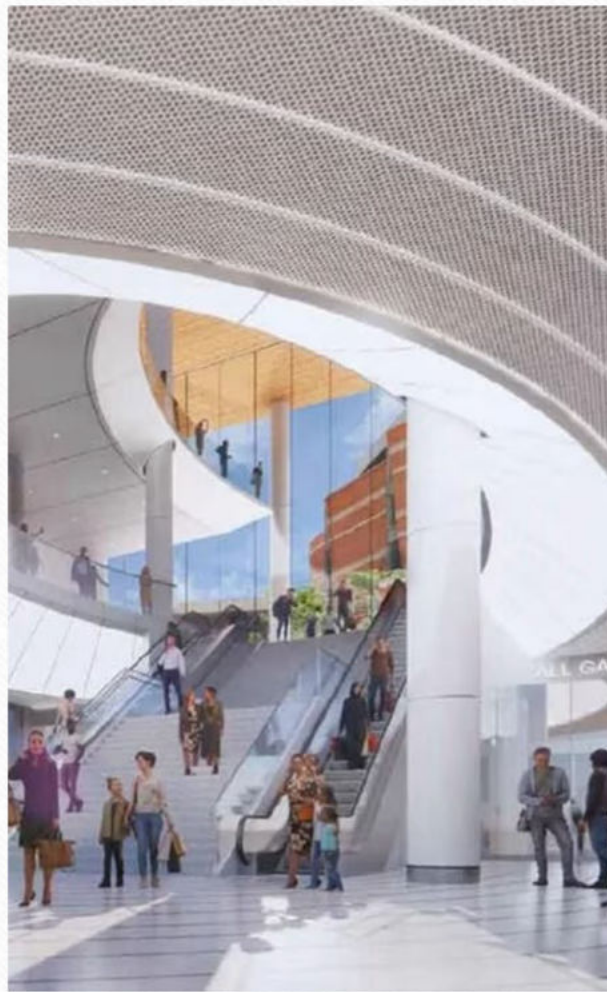
The Queen City Quarter, a 302,324-square-foot mixed-use entertainment and retail complex, is undergoing redevelopment in uptown. This complex will bring an upscale, family-friendly environment that will be fresh, modern and bright right in the heart of Center City's hotel offerings and steps from the Charlotte Convention Center.

Business (top right)

Breaking ground in Q1 2023, The Pearl will be a multi-phased, mixed-use development featuring office, lab, retail, residential, including affordable housing, community gathering and academic spaces. It will also be home to the exclusive North American headquarters of IRCAD (a France-based, global, surgical training center) and Charlotte's first four-year medical school, Wake Forest University School of Medicine Charlotte.

Arts & Culture (bottom right)

North Tryon Street is set to kick off a major redevelopment project with a new public library as the centerpiece. Multiple development sites are available in the district with the North Tryon Vision Plan in place to guide the vision of the area as a vibrant urban place.





AREA DESCRIPTION: **SOUTHPARK**

**CENTERED AROUND A LIVELY RETAIL DISTRICT,
SOUTHPARK INVITES RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO
REVEL IN THE FINER THINGS OF LIFE.**
11 MILES FROM CLT AIRPORT

This upscale neighborhood is only 20 minutes from Uptown Charlotte and plays host to high-end eateries like Bulla Gastrobar, a Spanish tapas-style restaurant, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Rooster's Wood-Fired Kitchen, home to spit-roasted chicken.

Unwind with a concert at Symphony Park, located behind the prestigious SouthPark Mall, home to high-end retailers like Neiman Marcus and Louis Vuitton.



AREA DESCRIPTION: **AIRPORT / EXECUTIVE PARK**

JUST A 10-MINUTE DRIVE FROM UPTOWN CHARLOTTE, THIS COMMUNITY SURROUNDING CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS RAPIDLY GROWING

Learn about Christian evangelist Billy Graham's dynamic journey – from growing up at a North Carolina dairy farm to selling out stadiums around the world – at The Billy Graham Library. If you get hungry, don't worry, the Library has a Dairy Bar with various fresh sandwiches, salads, cookies and ice cream.

If you're interested in getting in a little shopping, both SouthPark Mall and Charlotte Premium Outlets (brand names at discount prices) are a short drive away. Dine at one of the many surrounding restaurants, like Omaha Steakhouse or Sonny's BBQ.



AREA DESCRIPTION: **MATTHEWS / MONROE**

A BUBBLY CITY IN THE SUBURBS.

MATTHEWS IS 18 MILES FROM CLT AIRPORT | MONROE IS 33 MILES FROM CLT AIRPORT

The growing town of Matthews, set between Charlotte and Monroe southeast of Uptown, was home to just under 200 residents when it was chartered in 1879. The history of this once-sleepy borough is beautifully preserved in downtown Matthews, where an old rail car, hardware store and history museum now mingle with a larger strip of up-and-coming bars, coffee shops and restaurants. Community vibes spark at Jekyll & Hyde Taphouse and Grill, an Irish/English joint with a heady beer selection.



