

# HELEN, GA - A COOL PLACE, EVEN IN THE SUMMER!

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**5 DAYS – August 7 – 11, 2023**



Includes: 9 meals (4B, 1L, 4D) 2 Nts. in Helen GA at **Holiday Inn Express**, 1<sup>st</sup> night at **Marietta Drury Inn & Suites** in the Atlanta area and last night at **Valdosta GA Drury Inn**. Touring Dahlonega, famous for Georgia Gold, also enjoy an included lunchtime family-style meal at **The Smith House**, visit the **Dahlonega Gold museum**, also, enjoy a local step-on guide for a 4-hour tour of the Helen area with many unique points of interest. Two dinners are also included during our time in Helen at **Bodensee** and **Café International**. You'll really enjoy August in Helen, with average low temperatures of 64 degrees and highs in the mid-eighties. Helen is a charming "Alpine" Village and is home of the World's longest Oktoberfest.

**Day One** – On our first day of touring, we will travel to where we enjoy a one-night stay at **Drury Inn & Suites Atlanta Marietta** with evening food & drinks. Drury Inns are offering their guests an incredible array of amenities including: arrival refreshments, complimentary in-room coffee, deluxe continental breakfast (hot & cold), free long-distance calls (60 minutes per room, per night) also, evening beverages and the **FREE 5:30 KICKBACK!** from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Drury has increased their evening food offerings to always include salad, nacho bar & hot dogs. There will also be items such as soup or chili, grilled chicken strips, meatballs, Pasta & sauce & BBQ Sliders offered on a rotating basis. Drury Inn also provides beer, wine cocktails and soft drinks at no cost to you (during 5:30 Kickback!, we call this our "Drury Dinner". The delicious, very deluxe continental breakfast Drury has always offered includes eggs, sausage, self-serve waffle maker, yogurt, fresh fruit, juices, milk & cereal, bagels, biscuits, gravy & more.

**Day Two & Three** – After your Drury Breakfast we'll depart for **Helen Georgia** in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Chain. Along the way, we will spend some time touring **Dahlonega Georgia** – the site of the second discovery of gold in Georgia in 1828, (Villa Rica was the first in 1826) and only the second major gold rush in United States. If you've seen the gold-covered dome on Georgia's Capitol in Atlanta, the origin of the gold is Dahlonega. The **Dahlonega Gold Museum Historic Site** stands in the middle of the town square, housed in the Lumpkin County Courthouse and your museum admission is included with this tour. Today's **family-style lunch** is included at **The Smith House** located in Dahlonega, established in 1899, and features a country store as well! You'll have some free time to explore this historic town square on your own too. Next, we'll continue to **Helen** on a very scenic route through the Appalachian foothills. Our hotel for the next two nights is the **Holiday Inn Express Helen GA**. This is a highly rated hotel located just a few blocks from the Chattahoochee River, enjoyed by tubers – you'll have an opportunity to see this when we have our **included dinner at Café International**. If you would like to try



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tubing, we have a place to do this in walking distance of our hotel. (fee applies) Our hotel is well appointed with WIFI, delicious, hot included breakfast each morning, plus coffee & tea in your room and bedside outlets, a plush duvet and your pick of pillows. Our first morning in Helen, after breakfast, we will enjoy a local step-on tour guide to show us the important sights in town. Our guided tour will include a visit to **Nacoochee Village and Nora Mill – an 1800’s working grist mill**. While at Nacoochee Village we will have time at the **Sautee Nacoochee History Center & Museum-Folk Pottery Museum**. No tour of Helen is complete without a visit to **Old Sautee Store** – for unique gifts and history/farmers cheese & Glugg. You’ll also find other gift shops in the Sautee area like **Lavendar Cottage**. Another “must do” is the roadside country store of **Fred’s Famous Peanuts**, which opened its doors almost 30 years ago. In 1982, Fred and Dianne Jenkins started selling boiled peanuts in front of their home which is still located next to “Fred’s Famous Peanuts”. Through the many years, they created recipes and developed all the homemade products that the store sells today. We will make a stop in Helen for lunch on your own and later, tonight’s **dinner** is included at **Bodensee** – where you’ll have the full Oktoberfest experience with German Food, atmosphere & décor!

**Day Four** – Enjoy your Holiday Inn Express breakfast this morning and we’ll soon be traveling to **Valdosta Georgia’s Drury Inn** and today’s **5:30 Kickback**, same as listed in Day One. We’ll make appropriate and interesting stops today. Pick up delicious Georgia peanuts, pecans, jams and jellies.

**Day Five** – Enjoy the **Drury breakfast** at our hotel this morning before departing to our final few destinations. Today features an appropriate (on your own) lunch stop – a great time to discuss and share your Cool Summer adventure with your travel mates. We will make a stop at Russell Stover Candy outlet & Ice Cream counter in Wildwood FL (time permitting). Thank you for choosing **TRAVEL IS FUN TOURS** for your visit to **Helen!**

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