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Helen, Georgia For all Seasons and Reasons



If you have never been to the northern Georgia Mountains you must add it to your **must go to places**. It is spectacular any season of the year. One destination I would highly recommend is the quaint Bavarian village of Helen, GA. The entire town was renovated with a touch of Bavaria which creates a unique experience for its visitors. Its nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the Chattahoochee River. This re-creation of an alpine town complete with cobblestone alleys and old world towers makes you feel you have left the country. The food is incredible and mostly everything is located on the riverbanks within easy walking distance. Just northeast of Atlanta and southwest of Greenville Helen provides visitors a place to relax away from the hustle and bustle of city life. More than 200 specialty and import shops, restaurants and over 1100 quality rooms are located in Helen. Outside of town, cabins and chalets are available, many with cozy fireplaces. Visitors can enjoy river tubing, horseback riding, golf, canoeing, fishing, mountain biking or hiking to one of the many majestic waterfalls close by. There are also romantic carriage rides downtown. Helen hosts one of the nation's longest Oktoberfests each year, bringing in thousands of revelers.

In June we spent a week in Helen. It was a wonderful week filled with so many things to do. One of the most incredible things is the magnificent beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are scenic drives with trails to waterfalls everywhere. It is also the beginning of the Appalachian Trail. We explored wonderful both easy and difficult trails in Unicoi State Park. Adjacent to Unicoi is the Chattahoochee National Forrest which offered a great paved trail to Ruby Falls.

The Chattahoochee River runs right through the center of Helen and tubing the river is a popular pastime. There are a few companies who pick you up and bring you to a spot upstream and then you just float down the cool wonderful river through the town. Many of the restaurants are located on the river so you can also enjoy a quiet lunch or refreshing cocktail watching the tubers try to maneuver the rocks, branches and currents of the river. We had so much fun. Horseback riding was another wonderful activity.

A day trip to Dahlonga over the scenic drive was a wonderful way to spend a day. The historic town is lovely and offers all kinds of splendid delights. Gold was first mined in the U.S. in Dahlonga and if you are interested in mining there are many activities you can get involved in. Another grand surprise in the Georgia mountains is the beautiful, sophisticated wineries dotted throughout the area. If you love wine tasting and exploring wineries this is a great place for you. I truly would recommend Helen to any of my friends.

I can not forget the biggest event of the year in Helen, Oktoberfest. It begins September 13 and runs to November 4, 2007. Make your reservations early. This is a HUGE event.

[For more information on the Oktoberfest or Helen](#)

[For accommodations in Helen, GA](#)

Dear Harry,

Oh, those lazy hazy days of summer are here and we are all thinking about ways to cool off. There are lots of wonderful ways to cool off in August. Water Parks come to mind first, closely followed by wonderful cool lakes for boating, fishing and swimming. Cool shady parks for long lovely picnics. All the great barbeques and seafood boils. Whether you are into lobster, shrimp, clams or oysters this is a great time to take a culinary adventure. There **must** be a food that you are longing for. It's time to plan that trip and no matter where it is www.segetaway.com can get you there. **Book now** using our easy travel guide with great deals in every destination!

• Spotlight on Service:Century 21 Thomas

Whether you're planning your dream vacation or your dream home, our North Myrtle Beach [Century 21 Thomas](#) rental specialists and real estate professionals are here for you! With hundreds of vacation rentals to choose from, we offer a wide range of accommodations, including oceanfront homes and golf course condo rentals. We know the great Grand Strand inside and out!



