

Alabama ARTS & CRAFTS . . . (& Beer)

A Sample Itinerary featuring:



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Day One: Arrive into Huntsville, AL

Tour through Twickenham Historic District with your fabulous step-on guide in period costume---Twickenham has the largest collection of antebellum homes in the state and you will gain a new appreciation of the diverse architectural styles in the district. End your tour with tea and a tour of the Weeden House Museum, c. 1819 and shopping at Harrison Brothers Hardware, the oldest hardware store in Alabama, now a shopper's delight for local and regional art and souvenirs.

Spend your afternoon browsing, shopping and talking with the artists at Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment---the Southeast's largest, privately-owned arts facility, all housed in a historic textile mill building. Over 200 artists work on site, many teach classes. Mediums range from culinary to photography to performance. Grab a gourmet popsicle or a cup of local tea!

Check into your choice hotel and refresh for dinner.

Enjoy dinner and local craft beers at Stovehouse or Campus 805, both creative repurposed historic facilities---a 1920s stove factory and a former city high school! Create your own piece of art while enjoying dinner.

OR Enjoy dinner and a performance at the brand new (opening in 2022) Huntsville Amphitheater, reminiscent of a Roman coliseum in design.

Day Two: Breakfast at your hotel.

Begin your day with a guided tour at the Huntsville Museum of art which focuses on regional art and hosts national travelling exhibits. Continue your art excursion with SPACES Sculpture Trail or the Hidden Art Trail.

Option: Burritt on the Mountain to handcraft folk arts or Huntsville Botanical Garden to learn landscape architecture.

Depart for Birmingham (Drive time 2 hours)

Arrive in Birmingham at Arlington Historic Home & Garden for a savory Southern culinary lunch experience and tour.

Spend your afternoon admiring the beauty of stained glass along the Windows of Worship Trail.

Dinner will be at The Fish Market where you will enjoy the food as well as a cooking demonstration and a local craft beer or two.

Following dinner, enjoy a performance at the brand new Red Mountain Theater.

Day Three: Breakfast at your hotel

Your morning will be enjoyed at Homewood Antiques & Marketplace for shopping and a hands-on art class. Enjoy lunch on your own at the many local options in the area.

Depart for Auburn (Drive time 2 hours)

Begin your Auburn experience with a tour of the Jules Collins Smith Art Museum and grounds.

Enjoy your afternoon with wine and cheese, an art demonstration and shopping at the ART Haus in historic downtown Opelika.

Savor dinner at Resting Pulse Brewery.

Day Four: Breakfast at your hotel

Search for treasures at Angel's Antiques, the Southeast's largest flea market and antique mall.

Lunch will be catered at Fig & Ivy, with a flower arranging demonstration by Stanley Sistrunk of The Flower Store.