

# High Country

of north carolina

## 3 Day Winter Mountain Tour

*This active tour highlights snow sports, the Blue Ridge Parkway National Park's unique physical beauty and mountain culture, Dec-March.*

### DAY 1

#### 1 LINVILLE CAVERNS

##### Marion

The only show caverns in North Carolina and a constant 12°C (55°F) year round, this guided tour will show you the unique fish living in the underground stream, and many stalactite & stalagmite formations. Bathroom and gift shop on site. (1 hour)

#### 4 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

##### Blue Ridge Parkway National Park 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)

#### 3 MAST GENERAL STORE

##### Valle Crucis

Visit a historic mountain general store built in 1883. Warm up and play checkers by the pot-bellied stove or shop for unique mountain goods and crafts. (1.5 hours)

#### DAN'L BOONE INN

##### Boone

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 group rates, complimentary breakfast, heated pools, spa tubs and fitness centers.

### DAY 2

#### WINTER SPORTS

##### Blowing Rock

Ski or snowboard at one of the High Country's three snow sport resorts. All resorts offer ski and snowboard lessons as well. For those that do not like to ski or snowboard, snow tubing, ice skating and winter ziplining is also available. Enjoy lunch in a ski lodge by a cozy fireplace. (8 hours)

### DAY 3

#### WINTER SPORTS

##### Blowing Rock

Enjoy a half day of snow tubing, skiing or snowboarding (4 hours)

#### 4 ASHE COUNTY CHEESE FACTORY

##### West Jefferson

Visit North Carolina's first cheese factory. Watch cheese being made in the factory viewing room. Visit the cheese shop for fresh cheese curds, mountain fudge and old-fashioned candy. (1 hour)

**\$168 pp**

*Average price for group of 30/ double occupancy. Does not include fuel cost.*

**\$195 pp**

*Average price for two travelers/ double occupancy. Does not include fuel cost.*

