

Seniors On The Go Travel presents.....

Chasing Fall Colors in beautiful Black Mountain, North Carolina



October 24-27, 2021; Four days and 3 nights

There is no prettier time along the Blue Ridge Mountains than in the fall and this little getaway will put us in the heart of this colorful season. We'll spend three nights at the Hampton Inn in **Black Mountain** with the gorgeous fall scenery as our backdrop. It features all the great amenities of this brand along with an indoor saltwater pool, outdoor firepit and lounge area, and beer and wine available nightly as well. It will give us a great location to start our tours of this area. We'll begin with an included lunch in route, and then follow up with some time in lovely Asheville. We'll board a trolley there, and take in a great downtown tour. The trolley will allow access to some of the smaller streets that the bus can't get through. You'll love learning about this art deco infused city! From there it's on to Black Mountain. As the railroads came into Asheville, little towns like this grew!

It's now known as **'The Little Town That Rocks'** and was recently named one of the Prettiest Small Towns in the US. Rocking chairs can be found downtown to carry out that theme. It is absolutely charming with shops, restaurants, bakeries, an old timey hardware store, an Old Train Depot, local museums and much more. We'll enjoy a stop at the Swannanoa Valley Museum and Historic Center, housed in a 1920's firehouse. It's here you'll learn the local history, and where our step on guide will meet us to take us on a unique tour of the area. We'll visit pretty Lake Tomahawk with its impressive view of the Seven Sisters Mountain Range. She'll also take us to the Rafael Guastavino's Estate, a private tour of the location of his previous estate named Rhododendron. This master craftsman is famous for his arched ceilings from the Biltmore House and the Basilica of St. Lawrence in downtown Asheville. He has a very unique story for an immigrant who came here to bring a little of Europe to this sleepy mountain area. You'll also have some free time to take in lunch on your own in town and to shop along it's Main Street. While in Black Mountain we will also have three great evening meals at unique, local spots in town including the 1896 Victorian B and B, Red Rocker Inn. It's lovely!

Another day will be spent along the pretty Blue Ridge Parkway, a National Scenic Route with its incredible mountain views. We will slow the pace down a bit as we meander along the Parkway, allowing you some time to take in all the beauty of this famous route. We'll make several stops along the way including the Parkway Headquarter where you can take in their museum with its informative film. Then it's on up to the Southern Highland Craft Gallery, which features the amazing work of artists and crafts people of this region. It's incredible and sure to be a favorite for the group. We'll then continue a bit further to the Craggy Gardens area, with its unusual geological formations and park service gift shop. As we come back, we'll make a quick stop at The Cove, the retreat area for the Billy Graham Ministry. Billy and Ruth lived here in the Montreat area. Their nondenominational chapel is a lovely, peaceful stop.

On our way home, we will make a stop at the awesome Western Carolina Farmer's Market, where you can pick up jams, apples, vegetables, gift items, and lots more. We'll continue through the mountains going south for an included family style lunch at the always delicious Dillard House. It's a great way to top off a wonderful mountain adventure!

Price: \$699 per person double or \$849 per person single

Price includes deluxe motorcoach, three-night hotel stay with luggage handling, all included tours, admissions and tips for the step on guide and trolley driver, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners. \$50 deposit due with sign up made out to Seniors On The Go Travel. Balance will be due Sept. 1. No refunds after October 1. Please visit the website for trip insurance prices. It must be purchased at time of deposit and is non-refundable.

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Name: _____ Roommate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Special requests: _____

Insurance: _____ Yes Must have your birthdate: _____