AREA DESCRIPTION: **BALLANTYNE**

AS A 2,000-ACRE PLANNED COMMUNITY, BALLANTYNE IN SOUTH CHARLOTTE IS FILLED WITH SHOPPING, DINING AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS.

18 MILES FROM CLT AIRPORT

A 30-minute drive from Uptown Charlotte, it's undergoing a fresh transformation into a more urban and walkable community. Scoot up to a booth at Greek-owned Big View Diner or indulge in hazelnut French toast at Rush Espresso Café & Wine Bar.

Then treat yourself to a relaxing massage or, if you have room, enjoy a Champagne-soaked high tea. Craft the ultimate night at Ballantyne Village, which has offerings like an on-site cinema, fashion-forward shops and dining options like Miro Spanish Grille, a tapas-style restaurant.



AREA DESCRIPTION: **CONCORD / UNIVERSITY CITY**

EASILY CONNECTED TO UPTOWN BY A 30-MINUTE LYNX BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL RIDE, THE UNIVERSITY CITY AREA IS FULL OF LIVELY SPIRIT AND HAS NEVER BEEN MORE ABUZZ.

UNIVERSITY CITY IS 14 MILES FROM CLT AIRPORT | CONCORD IS 20 MILES FROM CLT AIRPORT

From active outdoor adventures and unrivaled game-day spirit to delicious culinary bites and extensive retail, University City is a brainy, booming area. Explore the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Botanical Gardens (free and open to the public) or experience entertainment at PNC Music Pavilion.

Fuel up at Edgewater Bar & Grille, serving contemporary Southern eats for breakfast, lunch and dinner, or at Hickory Tavern for a pint and game-day viewing. If you need a quick bite, head to Jason's Deli for a sandwich or salad.

Burn off your meal at The Shoppes at University Place, a pond-side development with more than 75 retailers like Velocity Boutique, Wine Vault and Ninety's Ice Cream and Sandwiches.



AREA DESCRIPTION: **LAKE NORMAN**

THE LAKESIDE OF CHARLOTTE!

LAKE NORMAN IS LOCATED JUST 20 MILES FROM CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

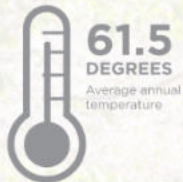
Spend the day on Lake Norman, where you can dine dockside, charter a pontoon boat or show off your board skills. The year-round heated patio at the Port City Club ensures great lake views, and the tasty, made-from-scratch menu keeps guests coming back for more. More inland, Barrel & Fork serves up fascinating food and wine in a 100-plus-year-old home with a wraparound porch.



THE QUEEN CITY EXPERIENCE

WEATHER

Carolina blue skies can be seen year-round in Charlotte. With an annual average temperature of 61.5 degrees and the annual average precipitation of 43 inches distributed evenly throughout the year, weather in the Queen City is fair and mild. Winter is welcoming, spring and fall are transformative, and summer is sunny and bright.



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Charlotte's welcoming spirit is ingrained in its culture. Diversity comes to life all around the city, and a dynamic LGBTQ+ community thrives. From annual parades that excite diverse crowds to special film festivals that share talent from every walk of life, the Queen City celebrates inclusiveness, always.

Inclusion at the CRVA is a shared responsibility for every employee. It's a dedicated, long-term mindset that we celebrate the unique personal differences that make us a stronger organization. We are committed to being representative of the many faces that shape Charlotte's character and strengthen its unity. And since we are trusted leaders in managing treasured city-owned assets and promoting our region's limitless potential, our intentions are clear in this pursuit to leverage diversity and inclusivity in executing our mission within the CRVA and in the community.

Inclusion to us means respecting all differences and that those differences can drive people and performance to new heights. And to be inclusive, you have to intentionally seek to understand each individual and their respective worldviews. Our "employee first" culture demands engagement and engagement can't happen without the voices of many talented and diverse individuals charting our direction.



PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Charlotte's five professional teams (NFL, NBA, baseball, hockey and soccer) fill up the annual calendar, about 200 days each year.

