



4 Signs

That It's Spring
in Durham

1. Festival Season Arrives

Every April and May, Downtown Durham hosts several annual festivals that draw visitors from around the world. On April 6-9, you can see 100 documentary films at the **Full Frame Documentary Film Festival**. Jazz and hip-hop festival **Art of Cool** will take over town on April 28-30, and **Moogfest**, a tech-music-art conference, brings four days of participatory programming to Durham on May 18-21.

2. Duke Gardens Is in Bloom

Durham is home to the 55-acre **Sarah P. Duke Gardens**, one of the premier public gardens in the U.S. Visit this spring to see the camellias, daffodils, and irises in full bloom!

3. The Bulls Are Back in Town

Cheer on the **Durham Bulls** while enjoying a beer from the only craft brewery located in a minor league ballpark. The first home game is April 10, with the season running through the end of August.

4. Dresses and Tanks Hit the Racks

Update your wardrobe in Durham! Choose from the **The Streets at Southpoint**, a major shopping district with retailers like Anthropologie, Nordstrom, and J. Crew, or shop at local boutiques in the **Brightleaf** and **Ninth Street Districts**.

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New Additions

Stop by these recently opened businesses on your next trip to Durham:

JB Duke Hotel – An upscale contemporary hotel on the Duke University campus, complete with two bars and a full-service restaurant.



Tiny – A new children's boutique from the proprietor of Chet Miller and Parker & Otis. Shop kids' toys, clothes, and furniture at this downtown shop.

The Bullpen – Bull Durham Beer Company's new year-round beer garden features live music, food from Heavenly Buffaloes, and outdoor seating.

Liberation Threads – A women's boutique selling fair-trade and American-made clothing.



Mystic Bourbon – Head out to Mystic's new farm and distillery for an inside look at the bourbon-making process. Bourbon fans will enjoy a two-day experience where you can make your own barrel of whiskey.

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Make Durham Your Destination for NC Beer Month

Durham is known for its unique craft beer scene. Experience the wonderful world of locally made pilsners, sours, and IPAs this April during NC Beer Month. Here's a brief guide to get you started:

At Bull City Burger and Brewery, pair your English IPA with a **spot-on burger**. This brewpub delivers classic beers and burgers made with local ingredients.

Bull Durham Beer Co. indulges your love of beer and baseball. In addition to its brewery, which is tucked into the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Bull Durham recently opened a year-round taproom. Head to The Bullpen for live music, local food, and great beer.



Ponysaurus Brewing brings European flair to its Durham taproom. Enjoy a Belgian-inspired bière de garde while firing up the grill in Ponysaurus' outdoor beer garden.

Durty Bull Brewing Co. brings sour beer to the Central Park neighborhood. Adventurous palates will delight in Durty Bulls' assortment of sour and barrel-aged beers.



Fullsteam Brewery serves up plow-to-pint brews. Known for its use of local and foraged ingredients, Fullsteam beers include interesting ingredients like basil, persimmons, and paw paws.

Durham's beer scene continues to grow! Find out about the newest options online.

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Your Next Spring Break Getaway

Treat yourself to spring break in the Bull City! Whether you're visiting for a week or a weekend, you'll find that plenty of fun awaits. With cultural amenities galore and a walkable urban core, Durham offers the perfect city break with none of the hassle.

For the Family

Families will enjoy exploring the treehouse village at the **Museum of Life + Science**, or catching a ballgame at the **Durham Bulls Athletic Park**. Kids will love to get a photo with Wool E. Bull, the bovine mascot! Unleash youthful energy at **Durham Central Park**, which features a skate park and an ADA-accessible playground. For a wild time, hang with lemurs at **Duke Lemur Center**, or hit the trails at **Eno River State Park**.



Grown Up Getaway

For an adult getaway, book your stay at one of Durham's chic boutique hotels, like the **21c Museum Hotel** or **The Durham**. You'll be in a prime location for exploring Durham's top-rated restaurants and entertainment. See a show at **DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center**, then grab a post-performance cocktail at **Alley Twenty Six**, or a glass of wine and charcuterie at **Bar Brunello**. Take in the latest exhibit at **The Nasher Museum of Art**, then cruise local art galleries for a special find.

➔ Visit bullvoyage.com for more spring break inspiration!

Outdoor Dining in Durham

Now that the sun's shining and temperatures have rebounded, it's time to enjoy good eats and cold beverages on some of Durham's best outdoor patios.

Parts & Labor at Motorco Music Hall – Located on bustling Rigsbee Avenue, watch the world go by as you savor small bites and brews from a picnic table.

Guglhurf – Al fresco brunching calls for eggs benedict and Bloody Marys on this Rockwood restaurant's expansive patio.

Vin Rouge – For a fine dining experience, sit in Vin Rouge's lushly landscaped courtyard, which will transport you to southern France.

Gonza Tacos y Tequila – Enjoy a margarita and Latin food on Gonza's patio, tucked away in Durham's Warehouse District.

The Roof at The Durham – For some of the best skyline views in Durham, head to this rooftop bar atop a mod hotel.

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What's happening?



March 12

Bull City Food & Beer Experience

Sample food and drink from more than 60 Durham restaurants and breweries while meeting the people behind them.

bullcityexperience.com

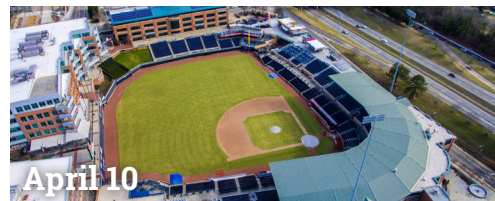


April 6-9

Full Frame Documentary Film Festival

A four-day, international festival featuring nearly 100 films and the directors, producers, and subjects who make them.

fullframefest.org



April 10

Bulls First Home Game

Cheer on the beloved Durham Bulls at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park in the heart of downtown. Season runs from April-August.

durhambulls.com



April 22

152nd Anniversary Surrender Commemoration

Visit Bennett Place Historic Site for an immersive living history experience with re-enactors from both sides of the war.

bennettplacehistoricsite.com



April 28-30

Art of Cool Jazz Festival

Three-day festival of world-class jazz, hip-hop, rap, and soul performances. 2017 lineup includes Common and George Clinton.

aocfestival.org



May 18-21

Moogfest

Music, art, and technology festival that brings together people from around the world for a unique four-day event.

moogfest.com

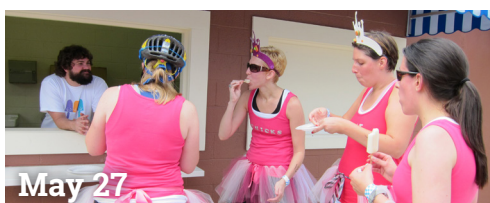


May 20

Bimbe Cultural Arts Festival

Celebrate African and African-American culture with food, arts and crafts, family activities, and music.

durh.am/bimbefestival



May 27

The Doughman Quadrathlon

This team relay combines eating with a traditional triathlon. Put together a team or cheer along from the sidelines.

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theDoughmanQuadrathlon](https://facebook.com/theDoughmanQuadrathlon)

MAJOR HOLIDAYS:

April 14-16: Good Friday/Easter

May 14: Mother's Day

May 29: Memorial Day

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