

**Four Days - Four Tours**

**Tour 3 – Friday, September 16, 2016**

**Yadkin Valley Wine Tour**

**Time:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
**Cost:** $133

The Yadkin Valley Wine Region is a unique collection of about three dozen vineyards, each ready to welcome you with hospitality and exceptional award winning wines. Located in northwestern North Carolina, the Yadkin Valley is home to the state’s first federally-recognized American Viticultural Area, the Yadkin Valley AVA which encompasses 1.4 million acres, including all of Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties and portions of Stokes, Davie, Davidson and Forsyth counties. Each winery is different. Small to medium in size, all proud of their well-crafted red and white wines including Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay and Viognier. You will find sparkling wines, native muscadine grapes and European-style vinifera, and even some beautifully made fruit wines. This young, thriving industry has recently become well known for its prize winning wines across the nation.

Scattered within the wine region are many special attractions including a thoroughbred horse farm, Alpaca Farm, exciting nature trails through the majestic Stone Mountain Park, and road side fruit and vegetable markets to delight all the senses.

Wine connoisseurs and novices alike will learn the technique of wine tasting while visiting three to four wineries on the Yadkin Valley Wine Tour. Tastings, tours and lunch round out this full day of fun and educational experiences in North Carolina’s Wine Country.

**Tour 4 – Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**One Last Glimpse of Charlotte**

**Time:** 8:00 am - 11:45 am  
**Cost:** $51

The Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is one of the jewels in the Queen City’s crown. Named one of the nation’s 20 Great Gardens in HGTV’s popular book, *Flower Gardening*, the Garden rests along the banks of Lake Wylie. Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is a wonderful place to take a tour. Part nature preserve, part showcase for the best of Southern horticulture, the Garden is in the process of implementing an ambitious 50-year master plan. Currently there are over 110 acres in cultivation for guests to enjoy including:

- The 13,500 square foot Robert Lee Stowe Visitor Pavilion topped with a magnificent stained-glass dome.
- Approximately 10 acres of manicured, themed gardens: The year-round Four Seasons Garden, the tropically-themed Canal Garden, four distinct Perennial Gardens (chock-full of ideas for home gardens), the nostalgic Cottage Garden, the fragrant Conifer Garden, the Encore Azalea® spring and fall blooming Garden and stately West Gardens.
- 12 delightful fountains.
- Nature trails.
- The Garden Store stocked with “must-have” unique items, many hand-crafted by local artisans.
- The Breathtaking Orchid Conservatory opened in January 2008.

Guests will enjoy a one-hour guided tour and then will be free to stroll, explore and even shop at the gift shop until it’s time to leave.

**Experience the beauty of Charlotte and North Carolina!**

The "Queen City" was incorporated in 1768 as "Charlotte Town" and has a rich history of early American events and is now the third fastest growing major city in the United States.