• Spotlight on Service: Atlanta Golf Concierge

Transportation to Premier Golf Courses and Sporting Events

If Golf and Sports is how you enjoy yourself [Atlanta Golf Concierge](#) can help. Whether you're visiting or live in the Atlanta area, their service is the no hassle way for you to enjoy yourself when you entertain clients or get together with friends. [Atlanta Golf Concierge](#) offers service to 11 Georgia Golf Courses rated 4 ½ stars by Golf Digest. They handle everything; Tee Times, Green/Cart fees, VIP check in and range use. Morning or afternoon tee times are available, 7 days a week up to 6 months in advance. [Atlanta Golf Concierge](#) service includes roundtrip transportation for up to 8 players from a location in Downtown, Midtown, Buckhead, Perimeter Mall or Cobb Galleria. In the Golf Coach you can socialize, relax, play cards, watch DVD's and enjoy a beverage during the ride. View the information on the courses in Atlanta and Lake Oconee. [Atlanta Golf Concierge](#) can also help with tickets and transportation to Sporting Events in the area including the Masters, Falcons, Thrashers, Braves, Hawks, College Football, FedEx Cup, AT&T Classic and more. Please visit www.eventmarketplace.com for more information.



• Upcoming Events

Annual San Sebastian Harvest Festival & Grape Stomp Held in late August Location: San Sebastian Winery 904-826-1594 Admission Free Get purple feet at this special festival celebrating the San Sebastian Winery's grape harvest. Grape Stomping competitions run throughout the entire weekend with prizes awarded to the winners. Complimentary tours and wine tasting included! Listen to live music in 'The Cellar Upstairs' Wine and Jazz Bar on the open-air deck and enjoy a great view of St. Augustine. A selection of San Sebastian wine, beer, soft drinks and light appetizers are available for purchase. [For St. Augustine Accommodations](#)

Jack Daniels Presents the Pilgrimage October 3-7, 2007 The 8th Annual Myrtle Beach FALL RALLY - 5 days of FUN in the SUN!! All the fun and excitement at a time of year that is perfect: Lower Hotel/Motel rates, Excellent Weather, Great Riding, Less Traffic & Congestion! Come and enjoy one of the last rallies of the year. With the great riding the Grand Strand has to offer it is not an event you want to miss. Everything you would expect a rally to have . . . bikes, vendors, contests, entertainment, swap meets, excellent seafood/restaurants, warm weather and sandy beaches, and lots of beautiful people! If you have never participated in this exciting event make plans now to do so in 2007. Businesses all over the Grand Strand are busy making plans for Bike Shows, Poker Runs, Live Entertainment, Vendor Areas, Contests of every kind and description. Make your reservations early, hotel rooms will be filling up fast. [For Myrtle Beach Accommodations](#)

• Little Gem of the South: Chincoteague Island, VA

Located at the Beach Entrance -Assateague Island- on the beautiful Island of Chincoteague, Virginia, is the legendary Blue Heron Inn, where tranquility is a way of life. This picturesque Inn has long been known as a favorite Chincoteague vacation retreat for generations of travelers seeking a serene and enchanting escape. Chincoteague Island is the perfect location for honeymoons, romantic getaways, family vacations, sportsmen and small weddings. The Inn reflects a wonderful blend of local heritage and the unspoiled natural beauty that makes Chincoteague such a special place. Deluxe accommodations include spacious rooms with one King, one Queen or two Doubles. Located on over an acre and a half of landscaped grounds, the Inn*s intimate setting takes advantage of the quiet peacefulness that is in abundance on Chincoteague Island. Here, guests can enjoy nature at its finest, while staying at one of the closest Inns to the entrance of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

[For Accommodations at the Blue Heron Inn](#)

• Royal Caribbean Cruise to The Bahamas Great Prices

Surrender to the soothing rhythms and beauty of the Bahamas on this four-night cruise aboard the Majesty of the Seas. Sail to Nassau, where layers of nautical history are yours to explore. Shop at the famous Straw Market or try your luck in a world-class casino. Sunbathe on white-sand beaches and play in the aquamarine surf of CocoCay, a Royal Caribbean private island. Finally, the laid-back lifestyle and pastel architecture of Key West might make you forget you're still in the United States. Onboard, enjoy panoramic ocean views during an aerobics class, dive into a refreshing pool, and dance the night away.



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