

THE CAROLINAS, GEORGIA & THE SOUTH ICONIC TRIPS



While each region of each state in the South has a distinct character (and often, a unique cuisine, and landscape, and accent), some things are just plain ol' Southern – antebellum mansions, kudzu and the ability to deep-fry just about anything (fish, chicken, sweet potatoes, unripe green tomatoes, an entire turkey, Twinkies...).

In these 11 Iconic trips, we'll weave you through all nine states, from the top of the Great Smokies in Tennessee to an island inhabited by wild ponies in North Carolina, and from William Faulkner's Oxford to Dale Earnhardt, Jr's Talladega. Honor the memory of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr by retracing his footsteps and contemplate the brutality of the Civil War with a reenactor-turned-preservationist.

And, of course, eat. Beignets, po' boys and fried alligator in New Orleans and Lowcountry, black-eyed peas, okra and shrimp in Charleston, and barbecue, well, just about everywhere. To work off all that soul and Southern food, take a stroll on the Appalachian Trail, or shake your tail feathers to practically any style of American music – most of it was invented here.

PLAYLIST

Many of our Iconic Trips bring you to the root of the Southern experience, so we're bringing you back to where it all began musically, as well. While you're driving the open road, here is a selection of songs to keep you going.

- "Cross Road Blues," Robert Johnson
- "Boom Boom," John Lee Hooker
- "Jambalaya (On the Bayou)," Hank Williams
- "Coal Miner's Daughter," Loretta Lynn
- "Heartbreak Hotel," Elvis Presley
- "The Man in Black," Johnny Cash
- "The Thrill is Gone," BB King
- "Crazy," Patsy Cline
- "When the Saints Go Marching In," Louis Armstrong
- "9 to 5," Dolly Parton



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