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A Visit to Cherokee

The author, seeking an exotic escape from typical tourist destinations, joined a friend on a trip to Cherokee, Oklahoma. They visited Qualla Boundary, a town nestled in scenic mountains, which showcased 18th century Cherokee life through its Indian village and historical pageants. Despite language barriers, they explored souvenir shops filled with traditional crafts and met George, a local who spoke fluent English. He shared insights into Cherokee life, explaining their diverse income sources, including "Bingo Weekends", which drew large crowds and generated significant revenue. The trip concluded with a visit to a museum displaying Cherokee arts and crafts, from baskets to symbolic carvings. The author left with a deep appreciation for the unique culture and eagerly anticipated future exotic travels.

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