

“The Creek Indians in Alabama” Tour Itinerary 2021

Saturday, June 12. Our journey to the past begins with the very first Alabamians roughly 12,000 years ago at the ***Russell Cave National Monument*** in Bridgeport. From there we travel to ***The Hermitage*** near Nashville, home of Andrew Jackson, famed general of the Tennessee Militia during the Creek War and later U.S. President. Overnight at Hampton Inn & Suites, Franklin

Sunday, June 13. En route to Alabama, we’ll visit the historic site of ***Camp Blount***, where Andrew Jackson mustered in his volunteer troops. We’ll then head to ***Moundville Archaeological Park*** near Tuscaloosa to learn about the ancestors of the Creek Indians. Overnight at Comfort Inn, Demopolis

Monday, June 14. A day of adventure begins as we head off the beaten path to learn about the first American settlers in the Tensaw region of the “Old Southwest”. Morning visits to historic sites in Clarke County set the stage for our visit to ***Fort Mims***, site of the Red Stick massacre that ignited the Creek War, with Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov-foremost authority on this topic- as our personal guide. Later, we’ll stop by the reservation of the modern-day ***Poarch Band of Creek Indians*** in nearby Atmore, where we’ll visit their museum and learn first-hand the state of the Creek Nation today. Overnight: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Atmore

Tuesday, June 15. Our day starts with a drive along a portion of the ***Old Federal Road*** in rural Monroe County, with a short stop by ***Burnt Corn***, a modern-day ghost town, but once a significant American settlement at the junction of the Federal Road and a major Indian trading path. Afterwards, we’ll visit the sites of Econochaca at ***Holy Ground Battlefield Park*** in Lowndes County and ***Fort Toulouse-Jackson*** in Wetumpka, where Red Eagle surrendered to Andrew Jackson. A “Farewell Dinner” awaits at Lee County Historical Society’s ***Pioneer Park*** in Loachapoka. Overnight: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Auburn-Opelika

Wednesday, June 16. We’ll head northwest to ***Horseshoe Bend National Military Park***, where two nations collided in epic battle. Touring the park by bus and on foot, we’ll learn the unforgettable stories of bravery, tragedy, and unstoppable resolve. Later, we’ll drive by the town site of ***Tuckabatchee*** and the battlegrounds of ***Autossee*** and ***Calabee Creek***. We’ll follow along a portion of the ***Old Federal Road*** in Macon County, with a stop by an archaeological project at ***Warrior Stand***, en route to ***Fort Mitchell*** on the Chattahoochee River, headquarters for Gen. Floyd’s Georgia Militia. We’ll end our tour on a solemn note at the adjacent ***Chattahoochee Indian Heritage Center***, the regional gathering place for many Creeks who, two decades later, were forcibly removed on the infamous ***“Trail of Tears”***.

Trip departs from Auburn (7:00 am CDT) and Valley, AL (8:00 am CDT) via Capital Trailways. CVHS/LCHS reserves the right to revise itinerary as necessary. 3/8/21