

# ATLANTA ROUND-TRIP

## South-West Highlights

Driving Distance: 2000 driving miles approx

Driving Time: 50 Hours approx

Recommended Trip: 19 Days

- Day 1 Fly to Atlanta, Georgia and check into an hotel.
- Day 2 Pick up your motorhome and spend the day exploring Atlanta
- Day 3 Drive to Colombia and then interstate 26 on to Charleston, South Carolina, where you will be staying at the local KOA for the next two nights.
- Day 4 Spend a busy day visiting such attractions as the fort Sumter National Monument, Patriots Point, Charles Town Landing, Rainbow Row and the beaches themselves. You can take historical tours from the campground or they can even arrange a deep sea fishing trip.
- Day 5 Proceed north on highway 17 to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Be sure to stop just immediately north of the city of Charleston at the many stands selling woven baskets. The local craftsmen have maintained the skills the early slaves brought to the Charleston area in weaving the local swamp grasses into beautiful baskets similar to those used in all of the plantations. Arrive at the Myrtle Beach KOA in time to head to the beach for a swim or just an evening stroll along the beach.
- Day 6 Enjoy the multitude of attractions in the Myrtle Beach area including outlet shopping malls, the Dixie Stampede, the Carolina Opry as well as the beach itself. The KOA campground is only 700 yards from the beach.
- Day 7 Continue north on highway 17 to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Cape Hatteras is a sandy spit located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pamlico Sound. This is the location of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina where the Wright brothers flew their first airplane. There is also the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site where the first English colony was established in the United States. Plan on spending the entire day getting to the campground. You can either continue up the coastline on 70 and take a ferry across to Ocracoke Island during the summer or else stay on hwy 17 north to Williamston and then take hwy 64 east out to Cape Hatteras.
- Day 8 Simply lay back and enjoy the sun, the beach and the sand of the Cape Hatteras seashore.
- Day 9 Proceed north on highway 158 from Cape Hatteras to Virginia Beach, Virginia. The KOA has a free bus to the beach, live entertainment from Memorial Day to Labor Day during the summer and the campground is located just a few blocks from the resort area on the Atlantic ocean.
- Day 10 Spend the day enjoying Virginia Beach, either the ocean or the many resort attractions.
- Day 11 A short drive to Williamsburg, Virginia. Visit historical Williamsburg or Busch Gardens.

- Day 12 Today head northwest on interstate 64 through Richmond, over the Blue Ridge Parkway to Staunton, Virginia. Along the way you may want to stop at Monticello, the original home of Thomas Jefferson, one of the early presidents of the United States and a major developer of the United States declaration of independence. This is a beautiful home with fully restored yards, gardens and an exceptional example of the early homes from the colonial period of the United States.
- Day 13 Drive from Staunton, Virginia to Knoxville, Tennessee. You can follow interstate 81 which parallels the Appalachian Mountains. This is about a three hour drive. You may want to start your day off by going back on interstate 64, picking up the Blue Ridge Parkway, and following it through to about Roanoke, Virginia. This is a gorgeous drive through a national park system. It is slower driving but a beautiful view of the mountains. At any point you can return to the interstate for the faster travel time.
- Day 14 From Knoxville drive to Nashville, Tennessee, home of the Grand Ole Opry and country/western music. Along the way you may want to drive to the city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee and visit the American museum of atomic energy. This is where the German scientists came to the United States after World War II and helped develop the atomic energy program for the United States.
- Day 15 A free day to explore Nashville and all of its attractions surrounding the country music industry.
- Day 16 Take interstate 24 to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Return to the mountains and see Lookout Mountain and the Great Smoky Mountain range.
- Day 17 From Chattanooga drive north to the Cherokee, North Carolina KOA for a two night stay in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.
- Day 18 Explore the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Drive over the hill to Gatlinburg and the stores full of hill country products. Take a drive up the Blue Ridge Parkway, visit the Cherokee Indian village. This campground is located on property owned by the eastern branch of the Cherokee Indian tribe. Also be sure to attend the Cherokee pageant on the trail of tears.
- Day 19 Drive back to Atlanta, return your motorhome and have a safe journey home.