

# New York+ Richmond, Virginia+ Grandfather Mountain State Park+ Mount Mitchell State Park+ Angel Oak+ Boone Hall Plantation & Garden+ Charleston 5-Day Tour

Product information				
Product number	R0003147	Tour No.	NC5	
Departure city	New York -NY			
Destination	New York -NY	Way location	New York -NY	
Travel days	5 Day 4 Night	Transportation	Vehicle	
Airport pick-up/drop-off		Currency	USD	

Product price				
Single occupancy: \$1039 / Person	Double occupancy: \$799 / Person			
Including balance: Total amount for all people 1064	Including balance: Total amount for all people 1648			
Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:1;	Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:2;			
Basic price:1 x 1039 = 1039	Basic price:2 x 799 = 1598			
Transportation Surcharge:1 x 25 = 25	Transportation Surcharge:2 x 25 = 50			
Triple occupancy: \$719 / Person	Quadruple occupancy: \$659 / Person			
Including balance: Total amount for all people 2232	Including balance: Total amount for all people 2736			
Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:3;	Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:4;			
Basic price:3 x 719 = 2157	Basic price:4 x 659 = 2636			
Transportation Surcharge:3 x 25 = 75	Transportation Surcharge:4 x 25 = 100			

# **Departure date**

09/07/2024-12/31/2025: Saturday

A minimum of 2 people is required to be operated.

## Join / leave point

#### **Boarding location**

07:00Departure, Flushing, NY (Asian Jewel Seafood Restaurant); Address: 133-30 39th Ave, Flushing, NY 11354;

07:00Departure, [Pick up only] 8th Ave, Brooklyn (TD Bank); Address: 6102 8th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220;

Note: Only pick-up service provided, we will drop off customers at Chinatown.

08:00Departure, Chinatown, Manhattan; Address: 99 Bowery, New York, NY 10002;

08:20Departure, Jersey City (Exit of Newport Plaza Parking to 18th st, by ACME Markets); Address: 125 Eighteenth St, Jersey City, NJ 07310;

09:00Departure, [Pick-up ONLY] Thomas Edison Service Area; Address: Mile Post, 92.9 South, NJ Tpke, Woodbridge, NJ 07095;

Note: Customers will be dropped off at Grover Cleveland Service Area (Address: Milepost 92.9 North, NJ Tpke, Woodbridge Township, NJ 07077).

09:30Departure, Philadelphia: Walt Whitman Travel Plaza; Address: Between exit 3 and 4 NJ Turnpike;

- 1. Only pickup service provided.
- 2. Guests take the tour by this location are able to use this drop-off location: James Fenimore Cooper service area (Between exit 4 and 5 NJ Turnpike).

## **Drop-off location**

Returning location is departure location (Except pickup only location);

Returning time depends on actual itinerary, weather and traffic of the day. Pleases ask the guide on the last day of the tour.

#### **Tour introduction**

# Day 1

New York - Vehicle - Richmond - Vehicle - North Carolina

All day

Today we will depart from New York and drive to Richmond, Virginia. We will visit Maymont. It is a 100-acre historic estate and park, located in Richmond, Virginia, with many unique experiences for all to enjoy. Whether strolling in the gardens, touring the mansion, watching a river otter at play, or petting a goat, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

## Itinerary:

New York → Richmond, Virginia → Maymont (optional, 90 mins) → North Carolina → Hotel

Afternoon

#### Maymont

Maymont is a well-preserved, 100-acre historic estate overlooking the James River that was given to the public by

James and Sallie Dooley, who lived there from 1893 to 1925. Today, Maymont is a welcoming community gathering place, with many unique experiences for all to enjoy, including the historic Maymont Mansion, The Robins Nature Center, an arboretum, formal gardens, and habitats for native Virginia wildlife and farm animals. Consistently ranked one of Central Virginia's top attractions by travelers and locals alike, Maymont serves over 700,000 guests annually.

Night

Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites Oxford South; similar

Day 2 Morganton

All day

Today we will first visit Animal Park at the Conservators Center. You can meet the animals on guided tours that allow views from as close as 5 feet away while they learn about the individual animals' personalities and the species they represent. Then we will take a car through the Blue Ridge Parkway. Finally, we will go to Grandfather Mountain! The nature park is home to amazing biodiversity and scenic beauty.

