



HISTORY OF EARLY AMERICA, CAROLINA BAYS AND GRAPES

Full-Day History & Heritage Itinerary



Journey through the small towns and sites steeped in all types of history from Revolutionary War sites to natural and agricultural history.

Begin your tour with a stay at the beautiful historic [Elizabethtown Inn](#) (be sure to look for the bullet hole in the wall and ask to hear that story).



Wake up refreshed and ready to explore the 250-plus years of history in [Elizabethtown](#).

Pick up a copy of the Self-Guided Tour at the Cape Fear Farmers Market and discover tales that range from being of a Revolutionary War Battleground to the hometown of a Space Shuttle Astronaut.



Marvel at the simplistic beauty of [Old Trinity Methodist Church and Cemetery](#) (1848) in charming downtown Elizabethtown, on the hill above the curvaceous Cape Fear River.

All that walking and exploring will make you hungry – try delicious specialty croissants at the original [Burney's Sweet Shop](#) or one of the famous [Melvins'](#) hamburgers.



Next, enjoy your drive down scenic country roads leading to Brown's Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (1818) near Clarkton, NC.

Pick up some to-go goodies from the cooler at [Traxx Chic Vintiques](#) by the railroad tracks. You never know what treasure you may discover while you explore their eclectic vendor booths.



Then, head back up Hwy 701 to [Jones Lake State Park](#) to enjoy your morsels in the outdoors, soaking up the beauty of the natural history there. Make sure to stop in the Interpretive Center to find the hand-dug canoe used by long-ago natives of this beautiful land and learn about the Carolina Bays that dot the landscape.



Leaving Harmony Hall, cross over the mighty Cape Fear River, that once served as the transportation route from Wilmington to Fayetteville.



As you pass by pecan groves and peanut fields, remember these farms were once supported by tobacco and had to redefine themselves to survive.

End this adventure with “sunset and slushie” at a fourth-generation family farm, [Lu-Mil Vineyard](#), sipping a glass of local wine on the deck overlooking pond, vines, and historic farming equipment.

