



Fall Color Cruise

2015

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We will gather at the
**Cherokee Cattle
Company Restaurant**
at 8:30 AM,
Saturday, Oct 24,
Conduct a driver's meeting at
8:45 and leave promptly at
9:00 AM.



*Arrive with empty bladders and a full tank of gas please.
Radio's on Channel 7 as usual.*

We will take I-75 north to I-575 and continue to Blue Ridge, GA where we have a scheduled 30 minute rest stop before continuing on to lunch at the Tellicafe in Tellico Plains, TN. This is a favorite lunch stop for groups touring the Skyway.

We will turn east and travel over the scenic [Cherohala Skyway](#) where the elevation rises to over 5,400 feet. The fall color and scenery should be fantastic! After traveling through the "Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest", we will take a 30 minute rest break at the beginning of the notorious "[Tail of the Dragon](#)". Although the "Dragon" is not on our schedule, those that wish to cruise it, may do so and proceed to the hotel on their own.

We will pass by the [Fontana Dam and Lake](#) on our way to the Hampton Inn for the night in Cherokee, NC. Cherokee is located in the Cherokee Indian Reservation and offers many restaurants and activities for the visitor. It is also noted for [Harrah's Casino](#) with excellent gaming, dinning and room accommodations.



We have 15 rooms blocked at the [Hampton Inn](#). Those wishing to book a reservation should call the hotel direct (828-497-3115) and book a reservation under "CGCC". As of 9/26/2015 there were two double queens available. We suggest that all book early and if you change your mind, the booking can be canceled at a later date. The last date to book under the group is Oct 3. After that date the unsold rooms will be released to the public.

For dinner on Saturday evening, we have reservations at the [Brio Tuscan Grille](#) in Harrah's. This is an excellent restaurant with tasteful entrees and delightful deserts. Because the restaurant cannot accommodate us all at one time, we have arranged for three (3) dinner sessions. Sessions are for twenty (20) persons each beginning at 6:15, then 7:00 and then at 7:30PM. The dinner lists have been circulated by email and are completely full. If you are not on the lists and you desire to eat at the Brio, we suggest that you call the restaurant directly to arrange a separate seating.

Your evening after dinner is completely free to allow for gaming, touring the many shops or just visiting with your CGCC friends at the hotel.

For those that do not wish to stay overnight, the return to the North Atlanta Area is only approximately a 2.5 hour drive.

On Sunday we have a scenic drive through the NC and GA mountains back to the North Atlanta Area starting with an assembly at 8:30 at the Hampton Inn and departing at 9:00 AM. Our route includes a stop in Highlands, NC and on to lunch at the famous [Dillard House Restaurant](#) in Dillard, GA where I have reservations for a group of 30 at 12:00 PM. A rest stop at the casual [Laprade's Lakeside Bar and Grill](#) on Lake Burton is included on the return route to our home areas. We should arrive back about 4:30 to 5:00 PM.



Restaurant

Click below for interactive Google Maps (updated 10/17/2015):

[Route from Cherokee Cattle to Hampton Inn & Harrah's + Hampton Inn to Cherokee Cattle Co](#)

[return to CGCC website](#)