## **Itinerary:**

Henderson, North Carolina → Animal Park at the Conservators Center (optional, 60 mins) → Blue Ridge Parkway (pass by) → Grandfather Mountain State Park (optional, 150 mins) → Morganton

Morning

#### **Animal Park at the Conservators Center**

The Animal Park at the Conservators Center is a nonprofit zoological park with a mission of educating people, caring for animals, and advocating for species. Located in Burlington, NC, the Animal Park is home to over 70 exotic animals including big cats (lions, tigers, and leopards), gray wolves, lemurs, servals, binturongs, New Guinea singing dogs, jungle cats, and other species rarely seen at zoos. Visitors meet the animals on guided tours that allow views from as close as 5 feet away while they learn about the individual animals' personalities and the species they represent. The Animal Park offers Wild Field Trips, Virtual and In-Person Learning Experiences, Special Tour Offerings, Parties, Private Tours, Events, and so much more!

Afternoon

## **Blue Ridge Parkway**

Spanning the southern and central Appalachians, the Blue Ridge Parkway offers an exceptional glimpse of the regional flora and fauna. It is world-renowned for its biodiversity. The Parkway covers a wide range of habitats along the Appalachian Mountains, and some of these habitats are exceptionally rare. Visitors encounter unsurpassed diversity of climate, vegetation, wildlife and geological features.

#### **Grandfather Mountain State Park**

Grandfather Mountain, one of the highest peaks in the Blue Ridge Mountain range (elevation 5,946 ft.), is 70 miles from

Asheville, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. While it is not as tall as Mt. Mitchell, it offers more rugged terrain and dramatic vistas from its rocky summit. Grandfather Mountain is a globally-recognized nature preserve and home to the famous Mile-High Swinging Bridge.

Night

Hotel: Sleep Inn Morganton; similar

Day 3

Morganton - Vehicle - Mount Mitchell State Park - Vehicle - North Charleston, South Carolina

All day

Rise and shine! Today we will head to the highest mountain in eastern North America, Mount Mitchell. Standing on the highest peak of the Appalachian Mountains, you'll be rewarded with stunning views of surrounding area. We will then go to the Spectrum Center, the home of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets. Follow us to visit the luxurious venues and feel the fanatical NBA atmosphere! Finally, we will head to the South Carolina State Museum. During the visit, you will learn about the historical development and art culture of South Carolina.

**Itinerary**:

Morganton → Mount Mitchell State Park (Mandatory, 45 mins) → Spectrum Center (Outside visit, 30 mins) → South Carolina State Museum (Inside visit, 60 mins) → North Charleston

Morning

**Mountain Mitchell State Park** 

At 6,684 feet, the mountain is the highest point east of the Mississippi River, and an observation deck provides breathtaking mountain views on a clear day. Easy trails at the summit explore the Fraser fir forest, while a vast network of challenging trails — including the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail — extend into adjacent wilderness areas and lead to backpacking opportunities within Pisgah National Forest.

Afternoon

**Spectrum Center** 

Boasting more than 20,000 seats, the Spectrum Center opened its doors in 2005 and is home to the NBA's Charlotte Hornets. The arena hosts more than 150 events a year, ranging from a variety of live entertainment such as professional and amateur sporting competitions to national and international draws such as The Rolling Stones, Taylor Swift and U2.

South Carolina State Museum

The museum features four floors of permanent and changing exhibitions exploring the history, art, natural history and science and technology of South Carolina. As the largest and most comprehensive museum in the state, guests are invited to visit our extensive galleries to immerse themselves in the story of the Palmetto State from pre-history to the modern day. In addition to engaging exhibitions, the State Museum also offers visitors opportunities to be amazed and enthralled with special experiences in the 55ft digital dome BlueCross and BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium,

the Boeing Observatory and the Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. 4D Interactive Theater.

Night

Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites Airport Convention Center; similar

Day 4

North Charleston - Vehicle - Charleston - Vehicle - Emporia

All day

Today we will visit one of the most amazing natural masterpieces in South Carolina - the Angel Oak. This ancient oak has been here for centuries. Its branches extend in all directions and its canopy blocks out the sun. The most special part of it is that this old oak has experienced many disasters but it remains. We will then drive to Boone Hall Plantation & Garden. Step onto the oak moss avenue and visit the original slave cabins, and you will learn about the history of Gullah cultural development! Next, we will have a quick visit to Charleston's Rainbow Row. There are 13 colorful townhouses scattered on the romantic street, so you may get some cool photos here. We will drive north along Interstate 95 and arrive at the South of the Border finallt and stop for it.

