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SEASONAL

ASU Performing Arts Series: Featuring musical concerts, theatrical and dance performances throughout the year at Appalachian State University in Boone. 800-841-ARTS, pas.appstate.edu

Ashe Civic Center: Featuring musical concerts, theatrical and dance performances throughout the year. Located in West Jefferson. 336-246-4483, www.ashecivic.com

Blowing Rock Stage Company: Featuring professional theatrical performances, music concerts and reviews throughout the year at the Hayes Performing Arts Center in Blowing Rock. 828-295-9627, www.blowingrockstage.com

Art in the Park: Series of juried fine handcraft and art shows held one Saturday per month May-October. 828-295-7851, Blowing Rock

Gallery Crawl through West Jefferson's Art District: Second Friday of each month, June through October, 5-8 pm. For more information call 336-846-ARTS

Summer Concerts on the Lawn: Every Friday at 5:30 from June through September at the Jones House on King Street in Boone. 828-264-1789

APRIL

Blue Ridge Wine Festival: Featuring wine tastings, seminars, cooking classes, winemaker's dinners, auctions, live music, cooking competitions, and more. 877-295-7965, Blowing Rock, blueridgewinefestival.com

JULY

Christmas in July: Arts, crafts, special music, performances, food and fun for all. 336-846-9196, West Jefferson, www.christmasinjuly.info

An Appalachian Summer Festival: ASU's annual summer arts celebration held during the month of July, featuring an exciting mix of music, dance, theatre, an visual arts programs. 800-841-ARTS, Boone, www.appsummer.org

Alleghany Fiddler's Convention: Held the third weekend in July. Sparta, www.alleghanycountyfiddlersconvention.com

Old Time/Bluegrass Fiddler's Convention: Family convention draws contestants and attendees from all over the Southeast. Held the first Saturday in August at Ashe County Park. www.jeffersonrotary.org

Ola Belle Reed Homecoming Festival: Featuring a banjo contest and old-time gospel singing during this festival honoring Ola Belle Reed, a legendary bluegrass and gospel musician. Held the third weekend in August. 336-384-5716, www.olabellefest.com

Todd New River Festival: Held the first Saturday in October and featuring local crafts, mountain music, food and fun for all. Todd

Festival of the Frescoes: Celebrating the frescoes painted by artist Ben Long during the second weekend in October. West Jefferson and Glendale Springs

Valle Crucis Country Fair: Held the third weekend in October and featuring crafts, music, food and more. Valle Crucis

Apple Festival at Hickory Ridge Homestead: Featuring apples, food, crafts, music & more. Held the last Saturday of October. 828-297-1914, Boone

Choose & Cut Your Own Christmas Tree: Mid-November through Christmas Eve, you can walk out on an area Christmas tree farm, find the tree you want and a farmer will cut it for you, bale it and tie it to your car. Many also have hayrides, music and more. 828-262-5826

For a more comprehensive calendar of events, visit:
www.mountainsofnc.com
www.ashechamber.com
www.sparta-nc.com

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AUGUST

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

North Carolina's High Country is a majestic mountain region alive with handmade and home-grown treasures. These itineraries give small groups an opportunity to tour three counties in the High Country region with an emphasis on farms, craft, and heritage. Pair these itineraries with quaint bed and breakfasts, cozy cabins, luxurious resorts, or practical hotels or motels available throughout the High Country.

For assistance in planning your small group tour, please contact North Carolina High Country Host at 800-438-7500, or visit their web site: www.mountainsofnc.com.

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HandMade
in the
High Country

Small Group Itineraries
for Craft, Farm and
Mountain Heritage Tours

Arts & Crafts Tour

Day 1

- Begin your day in Blowing Rock with a visit to Bolick Family Pottery
- Visit the Moses Cone Manor, home to Parkway Craft Center
- Head to Boone and have a light lunch at Angelica's
- Visit Daniel Boone Native Gardens and Hickory Ridge Homestead
- Visit the galleries and emporiums in downtown Boone
- Enjoy dinner at Daniel Boone Inn
- Stay in Boone for the night



Day 2

- After breakfast, tour the Turchin Gallery in Boone
- Head over to Todd Mercantile & Todd General Store
- Visit Creekhouse Garden Gallery in West Jefferson
- Enjoy lunch at Sweet Aromas Bakery & Café in West Jefferson
- Tour the murals in downtown West Jefferson
- Visit West Jefferson Art District galleries
- Go to Fraser's for dinner
- Stay in West Jefferson or Jefferson for the night



