



## High Country Multi-Generational Tour (for kids of all ages)

*Have a group made up of grandparents & grandchildren? The Multi-Generational Tour is a sample of many great attractions and is a superb trip for multi-generational tour groups because there is something for everyone to enjoy. This is a seasonal itinerary (May-October).*

### Day 1

#### Spruce Pine to Linville Area

**The Soap Shed:** Watch soap being made at one of the largest handcrafted soap shops in the US. Offering more than 130 varieties, there is sure to be something for everyone! (1 hr)

**Altapass Orchard:** Visit this historic orchard astride the Parkway and enjoy a storytelling hayride featuring stories of early settlers, including the Overmountain Revolutionary War Trail. *And*, if you visit on Sunday, you will also enjoy live music! (2 hrs)

**Linville Caverns:** See inside a mountain, where water is the element that has played a primary role; dissolving the limestone and dolomite and forming the natural passageways into the mountain. Water containing mineral deposits formed stalactite and stalagmite formations that enhance the beauty of the caverns. You will see columns, draperies, canopies, and an array of icicle-like forms as well as an underground stream. (1 hr)

**Crossnore Weavers:** Watch a demonstration of hand weaving in this “working museum” that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Follow your visit with a walk through the Crossnore Labyrinth next door and a snack at the Miracle Grounds Coffee Shop. (1 hr)

**Linville Falls:** Take a short one-mile round trip hike to see these magnificent falls. A series of two falls plunge into the 2,000 foot deep Linville Gorge, known as the “Grand Canyon of the South”. This is a magnificent walk in any season. (1 hr)

### Day 2

#### Valle Crucis & Linville

**Mast General Store:** Visit the 1883 era Original Mast General Store in Valle Crucis and browse their crafts area to find handmade baskets, pottery, quilts, and more. According to local lore, you will find everything from “cradles to caskets”, including shelves packed with all you might need for life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century...and most of this one. Be sure to make a stop at the Mast Store Annex for a visit to the *Candy Barrel*. It is sure to bring back memories of your childhood. (1 hr)

**Grandfather Mountain:** Visit this nature preserve featuring the highest swinging foot-bridge in Eastern America, the “Mile High Swinging Bridge.” You will also discover a native animal habitat where you may spot a bear cub, or a panther and see otters playing. The nature museum and films speak about the many aspects of the mountain, including endangered species, priceless gems, unique weather, and colorful wildflowers and birds. There is a restaurant, gift shop on site. You can make arrangements for a naturalist to escort your group and interpret the wonders of this nature preserve. (3 hrs)

**Whitewater Rafting, Canoeing or Hawksnest Ziplining:** Take a guided half-day rafting ride down the Nolichucky or Watauga Rivers. Various types of trips are available suitable for different ages. If you would like to stay out of the water, consider zips over the mountains to catch the best view possible. Hawksnest Zipline has the longest zipline course on the East Coast! (4 hrs)

## Day 3

### Boone & Blowing Rock

**Tweetsie Railroad:** A Wild West theme park featuring a three-mile train ride pulled by an authentic steam engine. Enjoy live entertainment, the Deer Park, rides, panning for gold, shopping and good food. (4 hrs)

**Mystery Hill:** A hands-on entertainment center that explores the relationship of science, optical illusion and natural phenomena. This attraction will bring out the child in everyone as you make an effort to climb “uphill” in a perfectly level room! The attraction also features a Native American Artifact and Appalachian Heritage Museum (1 hr)

**Gem Mining:** The excitement of the search for gemstones will bring out childlike excitement in everyone! The High Country offers both indoor and outdoor gem mines with gemstone cutting and goldsmith on-site. (1 hr)

**Evening Entertainment Options:** Take in a performance at **ASU or The Horn in the West**. Also, check the High Country Host’s calendar of events for festivals and special performances:

[www.mountainsofnc.com/calendar.html](http://www.mountainsofnc.com/calendar.html)

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