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The Yadkin Valley Golf Experience was introduced to combine top-notch golf, distinctive wineries, quality lodging and historic towns all in one package. Based on comments and recommendations from golfers and their families that have taken advantage of this program, Yadkin Valley has far exceeded everyone's expectations.

The three hosting golf courses offer a distinctive different challenge to spice up your visit, while relaxing accommodations and excellent wine tastings make this truly an "experience to remember".

Cedarbrook Country Club - Elkin



Located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Cross Creek Country Club's 18-hole championship golf course opened in 1973. A Joseph Lee design flows just under 6800 yards and plays to a par 72, multiple tees give players a true challenge of golf.

A recent Kris Spence renovation updated the putting surface with an A-1 and A-4 blend of lush bent grass. There are 68 strategically placed bunkers and seven bodies of water throughout the course that add to the scenery, and are ready to penalize a wayward shot.

Zoysia-lined green side bunkers are steep faced so you will need to be comfortable with your club selection in order to ensure precise shot placement.

Cross Creek Country Club offers a comprehensive practice facility including a convenient driving range, a new short game chipping green and practice bunker; and putting green. Golf course conditions have always been a priority and the staff strives to uphold the course to very high standards. Cross Creek Country Club's attention to detail will ensure you have a golf experience that is second to none.



Cedarbrook Country Club was designed by one of North Carolina's most noted golf architects. Ellis Maples, who studied under Donald Ross and whose family has perhaps the deepest roots in North Carolina golf, sculpted Cedarbrook out of rolling countryside, thick forests, and sparkling lakes. The result was another Maples classic. The course offers a unique and thrilling test each and every time you tee it up.

From the front nine's majestic, undulating greens to the back nine's requirement of shot-making precision, Cedarbrook continues to withstand the test of time.

No matter your ability, Cedarbrook has a different challenge for everyone with its four sets of tees and variety of course setups. One thing is certain...you will always enjoy your rounds of golf here.

After a round of golf on the challenging Ellis Maples design, enjoy a meal in the main dining room, or on the veranda overlooking the golf course and picturesque foothills or retire to the second floor "Crow's Nest Lounge", offering an even more spectacular view of the property.

Cross Creek Country Club - Mt. Airy



Olde Beau - Roaring Gap



Olde Beau, named for the original developer Billy Satterfield's faithful bulldog, has been named one of the "Top 50 Development Courses in the Southeast" by Golf Week magazine.

Established in 1992, the course returns to traditional flat greens with the absence of "blind shot" to the greens while making more than 1,500-feet of elevation changes with the result being a par-72 that measures 6,710 yards from the tips, 6,237 from the middle and 5,652 from the front tees. The greens are regulation bent grass and the fairways and rough are a blend of bluegrass.

With Olde Beau's elevation in the Blue Ridge Mountains, no one shoots in the 90's, at least not temperature wise. According to the US Weather Service the average high temperature in July and August at Olde Beau, near Roaring Gap is 81 degrees. So what a delight that can be for the Piedmont flat-landers.

Olde Beau offers lodging accommodations, real estate opportunities and banquet facilities just 15 miles from the Virginia border, and easily accessed from the Blue Ridge Parkway, NC 21 and I-77 at the Elkin exit.

To play Olde Beau, where the emerald green fairways overlook an ever-changing color palette of wildflowers, rhododendrons and seasonal foliage, is to feel as if you are playing golf on top of the world.

Typical golf industry packages include lodging and daily golf. In the Yadkin Valley, golfers receive that plus vouchers for complimentary winery tours and tastings at participating wineries. With a superb combination of sun, soil and soul, Yadkin Valley wineries are ideally located in the North Carolina region that is rapidly gaining a reputation for growing high-quality grapes and producing world-class award-winning wines.

Participating Yadkin Valley Wineries

Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, is the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina, spearheads the selection of wineries as part of the Yadkin Valley Golf Experience.

Other host wineries are:

- Grassy Creek Vineyards - Elkin - all wines are estate bottled at their White Barn Winery
- Old North State Winery - downtown Mount Airy - features outstanding wines as well as hand-crafted ale in the tasting bar
- Round Peak Vineyards - Mount Airy - estate bottled wines - sitting at 1,300 feet offering outstanding vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains
- Brushy Mountain Winery - downtown Elkin - has a modern, relaxing tasting room w/ works from local artists adorning the walls
- JOLO Winery and Vineyards - high-end boutique winery that provides a comfortable tasting room and excellent views of nearby Pilot Mountain.

Yadkin Valley Lodging

Lodging comes in a range of options including:

- Fairfield Inn & Suites Elkin, the most convenient access to a majority of area attractions, excellent restaurants and golf courses
- Hampton Inn & Suites Shelton Vineyards, with its on-site wine bar, complimentary shuttle to/from the winery and bicycle rental
- Hampton Inn Mount Airy - great amenities including an indoor pool
- The Rockford Inn Bed & Breakfast - Dodson - step back in time in this 1848 Antebellum house at the crest of 6 rolling acres that invokes memories of a simpler time
- Cabins at White Sulphur Springs - Blue Ridge foothills - on the site of the historic 1910 White Sulphur Springs Hotel
- Klondike Cabins - Elkin's Grassy Creek Winery - nestled amid the peaceful 100-acre estate formerly owned by the well-known textile industry Hanes family.

It's fairways and Chardonnays, Merlot and Mayberry, mountain scenes and delicious cuisine. The Yadkin Valley is a new type of golf getaway that combines scenic golf with award-winning wineries in a peaceful setting. To book your Yadkin Valley Golf Experience call toll free (855) 398-4653 to book this package or logon at www.yadkinvalleygolf.com