

Charlotte

Relocation Guide



Charlotte | Union County | Surrounding NC and SC Communities

A curated introduction to local living, communities, education, healthcare, dining, and your next move.

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Concierge Relocation

Personal guidance for your move

Your relocation begins with understanding how you want to live. Luxe Fine Properties helps you connect your home search with your daily routines, design preferences, budget, and long-term goals.

A focused home search

Explore homes and communities that reflect your priorities, with guidance on location, property condition, layout, and the practical details of ownership.

Coordination from a distance

Plan property visits, virtual previews, and a clear purchase timeline. We can help coordinate introductions to lenders, inspectors, closing attorneys, and moving resources as needed.

Private client support

For professional athletes and executives, discuss privacy priorities, schedule constraints, temporary housing needs, and available property options. Rental and off-market opportunities depend on availability.

Design-informed guidance

Tamera Merrill brings a background in interior architecture to conversations about space planning, presentation, and a home's potential.

[Discuss your relocation with Tamera >](#)

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Welcome to Charlotte

A personal welcome from Tamera Merrill



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Charlotte and its surrounding communities offer many ways to make yourself at home, from an Uptown condominium to a tree-lined neighborhood or an estate in Union County.

I created this guide to help you begin exploring the places, services, and everyday experiences that will shape your move. You will find local resources alongside a practical checklist for choosing a home and planning your relocation.

As Founder and Broker of Luxe Fine Properties and an NC/SC Realtor, I offer a boutique approach with personal attention throughout your search. My background includes a master's degree in Interior Architecture, commercial design, and project management.

Together, we can consider the details that matter to you: your commute, preferred setting, property features, and the way you want your home to function.

I look forward to helping you find your place in the Charlotte region.

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Local Living

Weather and the cost of owning a home

Four distinct seasons

Charlotte experiences hot, humid summers and generally milder winters than many northern cities. Spring and autumn offer opportunities to enjoy parks and outdoor spaces. Heavy rain, thunderstorms, and occasional winter weather can affect plans.

Budget for the complete picture

Compare more than the purchase price. Include property taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance, HOA dues, and any commuting or parking costs. Expenses vary by municipality, property type, and condition.

An estate requires its own plan

For acreage, pools, extensive landscaping, wells, or septic systems, ask about service history and ongoing upkeep. For condominiums, review association finances, dues, insurance responsibilities, and potential assessments.

Start with your priorities

Decide which features are essential and where you can be flexible. A home that supports your routine can be more useful than a larger home with a difficult commute.

[Charlotte climate information | National Weather Service >](#)

Ask for current, property-specific estimates rather than relying on a citywide cost-of-living comparison.

Employment and Getting Around

Build your home search around your routine



Charlotte's employment landscape includes finance, healthcare, energy, logistics, and professional services. Your workplace location and schedule are useful starting points for selecting an area.

Test your commute

Drive between a prospective home and your regular destinations at the times you expect to travel. Consider school pickup, airport trips, parking, and alternate routes. Travel times vary with traffic and events.

Explore transit access

The LYNX Blue Line connects the I-485/South Boulevard area with UNC Charlotte, passing through South End and Uptown. Check current routes and schedules before relying on transit for a daily commute.

Plan airport travel

For frequent travel, compare routes to Charlotte Douglas International Airport and allow for traffic, parking, and security. Check the airport's current travel guidance.

[CATS routes and schedules >](#)

[Charlotte Douglas International Airport >](#)

Carolina BalloonFest

A fall outing in Statesville

Carolina BalloonFest brings hot air balloons, live entertainment, vendors, and activities to Statesville. It is a regional excursion to consider when you are exploring life beyond Charlotte.

What to expect

The festival schedule includes balloon flight windows and other entertainment. Flights and balloon activities depend on weather and safety conditions; a ticket does not guarantee that every planned flight will take place.

Plan your visit

Use the organizer's current schedule for dates, gates, parking, ticket options, and activity details. Allow time for the drive and event traffic, and check the forecast before leaving.

