

FLORIDA PLUS INCLUDING THE GREAT SMOKIES

Orlando to Orlando via the sandy beaches, magnificent plantation homes and historic cities of South Carolina & Georgia and then onto the Great Smoky Mountains - world renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life and the beauty of its ancient mountains, this is America's most visited national park! On this tour we are going beyond Florida.

Motorhome Itinerary

Day 1 > Arrive at Cruise America, Kissimmee and collect your motorhome. Head toward Daytona Beach and then meander on up Route A1A: Florida's coast road. The North Beach Camp Resort is less than five miles outside historic St. Augustine, the oldest permanent European settlement on the North American continent. 📍 125 miles from Kissimmee to St Augustine
★ Visit Daytona Beach, home of the world famous Speedway. 🌐 www.northbeachcamp.com

Day 2 > Cross into Georgia before continuing north along the coast to historic Savannah. You're headed for Red Gate Campground, just 15 minutes from the city and featuring fishing ponds, bird watching, nature trails, horseback riding and a salt water swimming pool. Their website is full of interesting historic facts about Savannah, one of the true 'old south' cities. 📍 175 miles to Savannah



Castillo de San Marcos, St Augustine



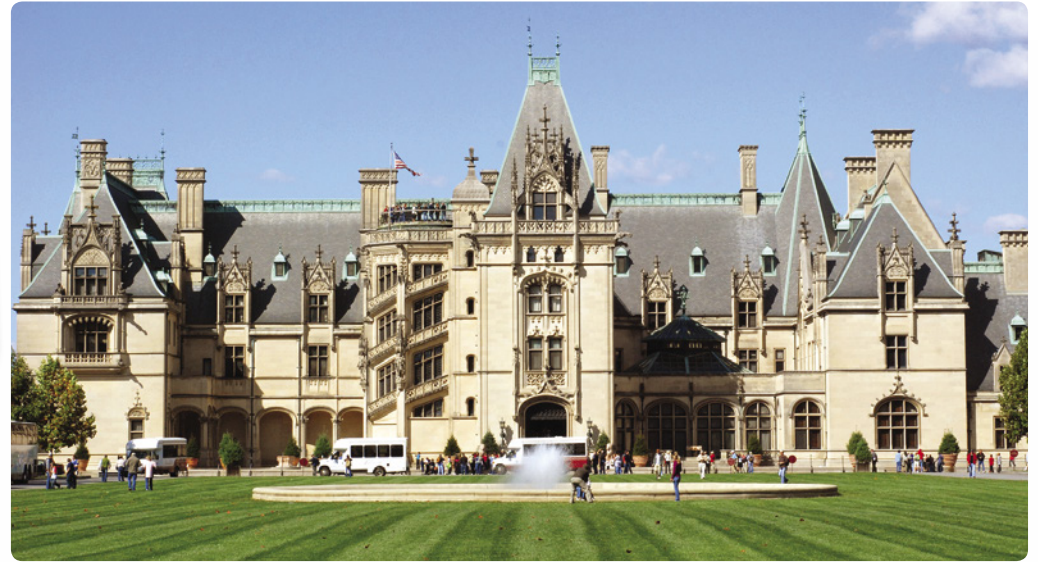
The USS Yorktown aircraft carrier, Charleston

★ Visit The Pirates House, the setting for parts of Robert Louis Stephenson's Treasure Island. 🌐 www.redgatecampground.com

Day 3 > Another 'historic city of the old south', Charleston is your destination across into South Carolina. This is the home of Porgy and Bess and unchanged architecture. It's also home to many historic warships at Patriots' Point Museum. Your home will be in the 32 acres of Lake Aire RV Park & Campground. 📍 115 miles to Charleston
★ Visit Fort Sumter where the first shots of the Civil were fired. 🌐 www.lakeairrv.com

Day 4 > On the way out of Charleston bound for Myrtle Beach, you should visit one of the much photographed and filmed plantations such as Boone Hall, Middleton Place or Magnolia Plantation. Myrtle Beach is known worldwide as a golf destination but, birdies and beaches apart, there's so much more in this family resort. 📍 110 miles to Myrtle Beach
★ Visit Broadway at the Beach with 350 acres of fun, it is the most popular tourist destination in the Myrtle Beach Area with a wide range of outstanding activities for visitors of all ages. 🌐 www.myrtlebeachtravelpark.com

