

A Seasonal Journey

Celebrate your favorite winter holidays over a unique-three day adventure.

Day One – Thanksgiving:

The first day of our journey will be Thanksgiving.

With a lunchtime arrival, your day will begin at **Historic Brattonsville**, the 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. After a box lunch, 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.

The next stop will be 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.

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 traditional Native American Thanksgiving dinner. Storytelling, drumming, dancing and pottery demonstration will round out the evening. Gift shop.

Day Two – Christmas:

The second day of our journey will be Christmas.

After breakfast, we will do some shopping for Christmas. We are off to Manchester Village, where you will have a VIP greeting. Each person will receive discounts at the variety of stores and restaurants in this shopping village. Lunch will be on your own.

After lunch, 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. You'll be given tips on planning your flowerbeds for the best possible display, plus maybe some helpful hints for holiday decorating.

Available December only:

*On our way to dinner, we will take a short ride to a unique and famous town lovingly **called "Christmastown USA"** in McAdenville. For the past 47 years, each December, millions of twinkling lights turn this small mill town into a spectacular holiday display. While much emphasis has been placed on the Christmas lights, this represents only a portion of the effort that goes into the preparation for Christmas.*

A life-size nativity scene is located about midway through the tour of Christmas Town. Overlooking the lake is a large display of Santa and his reindeer. The display is nine feet tall and 75 feet long, just another way for the residents of McAdenville to say..... MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Dinner and entertainment this evening will be provided by **Narroway Productions. NarroWay** will entertain you with an excellent mystery dinner theater. Enjoy a delicious meal while being entertained by a cast of merry characters and try to solve a mystery in the process. During the holiday season, you will enjoy a fantastic Christmas production, "*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*" or "*The Real Christmas Story*"

Day Three – New Years!!

The third day of our journey will be New Years!

Let's get in the party spirit. After breakfast at the hotel, we will create a masterpiece of our own. It's time to design a New Years Eve party hat, a local artist will help you get your creative juices flowing as you design your own personal hat for the party. Fancy or funky, the choice is yours. Or is hats aren't your thing, you can make a journal to start the New Year!

Get ready to celebrate the New Year as we enjoy lunch and entertainment. Put on your party hats and pick up your noisemakers as we count down. Special musical entertainment will be provided for you as you "Ring in the New Year". Sit back, enjoy lunch and reminisce of times gone by. Choose entertainment from songs of the 40's and the big bands, Broadway shows, music from the 50's and 60's, or even the Big E, Elvis. You will depart for home with memories of a fun-filled "Holiday Season".

Happy Holidays to All !!!!

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