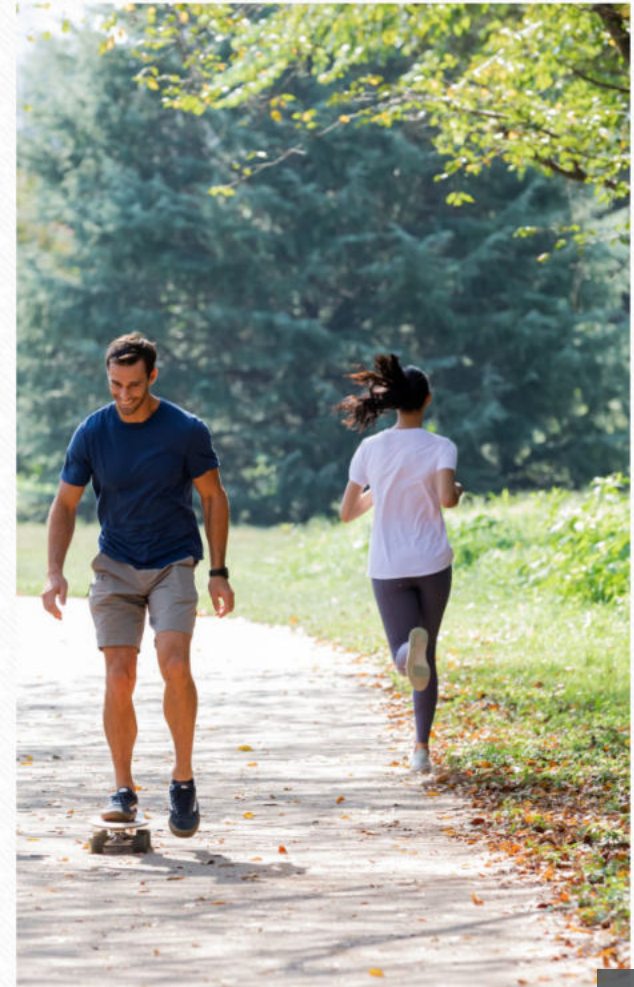
The region is also home to more than 85 percent of NASCAR National Touring Series teams.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

EVERY FREE MINUTE IN CHARLOTTE IS ONE MEANT FOR EXPLORING.

If you're looking for a thrill, take on the world's first deep water solo climbing complex at the U.S. National Whitewater Center. If you'd prefer something more laid back, take advantage of a leisurely walk or bike ride on more than 50 miles of developed greenways throughout the city, or discover over 110-acres of dazzling gardens, tropical plants and sparkling fountains at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden.



ARTS AND CULTURE

Award-winning museums, vibrant murals and live music venues are sprinkled throughout Uptown and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Learn about evangelist Billy Graham's life and legacy at the Billy Graham Library or relive the moments that made drivers into legends at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Gallery crawls and free performances invite visitors to live like locals all year round.

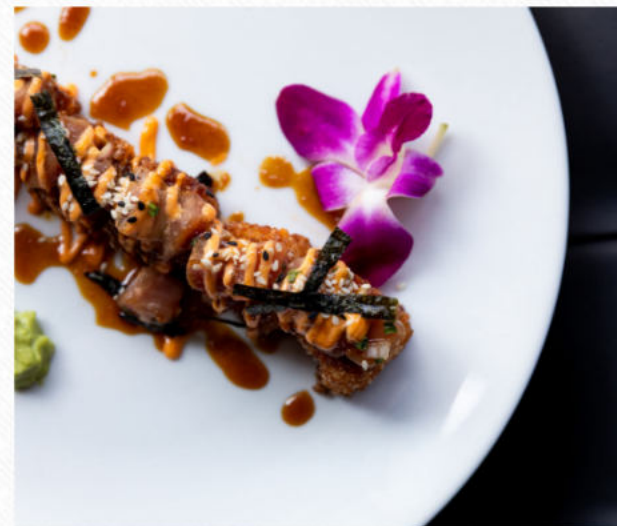
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CULINARY

With more than 200 restaurants located in the Uptown area alone, Charlotte is the city of culinary opportunity. In a city where the culinary community is both close-knit and competitive, native and transplant, every meal is an exploration of the city's evolving identity.

Whether it's eclectic offerings like Smelly Cat Coffee in NoDa, delicate treats like the Salted Caramel Brownie from Amelie's French Bakery or upscale dining experiences at Church and Union Charlotte, there's truly something for every taste.





NIGHTLIFE

With more than 60 breweries and countless other bars, Charlotte is overflowing with a nightlife scene that can keep the party going. Take in views of the skyline at Nuvolé Rooftop TwentyTwo, relax and enjoy the soothing sounds of jazz at Uptown's Middle C Jazz club or head to Plaza Midwood which offers multiple restaurants and bars for every taste.

A large green and white flag with the 'Q' logo and 'QUINNIPAC' text is held by a mascot on a football field. The mascot is wearing a green jersey with the number 49 and a brown hat. In the background, football players in green and white uniforms are running on the field. The sky is blue with white clouds.

UNIVERSITIES

Charlotte is home to five institutions for higher learning, including widely recognized The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Queens College and Johnson C. Smith University.

