

Historic Downtown Wilmington, NC



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Tour Summary

Nestled on the banks of the Cape Fear River, Wilmington is a city with a rich past, an exciting future, and a downtown full of charm and character. Tourists are drawn to the area because of its history, its brick streets and antebellum mansions, its varied museums, and its “low-country” restaurants. But there’s another reason people flock here; this is the third-busiest film production site in the U.S., after New York and Hollywood. “Wilmywood,” as some call it, has been the setting for numerous movies, including *Blue Velvet*, *Empire Records*, *Cape Fear*, *Black Knight*, *28 Days*, and *The Crow*, and TV shows such as *Matlock*, *Dawson's Creek* and *One Tree Hill*.

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Welcome to Wilmington!





It's a city with a rich past and exciting future, a city with a downtown full of charm and character.



Nestled along the Cape Fear River, its
ambiance is hard to resist.



Tourists come from all over the world to view its historic district.



They enjoy the varied architecture of its buildings, including graceful antebellum mansions...



...as well as its beautiful house in the Italianate style.



But Wilmington is more than just buildings. It's a place to unwind and relax; to explore the marvelous Riverwalk and its "low country" restaurants, with fine Southern cuisine that rivals the fantastic views over the Cape Fear River.



Visitors also enjoy touring the many museums, like the Serpentarium, with its awesome inhabitants...



...or the Railroad Museum, with its thousands of models of trains.



Downtown Wilmington has so much to offer, you may want to stay longer than originally planned.



On your trip with me, you will not only learn about Wilmington's colorful history...



...you will also have the chance to see where some of your favorite films and TV shows were shot. Wilmington, or “Wilmywood” as some call it, is the third-largest movie and television production location, after Hollywood and New York City. Don’t be surprised if you encounter a crew of cameramen at work, as you can see in this photo generously provided by the Cape Fear Coast CVB.

Since we all walk at different rates, from time to time you may want to pause your device until you reach the next important site.

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