



CHARLOTTE

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# EXPERIENCES FOR TWO INSPIRE A "SUITE" SUMMER GETAWAY TO THE RITZ-CARLTON, CHARLOTTE

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** – May 29, 2019 – A new lineup of experiences for two invite couples to book a weekend getaway to <u>The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte</u>. <u>Reimagined suites</u> provide luxurious accommodations, complete with a separate living room and bedroom and floor-to-ceiling windows with views of Uptown Charlotte. Whether couples wish to find serenity, sip wine, or create a culinary delight, the hotel offers the ideal escape to the heart of the city.

## CREATE AT COCOA LAB

During the hands-on workshops in the private, chocolate-inspired kitchen, couples will learn to create summer-inspired cupcakes, North Carolina staples, and desserts using ingredients from the hotel's rooftop garden.

Students who book a <u>Cocoa Lab</u> class will enjoy complimentary parking, a recipe collection, and a keepsake apron as part of the \$150 USD class fee.

Newly-announced summer classes include:

# **Summertime Cupcakes**

June 15 / 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Toasty s'mores cupcakes
- Strawberry shortcake cupcakes
- Chocolate chip cookie dough cupcakes

# **North Carolina Fare**

*July 13 | 8:30a.m.* − *12:30 p.m.* 

- Cheddar chive biscuits
- Pecan peach cobbler
- Mississippi mud pie

# **Rooftop Baking**

August 3 / 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Honey vanilla bean crème brûlée
- Honey éclairs
- Mint Chocolate Chip Gelato

## Pizza

August 17 / 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Everyday pizza dough
- Savory: basic tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, and assorted toppings
- Sweet: strawberry sauce, Nutella, and assorted toppings

#### **Macarons**

September 7 / 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Demonstration of French macarons
- Cranberry orange macarons
- Caramel apple macarons
- Bourbon pecan pie macarons

## **Basic Cakes**

September 21 / 8:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Ritz-Carlton red velvet cake with cream cheese icing
- Lemon zinger cake with lemon buttercream
- Method of building and finishing basic cakes

#### SIP AND DINE AT HIDDEN WINE

A unique five-course dining experience and exclusive tasting events at <u>Hidden Wine</u> give couples an evening to remember. Sommelier-led classes for the summer will include:

# Champagne O'Clock

Insight on different champagne styles

## The Sweet Escape

A look into different styles of sweet and fortified wines around the world

## Rosé All Dav

August 9 | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Facts about rosé around the world

## A French Getaway

August  $23 \mid 6:30 \text{ p.m.} - 8 \text{ p.m.}$ 

A tour of wines throughout France

## Levels a Rioja

*September 6 | 6:30 p.m.* − 8 *p.m.* 

Indulge in a flight of four diverse vintages and observe the contrast in each

An exclusive Hidden Dinner experience will invite guests into the unique Design Studio, a space tucked away under stone arches on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. This five-course dining experience will include sommelier-selected wines from around the world paired with dishes crafted by Executive Chef Derrick Green. \$150/person.

#### FIND SERENITY AT THE RITZ-CARLTON SPA

The <u>bi-level penthouse spa</u> invites couples to rejuvenate the senses and spend time together during a couples' massage. Selections include Deep Muscle, Stress Relief, Relaxation or Naturally Nurtured Massages (80 minutes: \$390. 50 minutes: \$280). Our Ladies and Gentlemen recommend enjoying lunch poolside or indulging in the spa's amenities, including a pink Himalayan Salt Vault and a Relaxation Lounge.

The AAA Five Diamond Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte is located at 201 East Trade Street at the corner of Trade and College Streets, in the heart of Charlotte, North Carolina. For further information, visit the hotel website at <a href="www.ritzcarlton.com/charlotte">www.ritzcarlton.com/charlotte</a>, or to engage directly with the property, go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ritzcarltoncharlotte">https://www.facebook.com/ritzcarltoncharlotte</a>.

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