

## VESSELS, VINTAGES & VISTAS

### Over the Top and Down Under in One Exciting Mountain Trip

#### Thursday, October 18

- 7:30 am Meet in lower parking lot at women's athletic complex on South Milledge Avenue
- 8:00 am Depart for Gillsville and Lula
- 9:00 am Just an hour from Athens, visit with one of Georgia's best known folk potters, Michael Crocker, and learn how distinctive folk art is created. Enjoy an exclusive tour of one of the most extensive collections of Georgia folk pottery in the United States.
- 11:00 am Arrive at the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia in the Sautee and Nacoochee Valley and tour the area's newest visitor attraction.
- 12:15 pm Savor mountain cooking at an 1830s farmstead, now converted to an award-winning bed and breakfast inn
- 1:45 pm Tour Habersham Winery and sample premium, vintage, dated, varietal wines of north Georgia.
- 2:30 pm Catch a glimpse of a dinner theatre showcasing Broadway hits as you take a brief rest break
- 3:00 pm Stop by Yonah Treasures, featuring a selection of pottery by members of the Meaders family and a variety of mountain arts
- 3:45 pm Travel through Dahlonega to Amicalola Falls State Park
- 4:30 pm Stand in the middle of Georgia's highest waterfall as you drink in one of the most spectacular views in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains
- 5:30 pm Check in at Amicalola Falls Lodge, where you will have your own exclusive mountain view
- 7:00 pm Dinner in the main dining room, then choose whether to relax in the lodge near a roaring fire or rock on the veranda as dark falls over the mountains

#### Friday, October 19

- 7:30 am Start the day with coffee in your room and have breakfast on your own
- 9:00 am Depart Amicalola Falls Lodge, with a farewell view of the waterfall as you leave the Park
- 10:00 am Arrive at the Kangaroo Conservation Center and check in for your visit to the Australian outback and a panorama of habitat

and wildlife, including the largest collection of kangaroos outside Australia – 300 and counting!

12:30 pm Depart the Kangaroo Conservation Center and return to the USA

1:00 pm Arrive in Dahlonega, site of America's first gold rush in 1829; feast on mountain specialties served family style at the fabulous Smith House

2:30 pm Time to browse the Square, visit the Gold Museum or find shopping treasures on your own

3:30 pm Depart for Athens