

SEPTEMBRE 2021

We invite you to plan a Road Trip on the most beautiful roads in the South of the United States

Wild beaches, mountain landscapes and historical sites will welcome you to the authentic South. Our States collection reveals all its charm that makes it so unique. But all our states have one thing in common: you can create a trip there that will satisfy all your senses, a trip to put on your bucket list.

This month, our newsletter takes you on the roads of Alabama to breathe in the scent of magnolias; from Georgia, where you can enjoy the Appalachian Mountains; from North Carolina to trace the story of Blackbeard; from South Carolina to descend the white waters of the Chattooga River and from Missouri to trace the origins of the Pony Express.

Don't forget to prepare your playlist: blues, gospel, rock n' roll, soul, country, bluegrass, you are right in the heart of the soundtrack of the United States.

Let's hit the road!



ALABAMA

With the family in mind, no less than 85 excursions have been carefully designed by the people who know Alabama best. Whether you're strolling through historic downtown Birmingham, stargazing at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, or driving along the famous Lookout Mountain Parkway with its 100 miles of canyons, waterfalls, villages, state parks, national parks and nature reserves, there will be something for everyone.

Visit [Alabama Travel - Road Trips](#). And find the perfect trip with the Alabama Road Trips app for iOS and Android.



GEORGIA

Take the Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway. Don't miss Betty's Country Store in the village of Helen and pack a nice picnic before heading out. You will find two superb hikes a few kilometers further: Dukes Creek Falls (3 km) and Raven Cliff Falls (8 km). Further north you'll come to Hogpen Gap, a great picnic spot as the Appalachian Trail passes, allowing you to chat with hikers. Back in the valley, a short kid-friendly hike takes you to Helton Creek Falls.

See other routes at: www.exploregeorgia.org/fall-road-trips



NORTH CAROLINA

Change of scenery in North Carolina. For a journey through the wonders of the coast, follow the Outer Banks Scenic Byway along a string of windswept barrier islands. Dune-fringed beaches, nature reserves, historic villages and towering lighthouses dot this 222-kilometre route, which includes two ferry crossings. The first leads to the enchanting island of Ocracoke, famous for being the place where the pirate Blackbeard was captured and killed.

Hatteras Island is a thin strip of sand, varying from a few hundred meters to a few kilometers, that separates the Atlantic Ocean from Pamlico Bay.

visitnc.com/listing/Nfii/outer-banks-national-scenic-byway

CAROLINE FROM THE SOUTH

The South Carolina adventure begins at the southern end of the Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Highway. As you traverse the hills of Piedmont, you'll see the fall-colored peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance. The adventure continues deep in the heart of the Sumter National Forest at Wildwater's Chattooga Rafting Center, where you can choose to zipline, canoe, or raft. Further down the road is the Chattooga Belle Farm, an orchard where you can buy farm produce like chutney, cider and other homemade condiments, or just enjoy a hot cider on your rocking chair under the covered patio as the sun sets behind the mountains...

For more outdoor adventures: discoversouthcarolina.com/outdoor-adventure



MISSOURI

Shannon County Route 19 and its historic bridges meander through the heart of the Ozark Mountains and offer scenic views. The area's rivers have been used as recreation sites for more than a century: the Ozark National Scenic Riverways is the first US national park designated by Congress to preserve a system of wild rivers. The park covers more than 320 km² around two of the clearest and most beautiful spring-fed rivers in America: the Current River and its main tributary, the Jacks Fork River. The park is famous for its exceptional caves and springs, there are more than 300 in the park.

Other excursion ideas: www.visitmo.com/trip-ideas/itineraries



DID YOU KNOW ?

ALABAMA

Do you know the story of the women of Gee's Bend in rural Wilcox County? Here, black women, girls and descendants of slaves began sewing quilts (patchwork bedspreads) in the 1920s.

These women produced hundreds of quilts without ever having learned a technique, but observing how their mothers or grandmothers pulled the needle. Until the 1950s, quilts were mostly made from old t-shirts, aprons, doilies, dresses, and scraps of denim.

GEORGIA

The Chattahoochee National Forest covers more than 3,200 km² in northern Georgia and is managed by six ranger districts. Arthur Woody, the "Barefoot Ranger" of Fannin County, fought to create and protect the vast resources of the Chattahoochee National Forest in the early 1900s.

His work provided the foundation for conserving the richness of the mountains of Georgia today.



NORTH CAROLINA

The part of the Atlantic Ocean that borders the Outer Banks is so difficult for sailors that it has long been called the "Graveyard of the Atlantic". A map lists all the shipwrecks that surround the Outer Banks, and there's even a museum by that name in Hatteras: graveyardoftheatlantic.com.



CAROLINE FROM THE SOUTH

There are four ways to experience a rafting adventure on the Chattooga River with experienced guides. From the "Mini" version, ideal for families with young children from eight years old, to the "Section IV" version for thrill seekers with the most legendary rapids in the southeastern United States: the Five Falls, three breathtaking class IV and V rapids (from 12 years old).



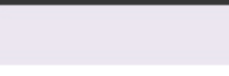
MISSOURI

On April 3, 1860, a lone rider, the first of its kind, left the stables at Pikes Peak in St. Joseph, marking the start of the Pony Express. At the [Pony Express National Museum](#) you can learn about life on this legendary track, hear the riders' stories and view historic photos of 22 riders such as the famous Buffalo Bill, Jesse James and Broncho Charlie Miller. It took ten days for the riders to deliver the mail to Sacramento, California.

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