Make it part of your regional calendar

When planning a relocation visit, leave time for a local event as well as home tours. Experiencing the region at different times of day can help you understand the pace of daily life.

[Carolina BalloonFest | Official event information >](#)

[Current festival schedule >](#)

Statesville, North Carolina | Dates and activities are subject to change.

Annual Events

Discover local art and dining



Festival in the Park

Held at Freedom Park, this longstanding Charlotte event features artists, entertainment, and food. Check the organizer's website for dates and visitor details.

[Festival in the Park >](#)

Taste of Charlotte

This food festival offers a way to sample local restaurants in Uptown. Review the event's current location, payment options, and schedule before visiting.

[Taste of Charlotte >](#)

Queen's Feast Charlotte Restaurant Week

Held in January and July, Queen's Feast offers prix fixe menus at participating restaurants across the metro region. Menus, prices, and participation vary; reservations are encouraged.

[Queen's Feast >](#)

Follow official organizers for current dates, ticket requirements, and weather-related changes.

Planning Your Local Calendar

Find experiences near your new home

Charlotte events

Use the region's visitor calendar to explore performances, exhibitions, sports, and seasonal events. Filter by your interests and the dates of your visit.

[Charlotte regional events calendar >](#)

Union County outings

Check municipal websites for downtown events, parks programming, and community activities. Confirm locations, parking, and registration before making plans.

[Town of Waxhaw >](#)

Build a realistic preview trip

Combine a few property tours with everyday errands: visit a grocery store, try your commute, walk nearby public spaces, and see the area in the evening.

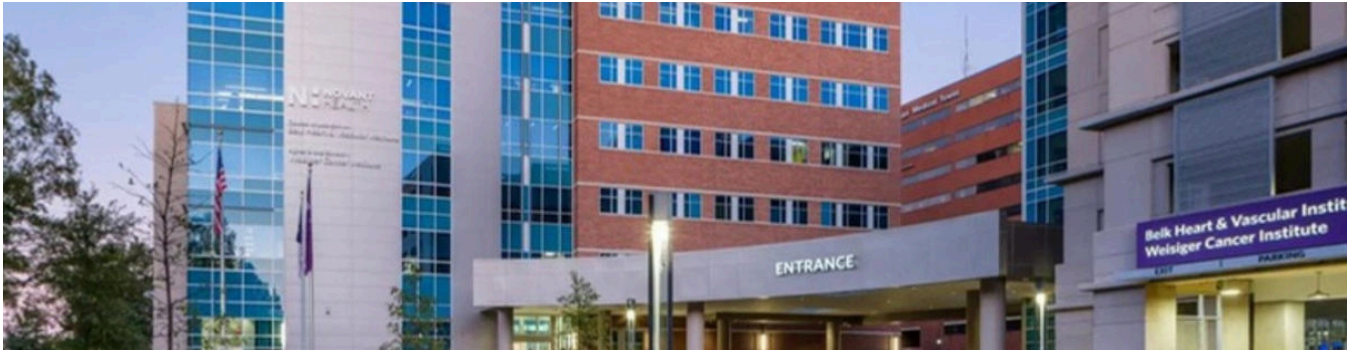
Choose activities around your needs

Review accessibility information, age policies, pet rules, and ticket conditions directly with the venue. For outdoor events, have a weather alternative.

Event listings are a starting point. The organizer's current information controls dates, availability, and visitor requirements.

Healthcare

Hospitals and outpatient care



The Charlotte region is served by Atrium Health and Novant Health. Use each system's location directory to identify care near your home and confirm services and insurance participation.

Hospital options

Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, Atrium Health Mercy, Atrium Health Pineville, Atrium Health University City, and Atrium Health Union West are options to research. Novant Health options include Presbyterian, Mint Hill, Huntersville, and Ballantyne medical centers.

Primary care and outpatient services

Atrium Health Biddle Point provides family medicine and primary care. Morehead Medical Plaza includes outpatient and specialty services.

