5N VFR Itinerary

Atlanta → Chattanooga → Gatlinburg/Great Smoky Mountains → Asheville → Greenville → Atlanta

Day 1 – Atlanta icons + easy start 🎡🛍️

Big-city highlights, kid-friendly sights, and a relaxed evening

🌞 Morning: Arrive in Atlanta → check in at Homewood Suites by Hilton Atlanta Buckhead Pharr Road (great for families + kitchenette) → head to Georgia Aquarium

🌤️ Afternoon: Walk next door to World of Coca-Cola → stretch your legs in Centennial Olympic Park

🌙 Evening: Early dinner with plenty of veg choices at Chai Pani (Decatur) *or* Madras Mantra (excellent vegetarian South Indian) → light shopping stroll around Buckhead

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Day 2 – Atlanta → Chattanooga: riverfront + Lookout Mountain 🌊🌰

Short drive, classic Chattanooga attractions, and an easy-paced evening

🌞 Morning: Drive Atlanta → Chattanooga (easy morning departure) → start at Tennessee Aquarium

🌤️ Afternoon: Head up to Lookout Mountain → choose one "wow" stop: Ruby Falls (guided underground waterfall)

🌙 Evening: Indian-friendly dinner at Apna Kitchen *or* KD's KITCHEN (good vegetarian options) → overnight in Chattanooga (hotel suggestion: aim for downtown/riverfront for walkability)

Day 3 – Chattanooga → Gatlinburg: mountain-town fun + scenic views 🚗🌲

Easy drive into the Smokies area, with a classic Gatlinburg evening

🌞 Morning: Drive Chattanooga → Gatlinburg (arrive by early afternoon) → check in at The Park Vista - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel - Gatlinburg (great views + family-friendly amenities)

🌤️ Afternoon: Ride up for panoramic views at Anakeesta Tower (easy, iconic, very "Smokies") → wander Downtown Gatlinburg shops

🌙 Evening: Veg-friendly Indian dinner nearby in Pigeon Forge at Taste of India *or* Spice Express Indian Kitchen

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Day 4 – Great Smoky Mountains National Park: scenic drives + gentle hikes 🏞️

Nature day that's beautiful without being exhausting

🌞 Morning: Enter Great Smoky Mountains National Park early → choose a gentle, family-friendly option like a scenic drive + short walks (wildlife spotting is best in the morning)

🌤️ Afternoon: Pick one easy “wow” trail (avoid overdoing it): Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail (great mix of scenery + quick stops) *or* Alum Cave Bluffs (more effort, bigger payoff—only if everyone’s up for it)

🌙 Evening: Relax back in Gatlinburg → casual dinner repeat-friendly for vegetarians at Taste of India if you loved it, or switch to Spice Express Indian Kitchen → early night

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Day 5 – Gatlinburg → Asheville → Greenville: culture + shopping + a pretty downtown finish 🎨🛍️

Two manageable drives with iconic Asheville stops, ending in Greenville charm

🌞 Morning: Drive Gatlinburg → Asheville → quick city intro + coffee stroll around Downtown Asheville

🌤️ Afternoon: Choose your “Asheville signature”:

- Mast General Store Asheville + nearby browsing, *or*
- Explore the artsy River Arts District via Marquee (easy, fun shopping + local crafts)

Then drive Asheville → Greenville → check in at Hampton Inn & Suites Greenville-Downtown-RiverPlace (excellent location for walking)

🌙 Evening: Sunset stroll at Falls Park on the Reedy → photos on Liberty Bridge → dinner in Downtown Greenville (lots of vegetarian-friendly options even beyond Indian)

Day 6 – Greenville → Atlanta: last-day shopping + fly/home-ready wrap-up 🛍️🚗

Easy return with a relaxed finish in Atlanta

🌞 Morning: Optional easy outdoor time at Unity Park *or* a short walk/bike portion of Swamp Rabbit trail

🌤️ Afternoon: Drive Greenville → Atlanta → check in (final night) at Home2 Suites By Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Center (easy parking + convenient for a road-trip finish) → shopping at Perimeter Center

🌙 Evening: Farewell Indian dinner at Blue India *or* quick, customisable bowls/wraps at NaanStop

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