

Tell Them I was Here!

Student Itinerary

Explore the rich African-American history from Africa to the New World, the Middle Passage, Rural America, and the road to Civil Rights

Day One: To tell the story of African-American history, you must start at the beginning – AFRICA. So to begin the day, you will enjoy a safari breakfast and guided tour of the **Museum of York County**. You will go on an African Safari through the Museum galleries, which houses a fabulous collection of more than 200 artfully mounted African animals. African cultural artifacts, including masks, tribal dress and musical instruments are guaranteed to educate and inspire. Gift shop.



“We have to know where we come from before we know where we are going..” - Kitty Wilson-Evans

After exploring Africa, the “land of the beginning”, the next stop is **Historic Brattonsville**. Historic Brattonsville is a 775-acre living history village, Revolutionary battlefield, and film site of Mel Gibson’s epic, “The Patriot”. Your guide will tell stories that will close the distance between past and present, and actually portray what slave life was like in the rural south in the 1700 & 1800’s. After the tour, you will enjoy a boxed lunch on site. Gift shop.

Next stop, **Sanders Peach Farm and Roadside Market**. The farm is home to Dori Sanders, a African American best selling author and local farmer. In 1990 her book, *Clover*, was published and later made into a made for TV movie; she has also authored several regional cook books. You will meet Dori at the roadside market and be entertained by her

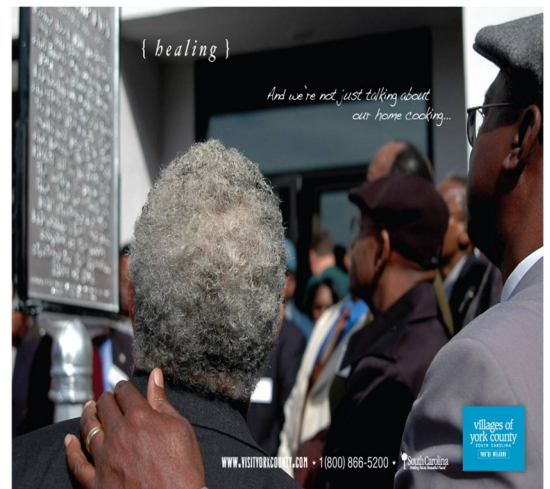
fabulous stories of farm life and local folklore. The **Cathcart Farm** is also an option for exploring rural life in the South for African Americans or a visit to the **Carroll School**, a 1929 African-American Rosenwald schoolhouse.

Dinner and shopping on your own at Manchester Village in Rock Hill.

Day Two:

This morning begins with a guided tour of **Rock Hill**. You will visit **Freedom Cemetery** and former **Hermon Presbyterian Church**. Slaves founded the church in 1869 to provide educational opportunities to African-American children before they were allowed to attend public schools. You will visit the lunch counter in the old **McCrorry’s** store that was the site of a sit-in (one of the first in the state) by nine Friendship College students (thereafter called “**The Friendship Nine**”) in 1961.

The sit-in was held in protest of the all white lunch counters where blacks were refused service. The Friendship Nine were



The Friendship Nine marker

arrested for violation of the segregation laws. A member of the Friendship Nine will tell us his account of that famous day. A box lunch will be served.

Your afternoon will be spent in Charlotte, NC, just minutes north of York County. The first stop of the journey will be the **African American Cultural Center**, located in the Old Little Rock AME Zion Church, built in the 1800's by a working class African American experience through the performing arts, visual arts, history and cultural exhibits.

Complete your visit to Charlotte with a stop at the **Levine Museum of the New South**. The New South means people, places and a period of time – from 1865 to today. The museum houses the nation's most comprehensive interpretation of post-civil war southern history. Your tour will take you from *The Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers* – an exhibit which allows you to step inside a tenant farmer's house, try on a hat at an early Belk department store, run a hand through a pile of cotton seed, and meet the newest neighbors shaping the south today.

Your evening ends at **Clinton Junior College**, an historically black, private school, with a catered dinner typical of many southerners today, and then a performance by **Black Dance in Motion**, a African-American dance group from **Winthrop University**.

Day Three:

After breakfast at the hotel, your group will spend some time in York at the **McCelvey Center**. At **McCelvey Center**, your group will enjoy an African-American genealogy presentation and monologue by local historians. You will learn how to trace your ancestors and if time permits you may have some time to start searching for your roots.

After lunch in downtown York, you will begin your journey home.

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