Before your move

Confirm that your health plan covers the providers you choose. Transfer records, arrange prescriptions, and establish primary and specialty care before a gap in treatment occurs.

[Atrium Health location directory >](#)

[Novant Health location directory >](#)

For an emergency, call 911. This directory is for relocation planning.

Higher Education

Explore institutions across the region

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

UNC Charlotte's main campus is in University City. Visit its official website for academic programs, campus tours, and current admissions information.

[UNC Charlotte >](#)

Queens University of Charlotte

Explore current programs and admissions information directly with Queens. Check its official announcements for institutional updates.

[Queens University of Charlotte >](#)

Davidson College

Located in Davidson, this liberal arts college offers another way to explore the region's educational and cultural life.

[Davidson College >](#)

Central Piedmont Community College

Review degree, career training, and continuing education options through Central Piedmont's official program directory.

[Central Piedmont >](#)

Confirm program availability, admissions requirements, and campus locations with each institution.

Schools and Districts

Public school systems and independent schools

Begin school research with the exact property address. A town name, mailing address, or subdivision name alone does not establish a school assignment.

Public school districts

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools serves Mecklenburg County. Union County Public Schools is the public district to research for Union County. For Fort Mill and Tega Cay addresses, check Fort Mill School District boundaries and the address-specific locator.

[Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools >](#)

[Union County Public Schools >](#)

[Fort Mill School District >](#)

Independent schools

Charlotte Country Day School and Providence Day School are independent schools. Admissions, tuition, transportation, and enrollment availability should be confirmed directly with each school.

[Charlotte Country Day School >](#)

[Providence Day School >](#)

These are selected resources, not a ranking or an exhaustive list. Assignments and enrollment policies can change.

Researching School Options

Use official address-based resources

1 Confirm the address and school year

Enter the full home address in the district's official tool. Check that the result applies to the year your child will enroll.

2 Verify directly with the district

Ask about boundaries, registration documents, transportation, program eligibility, and any planned changes. Confirm information before making a purchase decision.

3 Compare programs that matter to you

Review curriculum, learning support, extracurricular activities, schedules, and transportation. Arrange school visits or speak with admissions staff when available.

[CMS registration and assigned-school resources >](#)

[UCPS address-based school assignment finder >](#)

[Fort Mill attendance maps and school locator >](#)

For homes outside these districts, contact the public school system serving the property. Independent and choice programs have their own admissions requirements.

Things to Do

Science, motorsports, outdoor adventure, and art

Discovery Place Science

Explore interactive science exhibits and the Charlotte IMAX Dome Theatre in Uptown. Check current exhibitions, tickets, and hours.

[Discovery Place Science >](#)

NASCAR Hall of Fame

Learn about motorsports history and explore the Hall's exhibits and experiences in Uptown. Review the current visitor information before going.

[NASCAR Hall of Fame >](#)

U.S. National Whitewater Center

Explore rafting, trails, and other outdoor activities. Passes, reservations, and availability vary by activity and season.

[Whitewater | Activities and visitor information >](#)

Metamorphosis

This rotating stainless steel sculpture is located at Whitehall Corporate Center in Charlotte. Use the official site for location and visitor information.

[Metamorphosis at Whitehall Corporate Center >](#)

Check accessibility, operating hours, and ticket requirements directly with each attraction.

Shopping

Explore three distinct destinations

SouthPark

SouthPark offers designer and national retailers with dining nearby. Use the current center directory to plan your visit and confirm individual store hours.

[SouthPark | Store directory >](#)

Ballantyne Village

This South Charlotte destination combines shops, services, dining, and events. Browse its directory to see what is available during your visit.

[Ballantyne Village | Directory and events >](#)

Atherton in South End

Atherton brings retail and dining together in South End, with preserved mill architecture alongside newer development. It offers a starting point for exploring the surrounding neighborhood.

