

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS PIGEON FORGE & NASHVILLE, TN



11 days / 10 nights departing Saturday October 20th 2018

A superb tour as we travel from South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, the Great Smoky Mountains and Tennessee. We encompass legendary history with such places as Churchill Downs, the Great Smoky Mountains, Pigeon Forge and Nashville, TN. You will find scenic beauty which is hard to comprehend in the awesome Smoky Mountains followed by Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. There is entertainment galore including the Dixie Stampede and Country tonight. Let's not forget a visit to the Grand Ole Opry, and a river cruise aboard the General Jackson...Lot's to see and lot's to do on this wonderful road trip.

**AN AMAZING SMALL GROUP ROAD TRIP FROM THE BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA
IN OUR 12 PASSENGER MERCEDES SPRINTER VEHICLE**

If deposited by 30th June 2018 please deduct \$100 per person off your final balance

Travel Itinerary

Day 1: Rapid City to Dakota Dunes, SD – 430 miles (Watches forward 1 hour to Central Time Zone)

Today we leave the Black Hills and head for Sioux City, IA. Regular stops will be made for comfort stops and meal breaks.

Overnight Dakota Dunes, SD – No meals included

Day 2: Dakota Dunes, SD to Peoria, IL – John Deere Headquarters - 445 miles

After breakfast we continue our journey to Peoria, IL arriving late afternoon.

Overnight Peoria, IL area – Breakfast & Supper included

Day 3: Peoria, IL to Louisville, KY – 327 miles (Watches forward 1 hour to Eastern Time Zone)

Today we travel to Louisville, KY, home to the world famous Kentucky Derby. After checking into our hotel it's time for supper at a local restaurant.

Overnight Louisville, KY – Breakfast included.

Day 4: Louisville, KY – Kentucky Derby Museum – Cherokee, NC – 362 miles

After breakfast we leave for our tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum which is one of the premiere attractions in the Louisville region, celebrating the tradition, history, hospitality and pride of the world-renown event that is the Kentucky Derby. After our tour we continue our journey to Cherokee, NC which is our starting point for the Smoky Mountain adventure.

Overnight Cherokee Area, NC – Breakfast included

Day 5: Cherokee, NC to Pigeon Forge TN – 48 miles

After breakfast it's time to leave for North Carolina and enjoy the magnificent scenery as we travel through the Smoky Mountains. Ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. World renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture. Arriving into Pigeon Forge mid-afternoon which is our home for the next two nights. This evening we enjoy a delicious supper followed by Country Tonite, the hottest, foot stompin', knee slappin' country show in the USA!

Overnight Pigeon Forge, TN – Breakfast & Supper included

Day 6: Pigeon Forge, TN and exploring Cades Cove.

Today we step back in time and explore Cades Cove. For hundreds of years Cherokee Indians hunted in Cades Cove but archeologists have found no evidence of major settlements. The first Europeans settled in the cove sometime between 1818 and 1821. By 1830 the population of the area had already swelled to 271. Cades Cove offers the widest variety of historic buildings of any area in the national park. Scattered along the loop road are three churches, a working grist mill, barns, log houses, and many other faithfully restored eighteenth and nineteenth century structures. Afterwards we have time to explore the many shops & sights of Gatlinburg before enjoying the Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede supper & show. a four-course feast with friendly rivalry between the North and South at the Dixie Stampede dinner show.

Overnight Pigeon Forge, TN – Breakfast & Supper included

Day 7: Pigeon Forge, TN to Nashville, TN & The Grand Ole Opry – 210 miles

A bountiful breakfast this morning and then it's time to head for Nashville... We will make appropriate stops for rest breaks and lunch. We arrive into Nashville early afternoon and check into our hotel. Tonight it's time for the Grand Ole Opry... Far and away the most venerated institution in all of country music, the WSM Grand Ole Opry is not only a cultural treasure, but a vital part of America's rich musical tapestry. In fact, recounting the story of the Grand Ole Opry is almost like telling the history of country music itself. After the show, we return to our hotel.

