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Forbes Travel Guide ranks Triangle restaurants, hotels and spas among best in world



Ferrington House **Krystal Kast Photographer**



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Triangle restaurants, hotels and spas rank among the best in the world, according to the [Forbes Travel Guide 2017 Star Awards](#) that were announced Wednesday.

The awards include [a global group](#) of the world's finest hotels, restaurants and spas "from Barcelona to Bali to Bogota."

[The Umstead Hotel and Spa](#) in Cary is the state's only five-star ranked hotel, according to the list.

[Hérons](#) in Cary - the restaurant at the Umstead - and [The Ferrington House Restaurant](#) in Pittsboro are the only five-star restaurants in North Carolina.

[The Ferrington House Inn](#) is the Triangle's only four-star ranked hotel. [Carolina Crossroads Restaurant](#), at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, and [Fairview Dining Room](#) in Durham are the four-star ranked restaurants in the Triangle. The Spa at Ferrington and the Umstead Spa are four-star ranked spas.

[The Carolina Hotel](#) at Pinehurst Resort and [Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club](#) both are mentioned as "recommended hotels."

Other North Carolina restaurants and hotels on the list are:

Four-star hotels:

- Inn on Biltmore Estate, Asheville
- Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands
- The Ballantyne Hotel & Lodge, Charlotte
- The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte

Four-star restaurants

- Gallery Restaurant, Charlotte

Four-star spas

- The Spa & Wellness Center, Charlotte
- The Spa at Ballantyne, Charlotte
- The Spa at Old Edwards, Highlands

Recommended Restaurants

- Dining Room at Inn on Biltmore Estate, Asheville
- Madison's Restaurant and Wine Garden, Highlands
- BLT Steak, Charlotte
- Kimball's Kitchen, Duck

Recommended Hotels

- Sanderling Resort, Duck

Forbes Travel Guide's scoring system uses a proprietary algorithm that weighs service at 75 percent and quality of the facility at 25 percent. Forbes inspectors anonymously evaluate properties against up to 800 standards in 162 destinations in 42 countries.

The five-start ranking for Umstead, Herons and Ferrington House is the latest accolade they've received. [Last week](#), chefs Steven Devereaux Greene of Herons and Colin Bedford of The Ferrington House were announced as a semifinalist for Best Chef: Southeast for the James Beard Foundation Awards.

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