



## *Heaping Helpings of History, Heritage & Harmony*

Hub & Spoke ~ Roanoke Rapids, NC

### **Day One**

### **Tour Roanoke Rapids**

- Noon-2 p.m. Arrive in Roanoke Rapids, NC & have lunch at Cracker Barrel Restaurant
- 2-4 p.m. Visit the Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail
- 4-5:30 p.m. Check in & rest at your hotel
- 5:30-7 p.m. Enjoy a catered dinner by David's restaurant at The Roanoke Rapids Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Sing along with the live music variety show at The Roanoke Rapids Theatre
- 10 p.m. Return to Hotel



### **Day Two**

### **Tour Murfreesboro, Windsor & Ahoskie**

- 7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast at hotel
- 8-9 a.m. Board motorcoach at your hotel & travel to Murfreesboro, NC
- 9-11 a.m. Have a step-on greeting and take a tour of the Murfreesboro Historic District
- 11 a.m.-Noon Tour the amazing Jefcoat Museum
- Noon Enjoy the local flavor of a catered homemade lunch at the museum
- 1-2 p.m. Travel to Windsor
- 2-4 p.m. Tour Hope Plantation, restore home of former NC Governor David Stone
- 4-5:30 p.m. Enjoy shopping at the many unique shoppes in the downtown area
- 5:30-6 p.m. Travel to Ahoskie
- 6-7:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner at Catherine's 1770, a restaurant in a restored historic home
- 7:30 p.m. Arrive at the historic Gallery Theatre built in 1906 for a performance
- 10-11 p.m. Return to Roanoke Rapids



### **Day Three**

### **Tour Halifax & Scotland Neck**

- 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast, hotel checkout & board the motorcoach.
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive in Historic Halifax for a step-on narrated tour.
- 10-10:30 a.m. Travel to Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park in Scotland Neck.
- 10:30-Noon Tour Sylvan Heights to see the world's largest collection of waterfowl.
- Noon-until Have lunch at locally-owned restaurant Luigi's in downtown Scotland Neck. Enjoy free time to shop at local gift shop Josey Bros. or board the motorcoach to return home.



## *Escort Notes*

### **Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail**

Although not in the record books, don't miss what we call the world's longest museum! Once you enter this museum you will follow the mighty Roanoke River and experience our national, state and local history of transportation, power generation and industrialization via the creation of the Roanoke Navigation Canal. In addition to the museum, there is a 7.5-mile nature trail rich with native flora & fauna that follows the old navigation canal bed and has recently been designated as a site on the NC Coastal Plains Birding Trail.

### **The Roanoke Rapids Theatre**

The stars come out at The Roanoke Rapids Theatre. This music venue is located in the Carolina Crossroads Music & Entertainment District on I-95! Jerusalems Ridge, the theatre house band, performs their show *Family Reunion* regularly, and a diverse entertainment schedule is planned for 2008. Carolina Crossroads is NC's newest entertainment experience, offering a special outdoor concerts and events such as a Hot Air Balloon Festival, top-quality accommodations, and soon-to-be-completed dining and shopping for the entire family.

### **Murfreesboro's Historic District & the Brady C. Jefcoat Museum**

The district contains outstanding examples of houses and commercial buildings constructed in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, including a museum, tinsmith & blacksmith shops, country store, agriculture & transportation building, and law office.

The c. 1922 Murfreesboro High School now houses an incredible collection of Americana representing 25 years of active collecting by Mr. Brady C. Jefcoat of Raleigh, NC. You will be amazed at the thousands of items portraying the nation's industry and culture from 1850-1950! The diversity of the collection is overwhelming, ranging from laundering and cooking equipment to Daisy air rifles and mounted animals and game birds.

### **Historic Hope Plantation**

The land surrounding present-day Historic Hope Plantation was originally granted to the Hobson Family in the 1720s by the Lords Proprietors of the Carolina Colony. In the 1760s, Zedekiah Stone purchased the property and gave it to David Stone in 1793. The centerpiece of the site is the grand c. 1803 Hope Mansion built by Governor Stone. Built on an "above ground" basement, the house portrays basic Palladian design with some neo-classical elements. The five bay façade features a pedimented double portico. The hipped roof is topped by a widow's walk surrounded by a Chinese Chippendale balustrade.

### **The Gallery Theatre**

Erected on Main Street as a focal point of commercial life, the building now known as The Gallery Theatre began in 1906 as a storefront nickelodeon. In 1918 as Ahooskie grew, the store-front operation was expanded to accommodate the growing nature of railroad circuit performers which supplied near-weekly live shows such as dog acts, juggling acts and comedians. More expansion occurred, and the grand opening of The New Richard Theatre was held in 1928, featuring the best films of the era and continuing live performances.

### **Historic Halifax**

April 12, 1776, the date commemorated on the North Carolina flag, signifies the Fourth Provincial Congress' adoption of the *Halifax Resolves* during a meeting right here in Halifax. With that action, North Carolina became the first colony to take a bold, official step toward declaring independence from England. You can experience the lifestyle of those early revolutionaries at the Historic Halifax Visitors Center, offering a museum, brief film, living history demonstrations, and tours of ten historic structures & a unique archaeological exhibit.

### **Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park**

Travel around the world in 80 minutes! Discover the world's largest collection of rare & endangered waterfowl. Visitors have the opportunity to see over 1500 birds, especially ducks, geese & swans, from more than 170 different species. Walk through six continentally themed aviaries and experience the diverse beauty, color and sound of these creatures. There is a brand-new flamingo exhibit, as well as a wetland boardwalk.