BREVARD, NC

MOUNTAIN GETAWAY

Stunning natural beauty, world-class performing arts, and outdoor adventure all come together in a town with fewer than 8,000 people





"I GOT HERE IN 1986 and thought I had landed in heaven," says basket artist Joe Bruneau, who manages Brevard's arts cooperative, Number 7 Arts (number 7 arts.com). "It's absolutely beautiful."

With pristine parklands and 250 waterfalls, Brevard and its surrounding Transylvania County beckon both outdoor adventurers and artists. Every

summer, 400 promising young musicians are chosen for the annual Brevard Music Center Summer Institute & Festival, with some 80 concerts taking the stage



from late June to early August. The BMC's artistic director is alumnus Keith Lockhart, principal conductor of the Boston Pops and the BBC Concert Orchestra in London. Lockhart's parents have lived in Brevard for 30 years, and his grandparents lived there as well. Each summer in the North Carolina mountains is a homecoming for the world-renowned maestro. "Every year is extraordinary," Lockhart

STAY

Sleep under the Stars

Go "glamping" in a whopping four-bed, four-season tent at **The Bike Farm**, where you can also book guided mountain bike rides. Tents from \$100 (extra charge for linens and tours); bikefarmpisgah.com

Choose Indoor Accommodations

The Red House Inn: An 1851 house with additional cottages for rent. Rates from \$155 at the inn and from \$175 at the cottages; brevardbedandbreakfast.com Bed and Breakfast on Tiffany Hill: Pretty B&B convenient to Brevard attractions. Rates from \$195; bbontiffanyhill.com Rental properties: visitwaterfalls.com