

CULTURE, HISTORY, HOSTAS & FUN

Day One:

With an afternoon arrival, begin your York County adventure at **Historic Brattonsville**, film site of Mel Gibson's epic, "The Patriot". Brattonsville is a 775-acre living history village and Revolutionary battlefield site featuring 29 historic structures and programs tracing Carolina life from the 1750's through the 1850's. We will take a guided walking tour and learn about the lifestyles and skills of our early settlers and the workings of a southern plantation. You will feel as if you have taken a step back into an 18th or 19th century village.

Gift shop.

As the day closes, we will visit the **Catawba Cultural Center**, where the rich cultural heritage of the Catawba Indian Nation is preserved. The Catawba Indians are South Carolina's only federally recognized Native American tribe. Their first contact with European settlers was made in 1566 but they were not awarded federal recognition until 1993. We will enjoy a delicious Native American meal as we learn the history of the tribe and have the opportunity to see a drumming and dancing performance. (A variety of other programs are also available including Catawba history and storytelling, language presentations, pottery demonstrations, and hands on archaeology programs.) Gift shop.

Day Two:

Today begins with a safari breakfast and a guided tour at the **Museum of York County**. The museum houses a fabulous collection of more than 200 artfully mounted African animals, displays of tribal dress and artifacts, changing art and natural history galleries, and the works of Vernon Grant, the creator of Snap, Crackle, and Pop. Gift shop.

Our next stop will be **Stacy's Greenhouses**, the largest grower of perennials in the Southeast. Stacy's Greenhouses encompasses 10 acres of greenhouse space, a retail garden center, and 300 plus acres of growing farms. We will take a guided driving tour to the original farm, through the growing fields, greenhouses and stop at the garden center. You will get great ideas for your own garden and still have time to shop. Gift shop.

A stop in **Historic York** is next for lunch and shopping. Historic York is a delightful small southern town with quaint shops and eateries. Lunch is on your own. Take time for a quick bite and some shopping or enjoy a leisurely lunch.

After our visit in York, we are off to **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden**. The garden is already called "one of the finest perennial gardens in the Southeast." An interpretive guide will reveal beautiful flowers and shrubs of every description, laid out along creative water pools, fountains and brick pathways, continuously evolving on hundreds of master-planned acres along the Catawba River. Inside the stunning stain-glass-domed Visitors Pavilion, you'll enjoy a presentation and demonstration by one of Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden's master gardeners.

Gift shop.

Dinner and entertainment this evening will be provided by **NarroWay Productions**. NarroWay will entertain you with an excellent mystery dinner theater. Enjoy a delicious a meal while being entertained by a cast of merry characters and try to solve a mystery in the process.

Day Three:

Today begins with a short visit to **Glencairn Gardens** where nature displays the finest colors, textures and shapes. This 7-acre garden is a perfect place for strolling, nature watching and quiet contemplation where sculpted terraces and flowerbeds incline toward a grassy area with a serene reflecting pool and fountain. (Peak bloom period is the last week of March through mid April)

Next stop is a visit to **Anne Springs Close Greenway**, 2000 acres of history and natural beauty. A guided nature walk at the Greenway showcases wildflowers, birds, lakes, creeks, and trees of all varieties. The ecology remains much as it was when the early settlers first arrived hundreds of years ago. After visiting the strawberry and peach orchards, a picnic lunch will end your visit to York County

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Getaway On A Country Road and lunch at the Museum of Western York County. We will step back in time with a driving tour of Western York County. Experience the history and culture of the rural South – cotton fields, hills and plains, the river basin, historic sites and lots of friendly people. The Ladies of the Broad River Basin will serve a “down home” southern meal at the Museum of Western York County.

With an early departure, you can be home in time for dinner. Thank you for visiting York County.

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