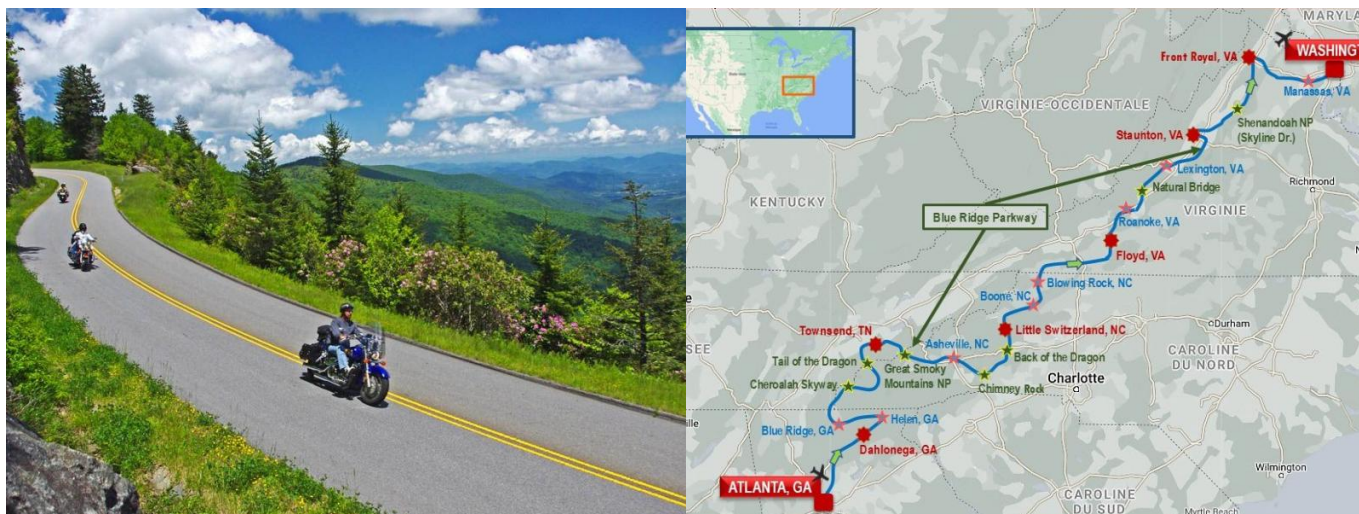


## In the Heart of the Blue Ridge by Motorcycle



A dream **journey** on the finest roads of the **East**, starting from **Atlanta**. After the lovely small towns of northern **Georgia**, head for the **Great Smoky Mountains**, home to one of America's most beautiful national parks between **Tennessee** and **North Carolina**. The region is famous for its legendary roads: **Cherochala Hwy**, **Tail of the Dragon**, **Blue Ridge Parkway**... And the **Skyline Drive** in **Shenandoah National Park** in **Virginia** announces your arrival in **Washington**, capital of the **United States**.



### Day 1

Flight to Atlanta. Time difference: -6 hours. Transfer to your downtown hotel.

Free time at the end of the day to get acquainted with the city, home to the Coca-Cola headquarters and museum, the birthplace of Martin Luther King, and the Georgia Aquarium, the largest in the country.

Overnight in Atlanta.



### Day 2

Morning transfer to collect your motorcycles.

Ride toward Helen, a Bavarian-style village in northern Georgia.

Arrival in Dahlonega, famous for the 19th-century gold rush.

Overnight in Dahlonega.

### Day 3

After a stop in Blue Ridge, enter North Carolina.



Ride the scenic Cherohala Skyway, then tackle the legendary Tail of the Dragon with its 318 curves.

Continue via the Foothills Parkway to Townsend.

Overnight in Townsend.

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## Day 4

Free day to explore Great Smoky Mountains National Park, one of the most visited parks in the country. It hosts one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet, including the black bear (around 1,500 individuals), elk, and many deer species.

A paradise for hikers, with over 1,300 km of trails.

Cades Cove Loop Road winds through a lush valley dotted with 19th-century barns, mills, and churches. Clingmans Dome is the highest point in the park (and in Tennessee) at 2,025m.

Fans of kitsch can head to Pigeon Forge, a giant amusement-style town created by Dolly Parton. You'll either love it or hate it...

Return to Townsend.

Overnight in Townsend.

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## Day 5

After crossing the park via Newfound Gap Road, stop in Cherokee, ancestral land of the Eastern Cherokee Nation.

Visit the Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Museum of the Cherokee People.

Begin your journey on the legendary Blue Ridge Parkway, a 755 km scenic byway full of breathtaking viewpoints.

After Asheville and the massive Biltmore Estate, arrival at Little Switzerland.

Overnight in Little Switzerland (or nearby).

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## Day 6

Start the day with the Diamondback: 38 miles of thrilling curves.



Continue along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Stop in Boone and Blowing Rock, known for its windswept rock and Chickasaw legend.

Experience the Mile High Swinging Bridge.

Arrival in Floyd, another charming mountain hamlet.

Overnight in Floyd.

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## Day 7

Head north via the stunning Blue Ridge Parkway. It never gets old!

Short detour to Roanoke, home to an excellent transportation museum featuring trains, cars, and aircraft.

Further north, visit Natural Bridge, the largest natural land bridge in North America (65m long), sacred to the Monacan tribe.

Ride toward Lexington, a charming town with beautiful red-brick homes.

Arrival in Staunton, one of the loveliest towns in Virginia, known for its Victorian architecture, galleries, and restaurants.

Overnight in Staunton.

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## Day 8

You leave Staunton to join the beautiful Skyline Drive, northern extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

It crosses the splendid Shenandoah National Park, home to abundant wildlife including black bears, bobcats, deer and birds of prey.

Arrival in Front Royal, marking the northern end of Skyline Drive.

Overnight in Front Royal.

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## Day 9

Final stage of this wonderful motorcycle journey through the Appalachians.

Ride east along scenic country roads to Manassas, site of the two Bull Run battles during the Civil War.

Optional visit to Mount Vernon, the estate of George Washington, before stopping in Alexandria, south of Washington DC.

Return the motorcycles to the rental agency (late afternoon or next morning), then transfer to your downtown hotel.

Overnight in Washington.

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## Day 10

Free day in the historic and political heart of the United States. Consider a hop-on hop-off bus tour to see the White House, Supreme Court, Capitol, and Martin Luther King Memorial.

Optional river cruise on the Potomac.

Washington is famous for its museums, including the National Gallery of Art and the Smithsonian museums along the National Mall, all free of charge.

Explore neighborhoods like Foggy Bottom, Capitol Hill, and Georgetown.

Overnight in Washington DC.

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## Day 11

Free morning before transfer to the airport.

Return flight to Europe.

Arrival the following morning.

Stay extension or itinerary modification: please contact us

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## Accommodation