



Concrete Countertop Industry Conference

November 6-7, 2006

Kerr Scott Building ■ NC State Fairgrounds ■ Raleigh, NC

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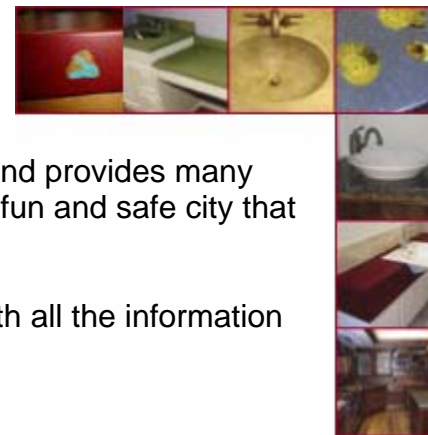
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Raleigh, NC



Raleigh is the North Carolina state capitol and provides many entertainment options. Raleigh is a vibrant, fun and safe city that retains its Southern charm.

For a downloadable, printable document with all the information on this page, click [here](#).

General Information

The average daytime temperature in Raleigh on November 6 is 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

www.godowntownraleigh.com has information about Tourism, Culture, Nightlife, Shopping and Dining, as well as handy downloadable maps of the downtown area surrounding the Clarion.

Some other websites with information on dining and entertainment in Raleigh are: triangle.citysearch.com, www.raleighcvb.org, and www.digitalcity.com/raleigh.

Nightlife

The **Glenwood South** district, within walking distance of the Clarion hotel, is a popular night spot and offers many dining and entertainment choices. Even the [NY Times raves](#) about the Glenwood South district, stating, "[T]his eight-block area has become a hive of restaurants, bars, boutiques and now luxury

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housing". We recommend **Hi-5**, located at 510 Glenwood, 919-834-4335, www.hi5raleigh.com, with 40 TV screens, a flat screen at many tables and about 250 beers. Upstairs from Hi-5 is **Bogart's**, known more for martinis and jazz than beer and sports. And don't miss the curved concrete bar right across the foyer in **Red Room**, which serves tapas and pumps up the techno and pop dance music after 10pm.

Another sub-district within walking distance of the Clarion is the **Power District**, at the intersection of West St and Jones St, where you can find the famous **42nd Street Oyster Bar** with fresh NC seafood and **518 West Italian Cafe**, with homemade pasta. Just south on West St. is Irish pub **Napper Tandy's** (126 N West St, 919-833-5535) across from jazz bar the **Blue Martini**. This district is easy to find at night, when the power station lights up with purple neon lights.



For more information about nightlife options, visit the [Downtown Raleigh Alliance website](#).

Sporting Events

Raleigh boasts the **Stanley Cup winning Carolina Hurricanes hockey team!** The RBC Center is just 5 minutes from the NC State Fairgrounds. The Hurricanes have 3 home games near the conference dates:

- Thurs 11/2 7:00pm vs Montreal
- Thurs 11/9 7:00pm vs Washington
- Sat 11/11 7:00pm vs Pittsburgh



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Visit www.carolinahurricanes.com for more information.

And don't forget that the Hurricanes mascot Stormy and the Storm Squad cheerleaders will be at our [welcome reception](#) on Monday, November 6!

Shopping

Raleigh offers myriad shopping options, from flea market finds to high end treasures.

The Flea Market

The NC flea market has hundreds of vendors selling everything from fine English antiques to kitchy collectibles. There is a large indoor area as well. And, it's right next to the building in which the conference is being held.

Sat. Nov. 4 - Sun. Nov. 5
NC State Fairgrounds, right next to the W. Kerr Scott building.
Free admission
919-821-7400
www.ncstatefair.org

Cameron Village

Cameron Village features quirky shops, exquisite jewelry, trend-setting styles, home furnishings, and creative cuisine.

Located at Wade Ave and Oberlin Rd, near downtown Raleigh.
919-821-1350
www.shopsofcameronvillage.com

North Hills

North Hills is the newest, highest end shopping, dining,

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entertainment and living neighborhood in the Raleigh area. The latest haute couture women's wear, European linens, fine jewelry and more can be found at the North Hills shopping center.

Located just off the 440 Beltline, exit Six Forks North.
919-881-1146
www.northhillsraleigh.com

Triangle Town Center

An extensive high end indoor shopping mall featuring Saks Fifth Avenue.

