Travel around Chapel Hill

Transportation from Airport to Courtyard Marriott

The Raleigh-Durham International (RDU) Airport is 14 miles, approximately 20-40 minutes depending on traffic, from the Courtyard Marriott in Chapel Hill. While there is no hotel shuttle, you may take Uber/Lyft or a taxi service to the hotel. Costs for Uber/Lyft are approximately $25-$40 and taxi services are approximately $45-$50 one-way. Additionally, if you are renting a car, there is complimentary on-site parking at the Marriott Courtyard. **Please note the hotel check-in/check-out times are 3:00pm and 12:00 noon, respectively.** The hotel address is 100 Marriott Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

If you are renting a car, there are several rental car options available at RDU. Each of the rental car companies offers courtesy shuttles from the terminal to their rental car site, which are located on airport property. More information rental cars can be found here: [https://www.rdu.com/ground-transportation/rental-cars/](https://www.rdu.com/ground-transportation/rental-cars/)

Driving Directions

After departing RDU, merge onto Aviation Pkwy toward I-540/US-70. Continue on Aviation Pkwy for about 2 miles, then merge onto I-540 W via the ramp to I-40. After merging onto I-540 W, take exit 273A towards Chapel Hill, then merge onto NC-54 W. Continue on NC-54 W for 2.2 miles (approximately 5 minutes). The Marriott Courtyard will be on your left.

Directions from Courtyard Marriott to The Friday Center

The Courtyard Marriott is a 5-minute walk to The Friday Center. There is also parking at The Friday Center. Attendees will be emailed a Friday Center parking pass. Passes will be available upon registration and need to be visible in your car at all times.

Chapel Hill Transit operates fixed-routes throughout the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro with connecting routes to the regional transit provider, GoTriangle. Chapel Hill Transit is **free** to use. If you are staying at The Marriott Courtyard, you will want to access the FCX, S, and N bus routes.

Please see system map here: [https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showpublisheddocument/49725/637671146193370000](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showpublisheddocument/49725/637671146193370000). Additionally, Chapel Hill Transit operating hours vary from weekdays and weekends. To see the full operating schedule for each bus route, please click here: [https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/transit/routes-schedules/all-routes-schedules](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/transit/routes-schedules/all-routes-schedules).
Things to Do in Chapel Hill and Durham

Local Restaurants
- Within walking distance of Courtyard Marriott there is a pedestrian tunnel that will take you to Meadowmont Village.
- Restaurants here include:
  - Lime & Lemon Indian Grill & Bar
  - Kahlovera Mexican Bar & Grill
  - Brixx Wood Fired Pizza + Craft Beer
  - Bluebird

Other Restaurants in Downtown Chapel Hill/Carrboro
- Top of the Hill
- Caroline Brewery
- Linda’s Bar and Grill
- Blue’s on Franklin
- Vimalas Curryblossom Café
- Weaver Street Market in Carrboro

Local Grocery Stores
- Harris Teeter
- Wegmans
- Whole Foods
- Trader Joe's
- Weaver Street Market in Carrboro

Other Restaurants in Durham
- Namu
- Boricua Soul
- Nanasteak
- Parker and Otis
- Tobacco Road Sports Café
- The Federal
- Geer Street Garden

Attractions

Chapel Hill
- NC Botanical Gardens
- UNC Chapel Hill
- Historic Attractions in Chapel Hill:
  - Sutton's Drug Store, established 1923, serves shakes, burgers and more on Franklin Street in downtown Chapel Hill.
  - The Carolina Coffee Shop is the longest running restaurant in North Carolina.
  - The Carolina Brewery is the oldest brewery in the Triangle.
  - The Chapel Hill Post Card mural is a great photo spot next to UNC's iconic Old Well on campus

Hillsborough
- Downtown Hillsborough, located approximately 15 minutes from Chapel Hill, has a vibrant downtown historic district. It features more than 100 homes, churches, school and other structures from the late 18th and 19th centuries.

Durham
- Durham, located approximately 15-20 minutes from Chapel Hill has many local restaurants, shops, outdoor activities, and more:
  - Durham Bulls Baseball Park
  - Duke University/Duke University Chapel
  - Duke Lemur Center
  - Sarah P. Duke Gardens
  - Eno River State Park in Durham
  - Museum of Life + Science