[Atherton | Current property information >](#)

Store lineups and hours change. Confirm details with the destination or retailer.

Rooftop Dining

Skyline views and elevated settings

Fahrenheit Charlotte

An Uptown restaurant with rooftop views and contemporary American cuisine. Review the current menu and reservation options.

[Fahrenheit Charlotte >](#)

Nuvole Rooftop TwentyTwo

An Uptown rooftop lounge featuring cocktails, small plates, and skyline views.

[Nuvole Rooftop TwentyTwo >](#)

Merchant and Trade

A rooftop bar at Kimpton Tryon Park Hotel with cocktails and bar bites. This is a 21-and-over venue.

[Merchant and Trade >](#)

Aura Rooftop

A rooftop lounge at JW Marriott Charlotte. Review the current menu, events, and visitor policies.

[Aura Rooftop >](#)

Mizu

A SouthPark restaurant featuring wood-fired seafood, sushi, and Japanese-inspired cooking with Southern influences.

[Mizu >](#)

Selected rooftop options. Menus, hours, reservations, age policies, and outdoor seating vary. Ask Tamera about dining near the communities you are exploring.

Parks and Outdoor Living

Make time for everyday outdoor routines



Parks and greenways can become part of your daily routine. When comparing homes, explore public outdoor spaces nearby and consider how you would actually reach and use them.

Freedom Park

A Charlotte destination to research for a walk, recreation, or a relaxed afternoon. Check the county's current park information for amenities and events.

Uptown public spaces

Romare Bearden Park and First Ward Park offer places to pause while exploring the city center. Check local programming and visitor information.

Trails and nature preserves

Research Little Sugar Creek Greenway, McAlpine Creek Park, and Mecklenburg County nature preserves through official maps. Verify trail access points, closures, and permitted activities.

[Mecklenburg County parks directory >](#)

Evaluate access, terrain, parking, and posted rules for the specific park or trail you plan to visit.

Park and Trail Resources

Verified tools for planning a visit

Mecklenburg County parks

Find park listings and current facility information through the county's directory. Select the location you plan to visit for details on amenities and access.

[Official parks directory >](#)

Greenways

Review current trail descriptions and maps. Check access points, connections, and closures before choosing a route.

[Official greenway resources >](#)

Nature preserves

Use the county's preserve resources to find trail maps and outdoor programming.

[Nature centers and preserves >](#)

Waxhaw trails

Explore municipal greenways and trails through the Town of Waxhaw. Confirm which connections are open and which are planned.

[Waxhaw greenways and trails >](#)

Official resources provide the most useful updates for routes, access, and facilities. Review pet rules and accessibility information before visiting.

The Charlotte Collection

Begin with the setting that suits your routine

Charlotte and Union County offer a range of property types and settings. Compare the features of individual homes alongside the character of the surrounding area.

Area	What to explore	Questions to ask
Marvin and Weddington	Residential settings, estate properties, and larger lots	Lot maintenance, HOA rules, utilities, and your commute
Waxhaw	Historic downtown, established neighborhoods, and newer communities	Town limits, planned development, and access to daily destinations
Myers Park and Dilworth	Established streets and historic residential architecture	Condition, renovation history, and restrictions on alterations
SouthPark and Ballantyne	Residential options near shopping and employment destinations	Traffic patterns, property type, and ongoing ownership costs
South End and Uptown	Condominiums, townhomes, and urban amenities	Parking, noise, association finances, and transit access

Luxe insight

Choose a home around your own priorities. Walkability, privacy, maintenance, and convenience vary by property and street, even within the same neighborhood.

For schools, use the exact address and current district information. Community descriptions are starting points for exploration.

Beyond Charlotte

Lake Norman and South Carolina options

Huntersville Cornelius and Davidson

Explore communities around Lake Norman for a range of residential settings. For a waterfront property, examine shoreline conditions, permitted structures, access rights, insurance, and maintenance with appropriate professionals.