Overnight Opryland Area, TN – Breakfast included

Day 8: Nashville, TN – Exploring Opryland plus Supper and Show on the General Jackson Showboat

Please be ready to depart the hotel at 10.00am for our short drive to Opryland – a huge resort complex for you to explore at your own pace...This evening, board the world's grandest showboat... a delicious supper and world-class entertainment and, all while we're cruising the majestic Cumberland River.

Overnight Opryland Area, Nashville, TN – Breakfast and Supper included

Day 9: Nashville, TN to St Louis, MO – Gateway Arch – to Bridgeton, MO - 320 miles

Today we say goodbye to Nashville and make our way to St Louis, MO making a stop at the famous Gateway Arch. The Gateway Arch is a 630-foot (192 m) monument in St. Louis in the state of Missouri. Clad in stainless steel and built in the form of a weighted catenary arch it is the world's tallest arch the tallest man-made monument in the Western Hemisphere, Built as a monument to the westward expansion of the United States and dedicated to "the American people". We continue our journey to our hotel (25 miles west) for overnight.

Overnight Bridgeton, MO – Breakfast included

Day 10: Bridgeton, MO to Dakota Dunes, SD – 545 miles

A full day's drive with regular comfort stops and meal breaks.as we journey back towards the Black Hills... tonight we have our 'Farewell Dinner' and toast our exciting adventure and new friends we have made.

Overnight Dakota Dunes area, SD – Breakfast & Farewell Supper included

Day 11: Bridgeton, MO to Dakota Dunes, IA – Tour of – 545 miles

After breakfast we continue our journey home headed north and then west we make appropriate comfort breaks and meal stops as we travel I-29 and I-90.

Breakfast included.

Itinerary at a glance

Price: \$2,895 per person based on double occupancy

Single: add \$845

Starts: Saturday October 20th 2018

Ends: Tuesday October 30th 2018

What's included?

- Round trip transportation from Rapid City (12 passenger Mercedes Sprinter)
- 10 night's accommodations & meals as listed in the itinerary
- Churchill Downs – Home to the Kentucky Derby plus Touring through the Great Smoky Mountains
- Country Tonite Show, Dixie Stampede Supper and Show, General Jackson Showboat - a Supper Cruise & Show on the Cumberland River and the Grand Ole Opry
- All entrance fees, baggage handling taxes; fully escorted

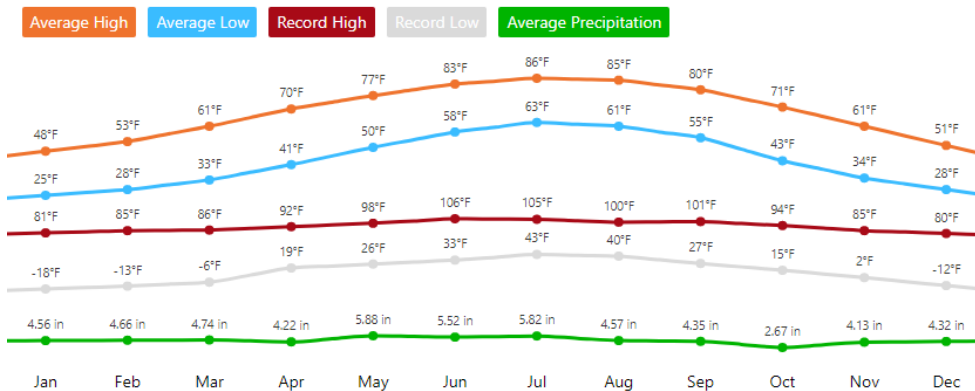
How to book

- Deposit due of \$500 per person
- Balance due by August 15th 2018 (or at time of booking if after this date)

What you'll need

- Passport is not required for this tour, however a Picture ID is always recommended
- A Camera for the amazing sights

Weather



July is on average the **WARMEST** month.

January is on average the **COOLEST** month.



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