

Group Tours & Field Trips

Connect with colonial America and interact with the past at North Carolina's first state capitol – Tryon Palace. To book your tour or for more information, contact Group Services at 252-639-3524.

One Day Pass-All Ages

Explore more than 300 years of local history by touring Tryon Palace's historic and re-constructed buildings. Interact with costumed interpreters as they bring early American history to life. Then get a 21st century experience with the North Carolina History Center's state of the art exhibits and galleries. This comprehensive ticket allows you to explore all that Tryon Palace has to offer and fully explore the rich history of New Bern and eastern North Carolina.

Available: Year-round Duration: 4 to 5 hours

Price: \$6 for students, \$15 for adults

(1 complimentary adult ticket per 10 student tickets purchased)

Galleries Pass-All Ages

For those groups who want to experience the atmosphere of Tryon Palace but not go on a guided tour, the Gardens and Galleries tour is an ideal option. Discover the history of coastal North Carolina in the Regional History Museum and the Pepsi Family Center, where you'll step back into 1835 in and explore an interactive virtual village. And just across the street, explore our fourteen acres of magnificent colonial revival gardens. Does not include Governor's Palace or any other historic buildings.

Available: Year-round **Duration:** 2 to 3 hours

Price: \$3 for students, \$10 for adults

(1 complimentary adult ticket per 10 student tickets purchased)

Governor's Pass-All Ages

Experience guided tours of the Governor's Palace and the Kitchen Office, where a costumed interpreter brings the past to life by demonstrating 18th century cooking techniques. Explore the intricate and elaborate Palace gardens, and if time permits, take a tour through our historic homes. The Governor's Pass does not include galleries and exhibits in the North Carolina History Center.

Available: Year-round Duration: 2.5 to 3 hours

Price: \$4 for students, \$12 for adults (1 complimentary adult ticket per 10 student tickets purchased)





A Day in the Life: 19th-Century New Bern–Grades 3-8

Although no longer the capitol of North Carolina, New Bern remained a bustling port into the 19th century and was one of the state's largest towns until the 1930s. Experience that history with tours of the Governor's Palace, Regional History Museum and the Pepsi Family Center, where students can help the town prosper by working at the wharves, in a turpentine distillery, and local businesses. Step back into 1835 and visit the home of Robert Hay and his family as you help them with their daily chores. Tour does not include Kitchen Office, Stable, gardens or the remaining 2 historic homes.



Available: March-November at 10 a.m.

Duration: 3 to 3.5 hours

Price: \$6 for students, \$15 for adults

(1 complimentary adult ticket per 10 student tickets purchased)

Maximum group size: 96 students/20 adults

Time Traveling Tots

In this exciting program available to preschools, children will learn about the past through stories, objects, and crafts. Choose from the following:

- Let's Get Growing: Explore Tryon Palace's beautiful gardens
- Curious Clothes: Try on what the colonists wore
- · Music Makers: Learn about the instruments and music used by early Americans

Available: Year-round

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Price: \$30 flat materials fee plus \$6 per chaperone Maximum group size: 25 children per time slot

PLANNING AHEAD

Group reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance of your planned visit. Tryon Palace has a Museum Store with items for adults and children, beverage vending machines on-site, and a café in the North Carolina History Center. Box lunches and "grab bags" are available upon request; however, there is no indoor eating space for tour groups.

THE DAY OF YOUR VISIT

Allow your group plenty of travel time. Late arrivals may not be able to see everything normally included in the tour. Bring your confirmation materials with you. Upon arrival, check in at the Ticket Desk at the North Carolina History Center Main Entrance, located at 529 South Front Street. This is where you'll obtain passes and begin your tour.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION

School groups receive one complimentary adult pass per 10 student passes. These passes may be assigned to teachers, assistants, or other adult chaperones.

SITE GUIDELINES

- Large groups are typically split into smaller groups of 25 people or less.
- Our gardens are an important part of our collection. We ask that students be supervised to ensure that plantings are not damaged during the tours.
- · Food, drinks, gum, and backpacks are not allowed in the exhibition buildings.
- Photography is not allowed in the galleries and historic buildings; however, visitors may take photos of the gardens and inside the Pepsi Family Center.
- Teachers and chaperones must remain with school groups at all times during the visit.

