

Day 1

Atlanta

Arrive at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and transfer independently to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, you might be able to explore a little bit of the city. Maybe the impressive Georgia Aquarium or the World of Coca-Cola (be sure to enjoy free samples of Coke's beverages from around the world) or the lush Atlanta Botanical Garden, a sprawling oasis of smaller gardens. Alternatively, discover the city's rich history at places such as the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, filled with artefacts from the Civil Rights movement. Looking for a relaxing evening, check out a concert at one of the city's many live music venues, from major concert halls to intimate clubs. Refuel with 'hash brown' potatoes, and waffles at the iconic Atlanta-based diner chain Waffle House.

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Atlanta - Asheville

Prepare for an amazing array of sights and activities today as you travel north across the state line into Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park before venturing into North Carolina. The 'Smokies' are the most visited national park in the USA, known world-wide for rich Southern Appalachian culture and the magnificent beauty of the mountains in every season. Scenic drives abound, such as the Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where you can see waterfalls from your car or gorgeous Little River Road, featuring many riveting stops, including the Sinks waterfall, which is an easy hike from the main road. Later, head to Asheville, North Carolina, which is an ideal place to access the Blue Ridge Parkway, one of the USA's most captivating drives. Delight in beautiful mountain views, as well as outdoor activities amidst such lovely scenery. The Parkway connects several Asheville-area attractions, including the Biltmore Estate, a French Renaissance-style chateau with dazzling gardens and a winery. Asheville itself boasts a vibrant food and beverage culture, with locally owned cafes, many emphasizing organic ingredients, tucked in between galleries and craft breweries.

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Asheville - Charlotte

Today, Charlotte is on your road map. Get ready to experience a pit stop simulation at the NASCAR Hall of Fame, then watch a race, or drive a race car, at nearby Charlotte Motor Speedway. If you are a sports fan, a menu of professional teams depending on the season is on offer. Carolina Panthers football, Charlotte Hornets basketball and Charlotte Knight's baseball. If you are still seeking more adventure, visit the U.S. National Whitewater Center, and select your choice of activities from white-water rafting, zip-lining, and rock climbing. Charlotte also offers cultural opportunities such as the international Craft + Design collection at the Mint Museum Uptown, or the oral histories and other thought-provoking exhibits at the Levine Museum of the New South.

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Charlotte - Myrtle Beach

Your destination today offers a chance for a change of pace. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, beckons you to enjoy the simple pleasures of the golden sands of the Atlantic coast looking for seashells, then visit Broadway at the Beach, a diverse selection of open-air shops and restaurants specializing in local flavours. There are plenty of activities should you want them, including a water park, helicopter tours and Ripley's Aquarium, where you can glide through a tank filled with stingrays and sharks. Alternatively, consider a tour to experience wildlife in a spectacular natural setting, such as dolphin watching cruise or a wetland tour offering the possibility of alligator and bird sightings.

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Myrtle Beach - Charleston

Leaving Myrtle Beach, a 30-minute drive south along the coast takes you to the southern end of the Grand Strand and friendly, tranquil Pawley's Island. Famous for its cypress wood cottages, and home to large expanses of marshland, rivers, and oceanfront state parks, this is a perfect destination for outdoor enthusiasts. When you are ready continue south along the pristine coastline through Francis Marion National Forest until you arrive in Charleston, with its signature antebellum mansions painted in a rainbow of colours and featuring elaborate ironwork. Our recommendation here is to join a walking tour

for the best view of these homes, their gardens and the Battery, Charleston's historic waterfront promenade. The 'shopping fraternity' can enjoy a visit to City Market for souvenirs, including sweetgrass baskets, an essential tool on former rice plantations. Another option is to tour a plantation at Middleton Place, featuring the 18th century House Museum and Stable yards. History also comes alive at Fort Sumter National Monument, where the American Civil War began. The site looks over Folly Beach and Sullivan's Island with wide beaches, interesting local restaurants, and activities such as surfing and kayaking.

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Charleston - Savannah

Today's travel further south towards Savannah takes you through Kiawah Island and Hilton Head Island, both a golfer's paradise, the former boasting five championship courses while the latter can claim more than twenty world class golf courses. Add tranquility and natural beauty along with pretty beaches and you might find it difficult to leave. Once you arrive in Savannah, enjoy the historic district, a collection of pretty town squares and preserved architecture. A history or ghost tour might be perfect to acquaint yourself or simply linger at landmarks such as Forsyth Park, where residents and visitors have gathered for generations around a spectacular fountain. At the Savannah River, you can pause for a self-guided tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist; its towering twin steeples are a fixture on the Savannah skyline. Continue to City Market's, courtyards and squares with restaurants, shops, and galleries. If time permits after a busy day take a side trip, visit Tybee Island for a lighthouse tour, paddling excursion or charter cruise.

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Savannah - Atlanta

Before driving back to Atlanta, we suggest an enroute stop in Macon, Georgia to visit the Tubman Museum, named for Harriet Tubman, one of the USA's most famous abolitionists and a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, which helped slaves find freedom in the pre-Civil War era. Here, visitors can learn about African American life during this time. Later, explore Macon's art galleries and boutiques, and try some of the city's signature dishes. After lunch head back to Atlanta.

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Return to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to check in for your return flight, or your hotel if you plan to extend your stay.