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# BAND OF BROTHERS NORTH GEORGIA TOUR



6 DAYS April 17-22, 2020

**INCLUDES:** 6 Meals (5B, 1L) Stone Mountain Monument. Visit Toccoa Museum of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Mount Currahee (Cherokee for "Stands Alone") Time in the beautiful alpine village of Helen, GA. Family style lunch at the delightful Smith House in Dahlonega, GA followed by a tour of the Consolidated Gold Mine with panning for gold! Guided tour of Senoia Georgia a small town featured in many films, Plus the Fantastic National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, GA and more!

**DAY ONE:** Enjoy our first day together as our luxury motor-coach whisks us North to tonight's destination. After a pleasant stop for lunch (on your own) We'll arrive at the Country Inn in Stone Mountain GA. Our hotel has many amenities including, Wi-Fi, cable TV, indoor pool, complimentary newspapers & more. You can even get a view of the amazing Stone Mountain Monument from our hotel! Your dining options within easy walking distance from our hotel include Metro Diner, Wendy's, Huskers Café & more! Get a good night's rest because tomorrow we'll strike out for Toccoa & Helen!

**DAY TWO:** After a refreshing Buffet Breakfast we will depart to visit Toccoa, GA, Birthplace of the renowned 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. In July 1942, 5,000 men arrived at the remote training camp 5 miles outside of Toccoa, Georgia at Currahee Mountain for training as a new type of soldier – a paratrooper. Over the next few years 17,000 soldiers formed the Parachute Infantry Division (PID), known as the "Toccoa Men", trained at Camp Toccoa in preparation to defend the free world from the German offensive that was World War II. While here we'll see the Currahee Museum and Camp Toccoa and even get views of Mount Currahee (3 Miles up, 3 miles down!) Don't worry we won't be running it! After lunch on your own in Toccoa we'll head to the beautiful alpine village of Helen, GA. With a population of only 430 residents – Helen is the state's third most visited city. There is no other town that packs so much charm and so much to do into only 2.1 square miles.

Cobblestone walkways, Alpine food and drink invite you to lose yourself for a family getaway, a quiet weekend, or a walking tour. Surrounded by natural beauty, wineries, artisan tours, festivals, and much, much more! Tonight, we'll check in to the Baymont by Wyndham Inn Helen & you'll have the evening and morning to explore the shops & restaurants while enjoying the memorable scenery.



**DAY THREE:** After our included buffet breakfast we will have a leisurely departure from Helen giving you time for a little more sightseeing! Our next destination will be the historic town of Dahlonega, Georgia. Site of the first major

U.S. Gold Rush and the Heart of Georgia Wine Country, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Dahlonega offers expansive mountain vistas, roaring waterfalls and bubbling streams, postcard-worthy wineries and an abundance of entertainment. We'll begin with a great home cooked family style meal at the "Smith House" then off to the Consolidated Gold Mine for a mine tour and panning for gold. No worries the mine tour is very accessible! From Dahlonega we'll be head towards Atlanta following the footsteps of the famous 110-mile road-march the 101<sup>st</sup> conducted in December 1942! Our home for tonight is the Doubletree in Alphretta.

**DAY FOUR:** After our included buffet breakfast at the Alpharetta Doubletree we will continue along the path of the hiking soldiers of the 101<sup>st</sup> past Atlanta to the quaint small town of Senoia, Georgia. After lunch on your own at any of Senoia's delightful restaurants we will have a guided tour. Senoia is a small town featured in many films as: Driving Miss Daisy, Fried Green Tomatoes, Pet Sematary II, Sweet Home Alabama, Footloose, The Walking Dead & Many more! After our tour we will continue our journey to Columbus, Georgia Home of Fort Benning and the National Infantry Museum. We'll be staying at the Hampton Inn Fort Benning just walking distance the museum and Fort Benning's historic front gates. If time permits, we will have a short driving tour of the post with a local step on guide & see the soaring 250-foot training towers used at the Army's Airborne School! Dinner tonight will be at the Ryan's steakhouse buffet (on your own)

**DAY FIVE:** After our included breakfast at the Hampton Inn we have all morning and early afternoon to explore the amazing National Infantry Museum! Lunch will be on your own at either the Museum's Snack bar or restaurant the Fife & Drum.

With thousands of artifacts, monuments, interactive exhibits and video presentations on display, the National Infantry Museum is one of the nation's leading military history destinations. Visitors of all ages can experience firsthand the American

Infantryman's journey to defeat tyranny around the globe. The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center extends beyond the confines of the building. Outside, the Patriot Park campus also houses several large-scale displays and individual monuments including Vietnam Memorial Plaza, Inouye Parade Field, Heritage Walk and the Memorial Walk of Honor. Arguably the most popular of these is World War II Company Street. The barracks, mess hall, orderly room, supply room, chapel, and sleeping quarters and headquarters used by Gen. George S. Patton prior to his deployment to North Africa are the only fully preserved set of series 700 buildings in existence. Rounding out the site are a period PT field and Sherman tank.

After our Day at the Home of the Infantry it's off to the comfort of the Valdosta Drury Inn. As always, the Drury Inn offers the 5:30 kickback with our Drury Dinner & Cocktail party!

**DAY SIX:** After one last Drury Breakfast on this tour, we depart Georgia and before too long we'll cross the Florida State Line! An appropriate stop will be made for lunch today, as well as a stop at the Russell Stover Candy Outlet with its great Ice Cream Counter – a favorite of many. Enjoy the last bit of this tour with your travel mates, sharing some of your favorite moments from this Journey. Thank you for choosing Travel is Fun Tours and we hope to travel with you again real soon.



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