

High Country

of north carolina



2-3 Day Mountain Tour

This educational tour highlights the Blue Ridge Mountains unique physical beauty and mountain culture, May-October.

DAY 1

LINVILLE CAVERNS

1 Marion

The only show caverns in North Carolina and a constant 55°F year round, on this guided tour you will learn about the unique fish living in the underground stream, and stalactite & stalagmite formations. Bathroom and gift shop on site. (1 hour)

ORCHARD AT ALTAPASS

2 Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 328

Visit this historic apple orchard on the Blue Ridge Parkway and enjoy live mountain music and dance daily. A storytelling hayride features stories of early mountain settlers. Lunch, restrooms and mountain made crafts on site. Handicap Accessible. (2 hours)

LINVILLE FALLS

3 Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 316

Visit the tallest waterfall on the Blue Ridge Parkway National Park! An easy walk on a paved trail will take you to the lower falls, and if you feel like seeing more, another walk will take you to the best view of the upper falls. Bathrooms and Blue Ridge Parkway National Park Visitor Center on site. (1 hour)

4 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 305

Visit this International Biosphere Reserve featuring the highest swinging foot-bridge in Eastern America, the "Mile High Swinging Bridge." You will also discover a native animal habitat with bears, mountain lions, otters, elk and eagles. A museum of the mountain highlights priceless gems, unique weather, colorful wildflowers, and birds. Guided tours, restaurant, and gift shop on site. Handicap accessible. (3 hours)

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Enjoy "family style" traditional mountain cooking with country decor. Menu includes fried chicken, country style steak, country ham biscuits, stewed apples, and more. Handicap accessible. (1.5 hours)

OVERNIGHT

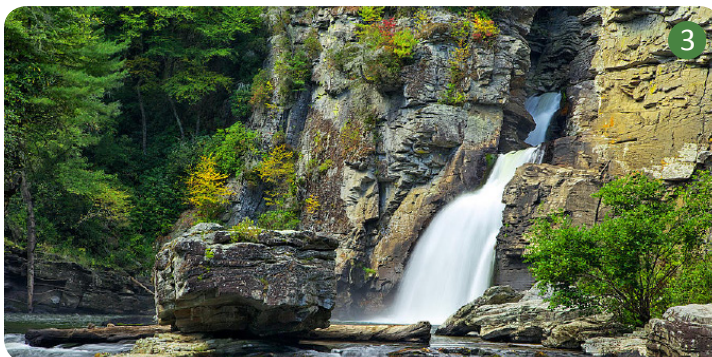
Boone or Blowing Rock

Find hotels offering amenities such as group rates, complimentary breakfast or full-service restaurants, pools and fitness centers, game rooms, spas and more.



DRIVE TIMES

Asheville, NC.... 1 hour, 30 minutes
Charlotte, NC... 2 hours
Knoxville, TN... 3 hours
Columbia, SC... 3 hours, 15 minutes
Raleigh, NC..... 3 hours, 15 minutes
Atlanta, GA..... 5 hours



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Need more trip planning ideas and assistance?

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DAY 2

MAST GENERAL STORE

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Visit a historic mountain general store built in 1883. Play checkers by the pot-bellied stove, go on a scavenger hunt, mail a postcard home or shop for unique mountain goods, toys and crafts. (1 hour)

OUTDOOR (and indoor) RECREATION

- **Canoe the New River**- the second oldest river in the world (and one of only two to flow north!), the New River is a well worn run that is easy for all ages. Learn and view birds, fish and other Appalachian wildlife. (2 hours)
- **Zipline**- Take in the mountain views from above the mountains! The High Country has three zipline course all offering different experiences. Contact us to find out which one is right for you. (2-3 hours)
- **Horseback Riding**- Enjoy the mountain views from horseback. Take a ride through the valleys, over the ridges and through the streams! (2 hours)
- **Gem Mining**- Gem mine at an authentic mine and take a tour inside a former working mine. Or enjoy mining indoors with heated flumes. Learn about and identify the gems you found. (1 hour)
- **The Blowing Rock**- Visit the oldest attraction in the state and learn about the Native American legend while taking in the endless views from the observation deck (30 minutes)
- **High Gravity Adventures**- This aerial adventure park has levels for all ages. (1 hour)
- **Apple Hill Farm**- Take a tour of a real mountain top farm and visit with the alpacas, angora goats, llamas, donkeys and more. (2 hours)
- **Mystery Hill**- Take a tour of this gravitational anomaly where water flows up, then walk through the Hall of Mystery. Head next door to the fossil museum or view one of the largest arrowhead collections (2 hrs)

HORN IN THE WEST

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Enjoy an open air dinner and tour at Hickory Ridge Living History Museum, followed by a performance of the outdoor drama on the Revolutionary War, Horn in the West. (3.5 hours, June-August only)

\$300 pp

Average starting price for groups of 30/ double occupancy. Does not include fuel cost.