Itinerary:

North Charleston → Angel Oak (30 mins) → Boone Hall Plantation & Garden (optional, 90 mins) → Rainbow Row (120 mins) → South of the Border (30 mins) → Emporia

Morning

**Angel Oak** 

The Angel Oak Park is located on Johns Island where you can find what is known as "A Lowcountry Treasure". The Southern Live Oak tree is a historical site and focal point of one of the City of Charleston's public parks. It is considered to be the largest Live Oak Tree east of the Mississippi estimating to be 300 to 400 years old.

# **Boone Hall Plantation & Garden**

One of America's most photographed historical venues with true southern charm. Features world famous Avenue of Oaks, tractor tours across the entire property. Only live Gullah presentations in the area, Black History In America Exhibit, gardens that are a showcase of color, and a colonial revival style 1936 mansion. Special presentations now being offered daily include history talks, beehive demonstrations, horticulture, and more. Used in the filming of North and South, The Notebook, American Idol, and other Hollywood productions.

Afternoon

Rainbow Row (Old Town)

Charleston, South Carolina is known for its rich history, picturesque architecture, and colorful streets. One street, in particular, stands out for its rainbow of pastel hues – Rainbow Row. Located in the heart of Charleston's historic district, Rainbow Row has been a beloved landmark for nearly three centuries.

#### South of the Border

South of the Border has been a landmark of the southeast for nearly 70 years. A combination truck stop, motel, roadside attraction, carnival and snack stand, it is also a wonderland of Mexican stereotypes, hosted by the official mascot, Pedro.

Night

Hotel: Comfort Inn Emporia; similar

## Day 5

Emporia - Vehicle - New York

All day

Today we will visit the famous USS Wisconsin. This retired battleship has participated in many battles and made great achievements. Our last stop will be the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, known as "one of the seven engineering wonders of the modern world". And you will be amazed by the spectacular view of the Atlantic Ocean. After the tour, we will return to New York.

**Itinerary:** 

Emporia → USS Wisconsin (optional, 75 mins) → Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (30 mins) → New York

Morning

# **USS Wisconsin**

Wisconsin played an important role in the Invasion of Lingayen Gulf and the war of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After Japan surrendered, Wisconsin assists the US occupy Japan, and then participate Operation Magic Carpet, pick up the US military repatriation.

# **Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel**

Both a tourist attraction and a travel convenience, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel connects the Virginia mainland at Virginia Beach near Norfolk with Virginia's Eastern Shore. This 17.6 mile toll facility is an award-winning engineering marvel and is considered one of the seven man-made wonders of the world. A scenic overlook provides an opportunity to stretch your legs and enjoy the natural beauty, sights and sounds of the Chesapeake Bay as well as provides a great vantage point for camera buffs.

# **Cost Description**

#### **Cost includes**

1. Food and beverage. 2. Air ticket, ferry, and shuttle transfer in some attraction areas/national parks. 3. Attraction admission fee (Prices are subject to change without prior notice; Tickets should be purchased from the tour guide). 4. Service fee (minimum USD\$12/person/day, any child and Infant reserving a seat has to pay that service fee as well). 5. Personal expenses (such as food & beverage, telephone surcharge, etc.). 6. Any expenses are not listed in Fee Included. Extra expense Item name **Days Price description** Description Tour guide Mandatory: Mountain Mitchell arranges Everyone: \$15.00; State Park according itinerary Tour guide Adult: \$8.00; arranges Maymont Senior (65+): \$6.00; according Child (3-16): \$6.00; itinerary Adult: \$16.00; Tour guide Animal Park at the Conservators Senior (60+): \$14.00; arranges Center according Child (3-11): \$11.00;

1. Transportation (The type of vehicle used will be based on the number of guests attending that day).

2. Bilingual tour guide or driver-guide.

4. Breakfasts.

**Cost excludes** 

3. Hotel (Nights are one day less than the total number of tour days).

	itinerary	
Grandfather Mountain State Park	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$28.50; Senior (60+): \$26.50; Child (4-12): \$10.50;
Boone Hall Plantation & Garden	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$29.68; Senior (65+): \$26.50; Child (6-12): \$13.00;
USS Wisconsin	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Adult: \$19.75; Senior (60+): \$18.65; Child (3-12): \$15.40;