North on Capital Blvd/401.
919-792-2222
www.triangletowncenter.com

Southpoint Mall

Large indoor and outdoor shopping mall with every imaginable store, many popular restaurants and featuring Nordstrom.

West on I-40 to exit 276.
919-572-8808
www.streetsatsouthpoint.com

Sightseeing

Raleigh has many historic buildings, from Victorian mansions to grandiose government buildings. The Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau has a [walking tour](#) of downtown historic sites. [Here is the map](#), and below are recommended highlights on the tour.

1. State Capitol Building
(1840)
Union Square



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The cornerstone of this Greek Revival masterpiece was laid in 1833 and the building completed in 1840. It was designed by Ithiel Town, A.J. Davis Paton. The granite used in its construction was excavated from a local quarry. (919-733-4994)

15. City Market (1914)

200 Block East Martin

A new city market was needed to replace the old one in Metropolitan Hall on Fayetteville Street, when sanitation had become a major concern there. James Matthew Kennedy designed the new building in the Spanish Mission style. Today it is the anchor of a revitalized area of specialty shops and restaurants. (919-828-4555)

16. Moore Square (est. 1792)

The oak-and-evergreen-shaded four-acre park was part of Senator William Christmas' original plan to have a park in each quadrant of the city, equidistant from the Capitol. At the southern edge of the park is the permanent home of the giant copper acorn that serves as a symbol of the city

34. Executive Mansion (1891)

200 North Blount Street

The Queen Anne style mansion was designed by Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloan and his assistant, A.G. Bauer. Elaborate Eastlake style verandahs accent this beautiful home of the Governor and the state's First Family. (919-807-7950 for seasonal tours)

35. Andrews-London House (1918)

301 North Blount Street

The Andrews-London House is a fine example of the Georgian Revival style. Designed by James A. Alter, this 2-1/2 story brick house, with its magnificent

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interior detailing, is home to the Capital Area Visitor Center. (919-733-3456)

36. Heck-Andrews House (1870)

309 North Blount Street

Architect G.S.H. Appleget designed this house for industrialist Jonathon McGee Heck. The Second Empire style house is capped by a mansard roof and a dramatic central tower. The patterned slate and ornate brackets, window surrounds, and porch posts makes this one of Raleigh's most distinctive Victorian houses.

Cultural Activities

Raleigh boasts many museums, performing arts venues, fine arts and cultural activities. Some of the events occurring around the conference are:

Ongoing Exhibits

N.C. Museum of Art: "Monet in Normandy"

\$15 general admission, \$12 students, seniors, groups of 10 or more. Children under 6 are free. Visit the exhibition between 2 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for only \$12; \$9 for students and seniors.

919-839-6262

www.ncartmuseum.org

N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences: "SPACE: A Journey to Our Future"

Free

919-733-7450

www.naturalsciences.org

N.C. Museum of History: "The Columbus Code: An Interactive Adventure" and "The Carolina

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Mountains: Photography of Margaret Morley"

Free

919-807-7900

www.ncmuseumofhistory.org

Exploris Museum: The Enemy Within: Terror in America 1776 to Today

\$5 Combination pricing with museum and IMAX will also be available.

IMAX: www.exploris.org/imax

919-834-4040

www.exploris.org

Thurs. Nov. 2 - Wed. Nov. 8:

Broadway Musical - The Music Man

Memorial Auditorium at Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts

\$28 - \$63

919-831-6013

www.nctheatre.com

Sat. Nov. 4 - Sun. Nov. 5:

21st International Festival

Dorton Arena, N. C. State

Fairgrounds, Raleigh

\$6 at the door, \$5 in advance. FREE for children ages 12 and under.

www.internationalfestival.org



Wed. Nov. 2:

Wednesday Grape Crush, 5-7pm

Choose from our specially selected red & white wine flights and enjoy complimentary appetizers from the bar.

The Grape at Cameron Village
919-833-2669
www.yourgrape.com

Sat. Nov. 4:

Wine Tasting: Taste our Grapes by the Bunch®!
Design your own flight of three or more 2.5-ounce glasses for The Ultimate Experience in Wine & Fun. The Grape at Cameron Village
www.yourgrape.com
919-833-2669

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