

Nashville, Smoky Mountains & Bluegrass

September 28 - October 5, 2022



This itinerary takes you into the heart of America's great South. You'll start your journey in Louisville, and visit Churchill Downs, home of the legendary horse race "The Kentucky Derby". What's even more famous than the horses in Kentucky? Bourbon. Tour the Evan Williams distillery and sample the Kentucky staple. Trek into the Smoky Mountains and admire its beauty and diversity of plants and animals. You'll then head to Nashville and immerse yourself in its music scene, enjoying a tour of the Grand Ole Opry. Much awaits you on your adventure of the true South. Yee-Haw!!!

Day 1, Wednesday, Sept. 28: Flight to Louisville. Depart from Chicago for your flight to Louisville. Meet your Tour Director and enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers. (D)

Day 2, Thursday, Sept. 29: Louisville. Start the day with a visit to Churchill Downs, the thoroughbred race track most famous for hosting the annual Kentucky Derby. Later visit the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory which showcases the history of the Louisville Slugger brand of baseball bats, the official bat of Major League Baseball. Next, visit the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience for a tour and tasting which celebrates the legacy of Evan Williams, Kentucky's first distiller and namesake of Heaven Hill's flagship Bourbon brand. (B)

Day 3, Friday, Sept. 30: Louisville, Lexington and Gatlinburg. We'll travel south through lush terrain toward Tennessee. You'll stop in Lexington, the "Horse Capital of the World" and visit the Kentucky Horse Park, a working horse farm and the world's only park dedicated to man's relationship with the horse. See other historic estates of the Bluegrass Region as well as shiny-new, multi-million dollar farms of international movers and shakers. Later arrive in Gatlinburg for a two-night stay in one of America's great mountain resort destinations and a gateway to Smoky Mountains National Park. (B,D)

Day 4, Saturday, Oct. 1: Smoky Mountains National Park and Biltmore Estate. Welcome to our nation's most visited National Park, Smoky



Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- 2 Nights in Louisville
- 2 Nights in Gatlinburg
- 3 Nights in Nashville
- 11 Meals Included (7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners)
- Air from Chicago
- Smoky Mountains National Park
- Churchill Downs
- Grand Ole Opry
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Nashville City Tour

Mountains National Park, world renowned for the diversity of its plant and animal life, the beauty of its mountains and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture. Continue onto Asheville, NC to tour a four-acre masterpiece of the Vanderbilt family, the Biltmore Estate. America's largest home boasts 250 rooms, 65 fireplaces, 70,000 gallon indoor pool, bowling alley, priceless art and antiques. The grounds also feature 75 acres of formal gardens and a winery. (B)

Day 5, Sunday, Oct. 2: Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. Travel to nearby Pigeon Forge to visit Dollywood, the entertainment theme park owned by the legendary Dolly Parton. The park features live entertainment showcasing the best in country, bluegrass, mountain and gospel music. Master craftsmen demonstrate centuries-old crafts including blacksmithing, glass blowing and wood carving. Later travel to Nashville and arrive at the amazing Gaylord Opryland Resort to begin a three-night stay. The resort complex features three interior gardens under glass roofs including waterfalls, a river and lake system with passenger-carrying flatboats plus a variety of restaurants, lounges and shops. (B)

Day 6, Monday, Oct. 3: Nashville. Enjoy a Nashville City Tour to see the Parthenon (replica of the Acropolis in Greece), the Old Ryman Auditorium ("Mother Church" of country music), the State Capitol and famous Music Row. Then visit the Country Music Hall of Fame to see how country music has evolved through the past 70 years, featuring memorabilia and displays in a museum setting. Tonight enjoy the Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater, the Music City's premier entertainment theater. (B,D)

Day 7, Tuesday, Oct. 4: Nashville. Today tour The Hermitage – home of Andrew Jackson, the 7th President of the United States. The tour provides insight into life on the farm and the Antebellum South. This afternoon enjoy the resort amenities or do some shopping at the nearby Opry Mills. This evening enjoy a performance of America's longest-running radio show, The Grand Ole Opry. (B,D)

Day 8, Wednesday, Oct. 5: Depart for Home. It's time to depart but you will be filled with wonderful memories of your Smoky Mountains and Bluegrass Tour. (B)



Tour Price (double occupancy)

\$3,525 per person

****Air from Chicago and airport transfers included.****

Pricing valid until July 10, 2022 or until space sells out, whichever comes first.

**** Make your final payment by check or cash and receive \$200 per person off your balance ****



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