



# Tryon Palace

HISTORIC NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA



TRYON PALACE IS KNOWN FOR BEING  
NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST STATE CAPITOL ...  
BUT WE'RE REMEMBERED FOR  
CAPTURING IMAGINATIONS.

STEP BACK IN TIME

CONNECT WITH THE PAST



Walk in the footsteps of  
governors, stroll through  
14 acres of beautifully  
sculpted gardens, enjoy  
the aroma of colonial  
cuisine or travel back  
to the 1830s for a  
hands-on, interactive  
history experience  
like no other.



SAIL THE HIGH SEAS

HISTORY IS MORE  
THAN A STORY ...  
IT'S AN EXPERIENCE



# THE BEST INVESTMENT IN YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE ... IS A VISIT TO THE PAST

Interactive, multi-person games and exhibits delight visitors young and old at the North Carolina History Center, while guided tours and conversations with historic interpreters bring history to life in vivid detail at the Governor's Palace, Gardens, and Historic Homes.



## THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE

The North Carolina government house, built between 1767 and 1770 by royal governor William Tryon, represented the British crown and became North Carolina's first official capitol. It was also one of the most talked about public buildings in the American colonies. During and after the Revolutionary War, the Palace played a crucial role in the founding of the new state of North Carolina as home to its elected governors and site of the state legislature's first meetings.

A fire destroyed the Palace in 1798 but it was never forgotten. More than 150 years later, a new Palace rose again on the original foundation, based on archaeological evidence and extensive documentation, including the 18th-century architect's plans. Furnished with rare 18th-century English and American art and artifacts, the Palace stands today as a testament to New Bern's vital role in American history. This fascinating history comes to life daily with guided tours of the Governor's Palace and colonial cooking demonstrations in the Kitchen Office. Dressed as if they just stepped out of the 18th century, our historic interpreters are ready to greet you at the Palace's front steps for a captivating journey across three centuries of American history.



## THE NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY CENTER

Colonial history intersects with the 21st century at every turn inside the North Carolina History Center – home to the Regional History Museum and the Pepsi Family Center. Walk among legends and artifacts as you read a letter penned by our nation's first president or travel back in time for an interactive look at New Bern in the 1830s.

Once you've sharpened your skills as a quilter, printer, ship's captain, and cook, make time to join us for featured exhibits in the Duffy Gallery or plan your trip around one of the many live performances held in Cullman Performance Hall.



## HISTORIC HOMES & GARDENS

Step into a glorious new world with every season by exploring our magnificent gardens and landscapes. Find inspiration and beauty as you enjoy our stunning period gardens, formal gardens, allées, and our kitchen garden.

Then take your imagination on an inspirational journey across the 18th and 19th centuries with visits to our collection of historic New Bern homes. Visit the Stanly House, where George Washington slept during his visit to New Bern, be amazed by the architecture of 19th-century homes like the Dixon and Hay houses, or visit the Academy Museum to see our Civil War exhibit. Please keep in mind that some historic homes and buildings are only open during special events, so please call ahead for availability.



## SHOPPING & DINING

What better way to end your visit than on the New Bern waterfront? Shop for souvenirs, colonial chocolate, North Carolina pottery, books, and more in the Tryon Palace Museum Store. Then take a moment to relax with a delicious meal on the riverfront at Lawson's Landing Café. Offering a full breakfast and lunch menu, as well as select coffees, beer and wine, Lawson's Landing is the ideal place to sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery.





## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Tryon Palace is open year round, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. Various exhibits and events are held at Tryon Palace throughout the year, including programs related to Christmas, the Fourth of July, the Civil War, colonial cooking, and the Palace gardens. To plan your visit around one of these special events, visit [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org) and follow us at [www.facebook.com/tryonpalace](http://www.facebook.com/tryonpalace).

## TICKETS AND TOURS

All tickets may be purchased on the day of your visit at the ticket desk, located in the North Carolina History Center at 529 South Front Street, New Bern, NC. Discounts are available for groups, students, members of the military, and seniors.

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