Day 5 > A long but rewarding drive west through the countryside of South Carolina. You're bound for the resort area of Lake Lure, in North Carolina, famous for that iconic piece of film, the lake lift in Dirty Dancing. This natural area of scenic beauty gives a lovely end to the day or if you fancy a great view take a trip to the top of Chimney Rock for



Biltmore Mansion, Asheville



Mercer Home, Savannah Photo: Georgia Dept. of Economic Development

amazing vistas. 📍 280 miles to Lake Lure
★ Visit Lake Lure and spend time in the lake or take in Chimney Rock. 🌐 <https://goo.gl/XEbLk3>

Day 6/7 > Today make sure you make time to visit Asheville and the Biltmore Estate, the largest privately owned home in the USA, a truly amazing place. You are now heading towards the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area, world renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the



Fishing at Daytona Beach

Photo: Visit Florida

quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park! Spend the next couple of days enjoying all the great attractions that the Smokies have to offer including scenic helicopter tours, nature centers, whitewater rafting, Ripley's Aquarium, Dollywood, Splash Country and The Titanic Museum.



Mountain stream, Great Smoky Mountains

📍 91 miles to Cosby, Tennessee ★ Enjoy the wonderful hikes and magnificent scenic drives of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Complete your stay with a visit to Dollywood including Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner show - Dinner never was so much fun!

🌐 <http://smokymountainpremierrvresort.com/>

Day 8 > Stone Mountain Park surrounds the world's largest relief carving depicting Confederate leaders Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson and President Jefferson Davis. Extending to 3,200 acres of natural beauty, the Park offers numerous outdoor adventures including 15 miles of wooded nature trails and the 1.3 mile trail to the top of Stone Mountain. 📍 175 miles to Stone Mountain National Park ★ Visit the 825 foot high summit of Stone Mountain by high speed cable car.

🌐 www.stonemountainpark.com/Campground



Stone Mountain cable car



Newfound Gap, Great Smoky Mountains



Busch Gardens, Tampa Bay

Photo: Visit Florida

Day 9 > A long drive today but most of it on Interstate 75 and as you will end up on the lovely Cedar Key, at Sunset Isle RV Park, right in the Gulf of Mexico...we don't think you'll be disappointed. You will be really close to the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge. 📍 385 miles to Cedar Key ★ Visit Cedar Key State Museum.

🌐 www.cedarkeyrv.com

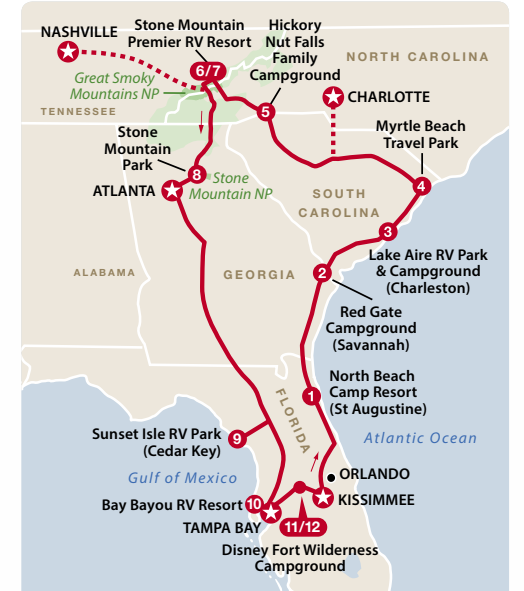
Day 10 > Easy drive today to a campground close to all Tampa Bay attractions including famous Busch Gardens with its amazing roller-coasters. 📍 125 miles to Tampa ★ Visit Tarpon Springs, an interesting Greek sponge diving port.

🌐 www.baybayou.com



The Sponge Factory, Tarpon Springs

Day 11/12 > Interstate 4 to Disney Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground - for however many nights you wish to spend with Mickey Mouse. There is little we can say about him except that he's very old, married to Minnie, and between them they have built an empire that covers a lot of Central Florida! Not to be missed are EPCOT (Pub quiz question: What does this stand for? Answer: Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow) MGM Grand and Animal Kingdom as well as the Magic Kingdom itself. 📍 80 miles to Disney Fort Wilderness. 🌐 <https://goo.gl/289iRB>



Journey Details

DEPART	Orlando, Charlotte, Nashville, Atlanta or Tampa
DURATION	13 days
DISTANCE	1,661 miles

Day 13 > Return your motorhome to the Cruise America Depot in Kissimmee.

