

The DEAD SEA Scrolls



Archeological Treasures

Discover the greatest archeological treasures in the history of mankind – the **Dead Sea Scrolls (6/28-12/28)** at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences. This blockbuster exhibition, which is expected to draw more than 200,000 visitors, will display 12 authentic scrolls, representing portions of the Biblical books of Genesis, Isaiah, Deuteronomy, Exodus and others. Also on display will be more than 100 ancient artifacts, non-biblical manuscripts, religious writings and prayer texts. In addition, the museum will explore scientific conservation and preservation of the Scrolls.

Best of...

Not a month goes by that the Raleigh area is not mentioned on a *best of* list. In May, the Raleigh area was listed as a "Top 10 Place for Young Adults" by *BizJournals* while *Kiplingers* ranked Raleigh as the #2 city on its annual "Top 10 Cities List." *BestLife* Magazine ranked the Raleigh-Durham region on its list of "Top 100 Places to Raise a Family."

Finishing Touches (RCC)

Construction at the Raleigh Convention Center, slated to open September 5, is moving right along. The building is currently 86% complete and the area's newest outdoor art installation, the Cree Shimmer Wall, will begin to be assembled in early June. The Raleigh Convention Center is planning Raleigh Wide Open 3 to celebrate the grand opening of the building September 5-7. The community-wide celebration, expected to attract more than 100,000 people, will feature a street festival throughout Fayetteville Street and downtown with music, food, art vendors and street performers. The International Festival will take place in the convention center, with a parade a fireworks finishing out the activity packed weekend.

Tee Time

The downtown Raleigh landscape adds to its \$2 billion renaissance with the opening of N.C. State University's Arnold Palmer-designed golf course at Centennial Campus. The 18-hole Lonnie Poole Golf Course will feature a 7,200-yard, par-71 layout located on 200-acres of the southern-end of campus and is on schedule to open next spring. The spring 2009 completion of this course will add to the more than 20 area courses, and will be the only public course in downtown Raleigh. Ideally located within minutes of the new Raleigh Convention Center and Marriott City Center headquarters hotel, the course will provide the opportunity for both leisure and convention visitors to be in close proximity to one of the area's most notable sporting activities.



A Place Set for You

Culinary offerings in Greater Raleigh are sure to please any palate and there are many new restaurants setting the table for you. Here are a few of the newest restaurants in our community:

101 Lounge Café

444 South Blount St., Raleigh

Champa Thai Café

16 W. Martin St., Raleigh

Fat Philly's

7272 G.B. Alford Highway,
Holly Springs

Guacamole Grill

1305 NW Maynard Rd., Cary

Laku

7201 Old Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh

The Korean Steakhouse

4614 Capital Blvd., Raleigh

Tom Yum Thai

685 Cary Towne Blvd., Cary

Tráí Irish Restaurant and Pub

10370-109 Moncreiffe Rd., Raleigh



Tyler's Taproom

1483 Beaver Creek Commons Dr.,
Apex

Yum Yum Thai Cuisine

1861 N. Harrison Ave., Cary

Tour

Want to explore the history, burgeoning culinary scene or just take a romantic tour through a 19th-century Victorian neighborhood? Start by discovering one of the many new tours being offered

in downtown Raleigh. Triangle Segway, located in historic City Market, offers 45-minute and two-hour guided tours highlighting historic neighborhoods and landmarks, while Triangle Food Tour takes visitors on a three-hour walking tour of some of downtown Raleigh's unique and historic restaurants and bars. Have someone else do all the work by hopping in a Raleigh Rickshaw and take a ride to one of downtown's restaurants, attractions or nightlife offerings.

Staff Sidebar

Jonathan Freeze has joined the Bureau staff as Director of Marketing. In this position Jonathan is responsible for managing the creative development of all advertising, traditional and online marketing programs, community awareness, research and maintaining a strong internet presence. Jonathan brings more than eight years of tourism experience to the Bureau, most recently working with the Durham CVB in a myriad of positions including: Director of Marketing and Communications, Director of Marketing Research and Brand Management positions. To get in touch with Jonathan or welcome him to the Bureau team, call 645-2663 or email jfreeze@visitraleigh.com

Scott Dupree has been promoted to Vice President of Sports Marketing. A 14-year veteran of the Bureau, Scott is charged with attracting new sports tournaments, events and championships to Wake County venues, as well as enhancing the area's current sports product and encouraging repeat business.

5/3 Wednesdays Moore Square Farmers Market. Moore Square; Free; (919) 832-1231

6/5-6/8 *Carolina Jamboree*. Carolina Ballet. Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts; \$17-\$59; (919) 719-0900

6/5-6/8 *Got To Be N.C. Fest*. N.C. State Fairgrounds; Free; (919) 733-7887

6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 N.C. Symphony Summerfest Series. Koka Booth Amphitheatre; \$20-\$30; (919) 462-2052

6/10 R.E.M. with Modest Mouse. Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek; \$29-\$59; (919) 831-4040

6/14 & 6/28 Bud Light Downtown Live. Moore Square; Free; (919) 844-1515

6/21 Toby Keith and Montgomery Gentry. Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek; \$20-\$44; (919) 831-4040

6/21-6/22 2008 Raleigh Antiques Expo. N.C. State Fairgrounds; \$5; (757) 430-4735

6/25 An Evening with Emmylou Harris. N.C. Museum of Art Park Theatre; \$12-\$45; (919) 715-5923

6/28-12/28 *Dead Sea Scrolls*. N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences; \$3-\$22; (919) 733-7450