

Below is the proposed itinerary for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Meet at Atlanta Airport, horseback riding, dinner at lodging

We pick you up at the Atlanta (ATL) airport at 12 p.m. and begin our adventure with an afternoon of horseback riding. We'll start with a short lesson, making sure that everyone is comfortable on her horse and knows the basics of riding. Our two-hour trail ride is just the right length- long enough that we can enjoy the scenery and cover some ground on forest trails and backwoods roads, but not so long that we are too stiff to walk afterwards! After our ride, we continue to our amazing vacation home for a hearty and delicious dinner. Well-fed and well-exercised, we will be ready for bed tonight! (D)

DAY 2

Whitewater rafting on the Chattooga River

After a hearty breakfast, we're off for a day of whitewater rafting on the Chattooga River. If the name of the river sounds familiar, yes - it is where Deliverance was filmed. Regardless of what else you remember about the film you were undoubtedly struck by the beauty of this river. The section we'll be paddling is known for its breathtaking scenery, abundant plant and wildlife, and playful Class 2 and 3 rapids, ending with one big Class 4. This raft trip is suitable for women without previous rafting experience and even if you don't think rafting is your cup of tea, it's really the only way to experience the river's solitude and wildness. After a full day of excitement, we'll return home for another delicious dinner and relaxing evening. (B, L, D)

DAY 3

Hike to Raven Cliff Falls

After another hearty breakfast, we will don our hiking boots for a 5-mile out and back hike. This trail follows Dodd Creek through the Raven Cliffs Wilderness Area to a massive dark bluff near the headwaters some 2.5 miles from the parking area. Because of the size of Ravens Cliffs and the lack of human interference, the area has abundant bird life including grosbeaks, vireos, and wild turkeys besides the ravens that give the area its name. For the final evening, we'll have a chance to relax and enjoy ourselves with a casual dinner and the option for a trip into Dahlenega to explore the town. (B, L, D)

DAY 4

Hike to DeSoto Falls, brunch at Wolf Mountain Vineyards

Our breakfast will be rather light this morning because we need to save room for the brunch at Wolf Mountain Vineyards! Yumm!! Brunch is typically buffet style and served with a glass of Estate wine. Since getting a little exercise before being presented with a feast is always a good idea, we'll first go on a casual 2-mile hike at DeSoto Falls. After savoring our last meal together, we head to the airport where you can plan a flight out after 5:30 p.m. (B, L)