Fort Mill and Tega Cay

These South Carolina communities are options to consider alongside your Charlotte-area search. Compare commuting routes, property costs, amenities, and the public school district serving the exact address.

Belmont Matthews and Indian Trail

Consider these additional communities as your search develops. Evaluate the specific home, nearby services, traffic, and your regular travel destinations rather than relying on a broad area label.

Compare across state lines

Ask your lender and closing attorney about the purchase process and property-specific costs in the state where you plan to buy. Tax and insurance comparisons should use current estimates for the actual home.

[Explore your options with Luxe Fine Properties >](#)

Your shortlist should reflect your budget, preferred setting, commute, and ownership priorities.

Your Moving Checklist

A practical timeline for your relocation

Before your home search

Set a purchase and monthly ownership budget. Discuss financing, identify essential home features, and map your regular destinations. Share your preferred timing and any temporary housing needs.

During your search

Visit shortlisted areas at different times. Verify school assignments where relevant. Review HOA documents, utilities, insurance estimates, and property condition with your advisors.

Once under contract

Track contract deadlines. Arrange inspections and any specialist reviews. Confirm financing milestones, insurance, closing arrangements, and moving availability.

Before moving day

Schedule utility transfers and internet installation. Arrange mail forwarding, records transfers, and school enrollment where needed. Confirm elevator, loading, or moving rules for your building or community.

At closing and after arrival

Complete the agreed final walkthrough. Obtain keys and access information. Locate water shutoffs and electrical panels, update your address, and check your state's current driver's license and vehicle registration requirements.

Before sending closing funds, verify instructions by calling your closing office at an independently confirmed number.

Buying in North Carolina and South Carolina

Understand the process before making an offer

Begin with representation

Discuss the scope of buyer services, agency relationships, agreement terms, and compensation before committing. Ask how any buyer-paid amounts fit into your budget.

Review the actual contract

North Carolina and South Carolina transactions use different forms and practices. Review deposits, inspections, financing terms, deadlines, and termination provisions with your agent and attorney.

Understand North Carolina due diligence

When using a North Carolina contract with a due diligence period, confirm what the period permits and when it ends. A due diligence fee and an earnest money deposit serve different purposes; refund rights depend on the contract and circumstances.

Plan a South Carolina purchase

Have your advisors explain the South Carolina contract you will use, including inspection and financing provisions, earnest money, and closing arrangements. Do not assume a North Carolina timeline or refund rule applies.

Prepare for closing

Confirm title work, lender conditions, insurance, signing arrangements, final figures, and the timing of possession. Your signed agreement and your closing team govern the transaction.

[NC Real Estate Commission | Due diligence overview >](#)

[SC Real Estate Commission | Consumer resources >](#)

General orientation only. Obtain advice on your specific contract from your agent, lender, and closing attorney.

Who We Are

Boutique service with a personal point of contact

Personal attention

Your goals shape the search. We take time to understand your priorities and help you compare the details that affect your decision.

Design perspective

Tamera's interior architecture background brings an informed perspective to layout, function, finishes, and presentation. Property decisions also require appropriate inspections and professional advice.

Clear communication

Relocation involves many moving parts. We help you organize the next steps, understand your options, and coordinate with the professionals involved in your purchase.

Thoughtful local guidance

From Charlotte neighborhoods to Union County and surrounding NC/SC communities, we help you build a focused shortlist around your own lifestyle and ownership needs.

Luxe Fine Properties was founded by Tamera Merrill to offer a boutique real estate experience with personal service and a design-informed approach.

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Working With Luxe

Begin your Charlotte relocation



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Founded by Tamera Merrill, Luxe Fine Properties offers personal guidance for buyers and sellers in Charlotte, Union County, and surrounding North Carolina and South Carolina communities.

For your move, we begin with a conversation about timing, budget, home features, and the places you need to reach. From there, we can develop a focused search and coordinate the next steps toward your purchase.

Schedule your relocation consultation

Tell Tamera where you are moving from, when you hope to arrive, and what matters most in your next home.

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