

The Northeast Georgia Mountains and the villages and towns surrounding Lucille's Mountain Top Inn & Spa are full of activities and sights to see. We understand that your vacation time is precious, so we have outlined a few suggested itineraries to allow you to experience the best of what Northeast Georgia has to offer and still find time to relax while you are at the Inn & Spa.

<u>Day 1</u>

PM - Arrive where restoration meets the mountains, Lucille's Mountain Top Inn & Spa

- Arrive at the Inn in the afternoon or early evening. Relax in a rocker on the back porch or in the Gathering Room, enjoying a glass of wine and afternoon snack overlooking the mountains.
- Have dinner at a nearby restaurant there are so many to choose from!

<u>Day 2</u>

AM - Make a full day of these suggestions, or pick a few to make it a half-day excursion

- Embark on one of National Geographic's "Drives of a Lifetime" through the Chattahoochee National Forest and cross the Appalachian Mountains through the Unicoi Gap.
- If you plan to make a day of it, as you pass through Helen grab a sandwich at Betty's Country Grocery Store to eat along the way.
 - Stop to see some of the spectacular sights along the way:
 - Anna Ruby Falls, where a short and easy hike on a paved trail leads to the falls
 - For a little more exercise, hike the 2 miles round trip to Duke Creek Falls or the 5 miles to Raven Cliffs Falls (or even both if you are energetic).
 - Take the shuttle or hike to the top of Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia.
 - Stop at one or more of the observation areas along the Richard Russell Scenic Byway to see the majestic mountain vistas.
 - Visit Glass Mountain Gallery & Studio to see fantastic glass art objects being created and browse through the gallery
 - When you're in Blairsville, don't miss Alexander's Store, an authentic and original country mercantile store that carries a little bit of everything (Need a nice Woolrich Sweater, a Nautica shirt in the latest style and color, some ammo for your rifle and a KitchenAid appliance? No problem; Alexander's has them all.)
- On the way back to Sautee Nacoochee stop in Helen for lunch at Hofer's Bakery & Café or at Cowboys and Angels. Or grab a sandwich at Betty's Country Grocery Store and eat on one of the picnic tables under the trees outside.



PM – Relax in the afternoon and unwind from your morning adventure

- Pamper yourself at The Spa with a Couple's Massage, a Feet in the Clouds treatment or one of Lucille's Pure Hydrating Facials.
- Afterwards, relax on the porch or head down to The Village of Sautee, just below Lucille's, to visit Stonewall Creek's tasting room (inside Sheila's Village Market) to sample some of Georgia's finest wines.
- Enjoy a fine dining experience for dinner at Bernie's, also in Sautee, just a couple of miles from the Inn.

<u>Day 3</u>

AM (Active Option) – Make plans for one of these activities in advance to enjoy the great outdoors

- After breakfast enjoy one of the many outdoor activities around Lucille's like:
 - Golfing at Innsbruck Golf Club
 - Mountain Biking on Woody's Mountain Bikes exclusive trails, guided or unguided, with or without bike rental
 - Fly Fishing with Blackhawk Fly Fishing or Unicoi Outfitters
 - Hiking one of the numerous trails near Lucille's
 - Horseback Riding with Sunburst Stables or Chattahoochee Stables
 - Zip Lining with Sunburst Zip Lines or ZipNTime.
- For a full day of adventure and adrenaline go white water rafting on the Chattooga River with Southeastern Expeditions.

AM (Leisure Option) Relax and wander through the towns and villages around Lucille's

- If outdoor activities aren't your thing, take a drive north through the beautiful Sautee Valley.
- Stop along the way to see the Stovall Covered Bridge, one of last ones still standing in Georgia.
- Visit some of the unique artist galleries and studios in the hills and valleys, including:
 - Hickory Flats Pottery
 - Mark of the Potter (don't miss seeing the huge rainbow trout from the back balcony)
- Continue to Clarkesville and wander through The Nest and Bumbleberry, just off the historic city square, for the latest in home accents, gifts and high-end yarns.
- Wander through the antique shops in and around the historic square in Clarkesville.
- Have lunch at The Attic Restaurant or The Copper Pot, located in or near the square in Clarkesville, or return to the Village of Sautee for lunch at the Old Sautee Store Deli/Market or Sweetwater Coffee House.



PM - Spend the afternoon in one or more of the nearby villages shopping and wine tasting

- Wander through the shops in The Village of Sautee, just below the Inn. There you'll find an eclectic mix of stores, including:
 - The Old Sautee Store 1870's trading post that is still in operation,
 - The Lavender Cottage carrying a huge selection of lavender products (it smells and tastes great!)
 - Elevate, carrying a nice selection of home accents and painted furniture
- Make the short drive over to Yonah Mountain Vineyards and stop by Serenity Cellars on the way to sample some wonderful local wines.
- Visit The Gourd Place, where they make beautiful organic shaped pottery through a patented molding process that incorporates the shapes and subtle textures of gourds
- If you have already seen the shops and visited the wineries in The Village of Sautee tale the short drive over to the Nacoochee Village, where you'll find a good variety of shops and wineries, including:
 - Nora Mill Granary, a working water driven grist mill that produces some of the best stone ground grits, flours, pancake and cornbread mixes you will ever find.
 - Sample the coffee at Jumpin' Goat which is where Lucille's gets the wonderful coffee we serve every morning!
 - The Willows Pottery for handcrafted art pottery.
 - Nacoochee Village Antiques
 - Habersham Winery for more local wines, of course!
- Return to Lucille's for some relaxation prior to dinner at the nearby Mully's Nacoochee Grill...or if you didn't go to Clarkesville in the morning, head over there for a wonderful farm-to-table fine dining experience at Harvest Habersham.

Day 4

AM – A leisurely morning at the Inn prior to departing

- Enjoy a full two-course breakfast and fresh gourmet coffee in the Dining Room or the back porch, both looking out over the Blue Ridge Mountains and Sautee Valley.
- Stop by The Village of Sautee on your way out of town for a last minute gift or bottle of wine .

Au revoir, until your next visit to Lucille's Mountain Top Inn & Spa.