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HENDERSONVILLE'S HORSE SHOE FARM OFFERS MOUNTAIN VIEWS, FAMILY FUN, AND A LUXE SPA TUCKED INTO FORMER STABLES

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Stroll around the grounds of The Horse Shoe Farm in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and you'll sense a distinct mix of rustic Southern charm and bohemian chic. Collections from the owners' global travels are sprinkled tastefully at every turn. Imported dragon figurines from Indochina, a magnificent headboard made from Indian doors, blown glass crafted by one of artist Dale Chihuly's apprentices, and a football from Appalachian State's unexpected win against Michigan State in 2007 fill the expansive resort.

Horse Shoe Farm may be a collector's delight, but the 85-acre property offers more than a peek into a personal treasure trove. Owned by the Turchin family and named for the lucky shape of a bend in the French Broad River, the riverfront farmland has been reimaged as a luxurious vacation rental and resort-style development.

The land changed hands many times over the years—it is rumored to have held everything from a dairy farm to a travel agency—and it finally fell into receivership in 2008. John Turchin, a Southern Florida developer, Realtor, and owner of Western North Carolina's Sotheby's, planned to resell the property. However, the land sat on

the market without much interest, so in typical entrepreneur fashion, he dreamed up a farm-style development project with the help of his son, John, who also fell in love with the property's tranquility and its glowing sunsets over Mount Pisgah. The father-son duo set off to renovate the dilapidated horse stables and farmhouses dotting the property. With an exquisite eye for detail, the Turchin family restored the farm into a mountain oasis.

Containing eight rental homes, which can accommodate four to fourteen guests, Horse Shoe Farm can also be rented out for corporate, family, or wellness retreats. The farm retains its inherently rustic feel, while fully stocked kitchens, flawlessly manicured grounds, and ample amenities reflect the Turchins' lavish attention to detail. It's a dress-up or dress-down affair.

At Horse Shoe Farm, you'll find a customized vacation experience with a "choose-your-own-adventure" style. Guests can enjoy the serenity of the mountains, paddle on the French Broad River, relax in The Stable Spa, or explore surrounding towns. A prime selling point is the resort's location. Only 10 minutes from downtown Hendersonville and 15 minutes from Brevard and Pisgah National Forest, adventure is never far away. ➤



The Stable Spa (above) and the Stable House (below) are two of the many amenities at The Horse Shoe Farm.

Folks come to the property from as far away as Florida, Texas, Boston, and New York, and many are return visitors. The Horse Shoe Farm's national recognition and prized position on Matador's 2020 list of Top 25 Most Spectacular Hotels in the World sparked additional interest in this unique resort experience.

Amenities abound here. The game room is chock-full of art supplies, board games, billiards, and outdoor equipment. Guests are invited to relax in hammocks or hot tubs, get competitive on the sports fields, and explore the area. Outdoor activities include fishing, biking, paddleboarding, kayaking, swimming, and a meditative labyrinthine walking path. More projects, including an outdoor pool and a sauna, are underway—the sky's the limit for the Turchin family.

Case in point is The Stable Spa, which boasts an aesthetic like no other. Above your head, the massive chandelier—a flaming-red tangle of antlers—sets a dramatic tone for the space. The room's ambience expands to every last detail; warm oak walls, vibrant Aztec patterns, and ornamental crystals are reminiscent of Sedona, Arizona. But before you get swept away completely, the giant garage doors open to let in fresh mountain breezes, thrusting you back into the allure of Western North Carolina. Overlooking Mount Pisgah and the Blue Ridge Mountains, the spa takes its cues from the tranquil landscape, with chirping birds providing the soundtrack for ultimate relaxation.

Converted from old stables, each of the spa's treatment rooms is a renovated horse stall, with all the amenities you could need. The spa menu offers an extensive selection of treatments ranging from deep-tissue massages to energy work, acupuncture, and Ayurvedic treatments. Herbal foot baths are administered in antique claw-foot tubs, where you can relax overlooking the stunning scenery. The Stable Spa also offers a well-curated variety of wellness, meditation, sound-immersion, and yoga classes.

The resort's wellness aspect adds a distinctive ambience, one that seems to resonate deeply with visitors. But the farm's magic wasn't created overnight. The Turchins' passion project has evolved, according to guests' desires and reactions. Yet the renovation process has felt organic to the Turchins, who pride themselves on creating meaningful experiences and memories for every guest. **T**

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