Day 3

- Load up and head over towards Sparta
- Enjoy breakfast at Shatley Springs Inn along the way
- Visit Mangum Pottery in Piney Creek
- Explore downtown Sparta including the Arts and Crafts Co-op and Redwood Studio
- Have lunch in Sparta
- Drive to Laurel Springs to tour the winery at Thistle Meadow Winery and enjoy a barbecue dinner
- Overnight in Glendale Springs



Day 4

- After breakfast, visit Holy Trinity Church to view the famous frescoes by artist Ben Long
- Explore Green House Crafts and Northwest Trading Post
- Enjoy lunch at Glendale Springs Inn
- Head back toward Blowing Rock
- Stop along the way in West Jefferson to view the frescoes at St. Mary's
- Shop the galleries and boutiques in downtown Blowing Rock
- Enjoy dinner at Bistro Roca in Blowing Rock and overnight in Blowing Rock



Day 5

- After breakfast head to the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone
- Take a craft class just for your group at the Craft Enrichment Center
- Enjoy lunch in Boone before departing for home

High Country Mountain Farm Life Tour

Day 1

- Begin your day in Blowing Rock at the Speckled Trout for breakfast
- Hike the Carriage Trails at Moses Cone Manor and shop at the Parkway Craft Center
- Head to Boone and have a light lunch at Angelica's
- Visit the Lieberman Farm in Deep Gap for a tour and nature walk
- Enjoy a family-style dinner at the historic Daniel Boone Inn
- Stay in Boone for the night



Day 2

- After breakfast head over to Todd Mercantile and Todd General Store
- Next visit the Quilt Heritage Gardens at the Ashe Center for the Aging
- Head into the bustling town of West Jefferson for lunch at Sweet Aroma's
- Spend an afternoon at Abundant Summit Vineyards
- Your final stop of the day will be a relaxing tour of the Creek House Garden Gallery
- Enjoy dinner at Fraser's and then overnight in West Jefferson



Day 3

- Head over to famous Shatley Springs Restaurant for breakfast
- Visit Big Horse Creek Farm - a heritage variety apple orchard
- Spend the afternoon at Waterfall Farm where you will enjoy a farm tour and a fresh trout experience - lunch is part of the fun
- Enjoy dinner in historic Glendale Springs
- Overnight in Glendale Springs or West Jefferson



Day 4

- After breakfast, head back to Boone to tour the Daniel Boone Native Gardens and the Hickory Ridge Homestead
- Lunch in downtown Boone and be sure to stop at the old Farmer's Hardware, now a wonderful shopping emporium
- Spend your afternoon and evening in beautiful Valle Crucis at Mast General Store and have dinner at Mast Farm Inn



Day 5

- After a wonderful breakfast head to Blowing Rock
- Stop by the Appalachian Heritage Museum at Mystery Hill
- Visit the famous Blowing Rock
- Shop in downtown at all of the galleries and wonderful boutiques.
- Depart from Blowing Rock



Handpicked & Handmade Tour

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Day 1

- Begin your day in Blowing Rock with a visit to Bolick Family Pottery
- Explore the Carriage Trails at Moses Cone Manor and shop at the Parkway Craft Center
- Head to Boone and have a light lunch at Angelica's
- Visit the Daniel Boone Native Gardens and Hickory Ridge Homestead
- Finish up your afternoon shopping in downtown Boone
- Enjoy a family-style dinner at the historic Daniel Boone Inn
- Overnight in Boone



Day 2

- After breakfast you will be treated to a tour of the Turchin Gallery
- Head over to Todd Mercantile & Todd General Store
- Next head to the Heritage Homestead Farm for lunch and a wonderful afternoon of activities
- Your final stop of the day will be a relaxing tour of the Creek House Garden Gallery
- Enjoy dinner at Fraser's and then overnight in West Jefferson



Day 3

- Experience a fabulous breakfast at historic Shatley Springs Restaurant
- Head over to Turkey Knob to visit Mangum Pottery
- Next is a stop at Chateau Laurinda Winery
- Enjoy lunch at the Glendale Springs Inn
- Visit Holy Trinity Church to view the Ben Long frescoes
- Shop in Glendale Springs
- Spend your evening at Thistle Meadow Winery with a tour and a BBQ dinner
- Overnight in Glendale Springs



Day 4

- After breakfast head back towards West Jefferson
- Make sure to stop at the Ashe County Farmers Market (seasonal)
- Next stop is downtown West Jefferson for a tour of their murals
- Enjoy lunch in West Jefferson and some shopping
- Head over to Valle Crucis for an afternoon at the original Mast General Store
- Tour the Mast Farm Inn and visit local galleries
- Dinner and overnight in Valle Crucis



Day 5

- After breakfast head to the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone
- Take a craft class just for your group at the Craft Enrichment Center
- Enjoy lunch in Boone before departing for home

