9-DAY ITINERARY: PEAKS, PEACHESS, BEACHESS, BE

DAY 1: ATLANTA

WELCOME TO ATLANTA: Atlanta boasts things to do with personality, adventure and unforgettable experiences rolled into one fabulous city. Test your adventurous side with outdoor fun at one of the city's many green spaces; dig into ATL's deep culture through historic sites and museums. Feel the soulful vibe of local musicians across the city or stroll through endless neighborhoods filled with unique shops. Whatever you choose, you're in for the trip of a lifetime. in for the trip of a lifetime.

DAY 2: ATLANTA

SEE THE CITY: Spend the day exploring Georgia's capital city, from its place in the Civil Rights Movement at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, to the iconic attractions of today. Drive to the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, to the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where three generations of the King family preached. Or visit the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum. This afternoon, return to downtown. Head to the World of Coca-Cola, where the famous soft drink's story is told through fascinating exhibits. In the evening, visit the Virginia Highlands district, Atlanta's most popular neighborhood for shopping, dining and nightlife.

DAY 3: ATLANTA TO SAVANNAH (249 mi/400 km)

HIGHWAY TO HISTORY: This morning, depart for Georgia's Atlantic coast and the oldest city in the state, Savannah. On the way, you may want to stop in the charming town of Macon, which is full of rich history, incredible architecture, exciting musical culture and excellent Southern cuisine. It's the perfect place for a relaxing lunch.

TOUR THE TOWN: This afternoon, get to know Savannah by experiencing a city tour, either on a period-style trolley or any number of walking tours, Segway tours or even by horse and carriage. You'll see some of Savannah's hundreds of restored buildings, such as the home of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, and the Mercer-Williams House, where the events described in the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" played out. Stroll along River Street this evening and dine on local seafood or take a dinner cruise on the Georgia Queen riverboat.











DAY 4: SAVANNAH

STROLL THE STREETS: Today, be sure to wander through a few of Savannah's 22 squares, designed by James Oglethorpe in 1733 and filled with statues, fountains, and lush vegetation that stays green year-round. Tour some of the historic homes and learn about Savannah's colonial, antebellum and Civil War history. If you're interested in shopping, City Market and Broughton Street are known for their quaint boutiques and galleries. As the sun sets, discover why Savannah is called "America's most haunted city" with a multitude of tour options. Before your tour, be sure to check out some of the city's amazing rooftop bars. A beautiful view, a light breeze and a fantastic cocktail are the perfect recipe for relaxation.

DAY 5: SAVANNAH TO CHARLESTON (108 mi/174 km)

HISTORY & MYSTERY: Travel through the Low Country to Charleston, South Carolina. Situated on a peninsula, this 340-year-old city oozes Southern charm and historical significance. The port city, founded in 1670, is defined by its cobblestone streets, horsedrawn carriages and pastel-colored antebellum mansions. The Battery promenade and Waterfront Park overlook Charleston Harbor, while Fort Sumter, a federal stronghold where the first shots of the Civil War rang out, lies across the water.

DAY 6: CHARLESTON

PLANTS AND PLANTATIONS: Today is the perfect day to visit numerous plantations and gardens just outside of Charleston. Moss-draped oak trees align the long road to Boone Hall, which is still a working plantation. There, one can tour the stately home, original slave cabins and beautiful gardens. At Magnolia Plantation, one will find the oldest gardens in America, which bloom year-round at this pre-Revolutionary War estate. Or one can stay in Charleston and explore some of the city's carefully preserved 18th and 19th-century homes, offering a glimpse into the lives of pre-Civil War gentility.

DAY 7: CHARLESTON TO ASHEVILLE (267 mi/430 km)

MOUNTAIN-BOUND: This morning's drive ends in Asheville, North Carolina, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Asheville boasts a thriving arts community, diverse outdoor adventures, a vibrant downtown, and numerous historic and architectural attractions such as the Biltmore Estate, the largest home in the United States, known as "America's Castle." Take a tour of this 250-room French château, completed in 1895, showcasing how people lived and worked in America at the turn of the last century. Explore the acres of beautiful gardens and grounds and Biltmore's world-class winery. You'll find that Asheville's restaurant scene goes well beyond its Southern cooking and roots, and many restaurants also feature live music from jazz to bluegrass.













DAY 8: ASHEVILLE

SCENIC BYWAYS: Scenic drives along the Blue Ridge Parkway are a must while in Asheville, and there are several places to visit. If soft adventure interests you, more than enough hiking trails, canopy tours or horseback riding options are available. At Grandfather Mountain, view the native animal habitats; enjoy hiking and testing your courage on the Mile High Swinging Bridge, or travel along old indigenous trading paths the Indians used to cross through the mountains to the villages in the Tennessee and Ohio River valleys. One can also choose to visit Hot Springs, named after the hot mineral waters. It's a haven for those seeking outdoor adventure, healing and relaxation.

DAY 9: ASHEVILLE TO ATLANTA (208 mi/335 km)

WINE & GOLD: As you wind down through the Appalachian Mountains today, you'll find many treasures on your way back to Atlanta. Your next stop will be Dahlonega, site of the first major U.S. gold rush and the heart of Georgia's wine country. Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Dahlonega offers expansive mountain vistas, roaring waterfalls, and postcard-worthy wineries. Whether your perfect day involves wading knee-deep in the river, panning for gold, strolling through art galleries, shopping in one-of-a-kind boutiques or sipping perfection expressed in Georgia wine, Dahlonega is guaranteed to please.

Depart Atlanta for home!









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