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## TRAVELER'S AID: SOUTHEAST CALENDAR

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### Georgia

**Blue Ridge** — The eighth annual Wildlife & Nature Art Festival, Saturday and Sept. 16 in Blue Ridge, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association, includes 75 booths of juried fine art with a wildlife or nature theme, presentations by wildlife experts, food and artist demonstrations. 706-632-2144.

**Hiawassee** — The Georgia Mountain Fall Festival, Oct. 12-21, will fill the fairgrounds with music, food, arts, exhibits, pig races and more. 706-896-4191, [www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com](http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com).

**Flintstone** — Rock City's Enchanted Maize, at Blowing Springs Farm, Sept. 21-Oct. 28, features 10 acres of corn maze, plus hayrides. [www.seerockcity.com](http://www.seerockcity.com).

**Macon** — The 40th anniversary tribute to Otis Redding, today-Sept. 16, includes a teen talent competition, luncheon concerts, art competition, unveiling of a sidewalk portrait, a musical tribute, an exhibition at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, a jazz concert and a gospel music celebration. 800-768-3401, [www.visitmacon.org](http://www.visitmacon.org).

**Watkinsville** — Perspectives 2007, through Sept. 19, an annual pottery exhibit and sale at Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation gallery, nine miles south of Athens, includes exhibits of 50 Georgia potters and collectors. Also, thousands of pots handmade by Georgia potters are for sale at Rocket Hall on the campus of OCAF; Athens Pottery studio tours today. [www.ocaf.com](http://www.ocaf.com), 706-769-4565.

### Alabama

**Birmingham** — "Pompeii: Tales From an Eruption," Oct. 14-Jan. 27, at the Birmingham Museum of Art, is an exhibition of nearly 500 works including marble statues, bronzes, mosaics, room-size frescoes and 12 plaster and resin body casts. 205-254-2565, [www.pompeiiibirmingham.com](http://www.pompeiiibirmingham.com).

**Birmingham** — The Alabama Folk Art Exhibition, through Dec. 30, at the Birmingham Museum of Art, features works by Bill Traylor, the Quilters of Gee's Bend, Thornton Dial, Lonnie Holley, Charlie Lucas, Jerry Brown, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose Tolliver, Nora Ezell, Yvonne Wells, Benjamin Franklin Perkins and Howard Finster. 205-254-2566, [www.artsbma.org](http://www.artsbma.org).

**Decatur** — The 13th annual Riverfest, Sept. 21-22, offers music, barbecue cooking contest and family activities. 800-524-6181, [www.decaturlaycees.com](http://www.decaturlaycees.com).

**Huntsville** — The Big Spring Jam, Sept. 28-30, at Big Spring International Park has five stages with more than 80 bands, including LeAnn Rimes, Joan Jett, George Clinton & the Parliament Funkadelic and Los Lonely Boys. [www.bigspring.org](http://www.bigspring.org).

### North Carolina

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Asheville — The Harvest Celebration at Biltmore Estate, through Oct. 28, features musicians, Appalachian-style dancers, culinary demonstrations, wine tastings, gardening and decorating seminars, storytelling, cakewalks, artisans and farm life demonstrations. 1-800-411-3812, [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com).

Cherokee — The Indian Fair, Oct. 5-6, has Los Lonely Boys and Diamond Rio performing. Also arts, crafts, food and demonstrations. 800-438-1601, [www.cherokee-nc.com](http://www.cherokee-nc.com).

Sylva — The Tour de Tuck Bike Challenge, Sept. 22, is a 40-mile ride, one of the longest cycling events on the Blue Ridge Parkway. 1-800-962-1911, [www.tourdetuck.com](http://www.tourdetuck.com).

## South Carolina

Columbia — "Seeing Ourselves: Masterpieces of American Photography From the George @Eastman House Collection, Friday-Jan. 8, at the Columbia Museum of Art, is an exhibition of more than 155 masterworks of photography. 803-799-2810, [columbiamuseum.org](http://columbiamuseum.org).

Greenville — "Southern Exposure," Friday-Sept. 16, is a celebration of food, wine and music with a wine tasting featuring more than 100 wines from 30 wineries, award-winning chefs and musicians. 864-421-0000, [www.greenvillecvb.com](http://www.greenvillecvb.com).

## Tennessee

Nashville — "Marty Robbins: Among My Souvenirs" is at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. 615-416-2001, [www.countrymusichalloffame.com](http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com).

## Florida

Panama City — The Thunder Beach Autumn Motorcycle Rally, Sept. 27-30, includes vendors for cycle accessories and clothing, entertainment and contests. Free pre-event concert series at the Sandpiper Beacon Beach Resort, Sept. 24-26. 1-888-396-1638, [www.thunderbeachproductions.com](http://www.thunderbeachproductions.com), [www.sandpiperbeacon.com](http://www.sandpiperbeacon.com)

## Virginia

Norfolk — The grand opening of Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries at Old Dominion University, today, will showcase the 300 folk art pieces that the Gordons donated to the university. Also, "Collective Wisdom," works by members of the university's art department, which will be up until Oct. 21. 757-683-2355, [www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery/calendar.htm](http://www.odu.edu/al/art/gallery/calendar.htm)

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