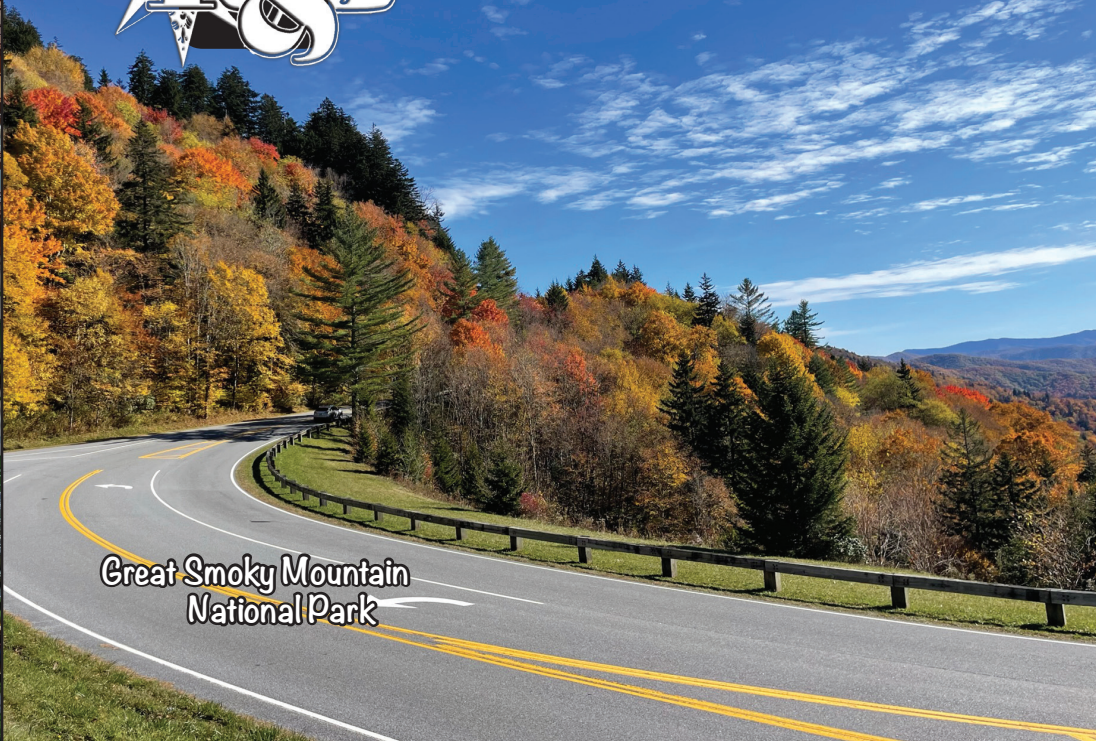




Incredible Biltmore



Great Smoky Mountain National Park

# Smoky Mountains

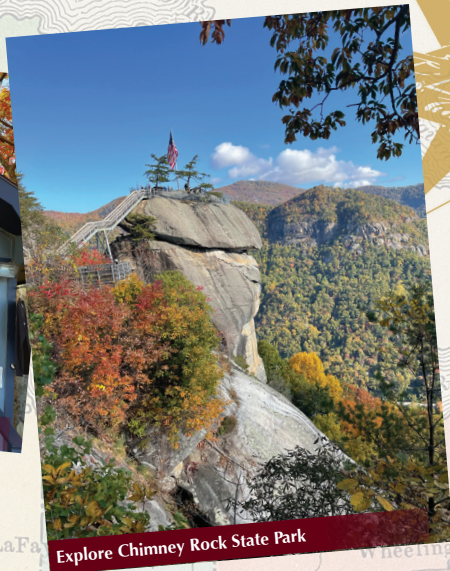
October 18 - 27, 2024 (10 days)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Grand Ole Opry
- 3 Nights Pigeon Forge Country Tonite Show
- Old Friends Living History Farm
- 2 Nights near Asheville, N.C.
- Tour Biltmore Estate & Stroll the Gardens
- Guided Tour of the Great Smoky Mountains
- Blue Ridge Parkway Drive
- Take a ride up America's largest Aerial Tramway in Gatlinburg
- Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show
- Churchill Downs with Lucky Shoes activity
- Dollywood
- Nashville City Tour
- Chimney Rock State Park



Ober's Mountain Grass Band



Explore Chimney Rock State Park



Nashville's Parthenon

## MAP AT A GLANCE



*"The Smoky Mountain tour has become a top favorite of mine. The sights and sounds of this part of the country, from the Grand Ole Opry to the top of Chimney Rock, are not to be missed. Amazing!"*  
Sandy, Shoreview

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Country Tonite Show

### Day 1 - Home to Bloomington, IL

Welcome aboard! Today we'll travel to Bloomington, IL for an overnight stay. Lunch is served along the way before continuing on to our hotel. Enjoy an evening at your leisure tonight.

**Included Meals: Lunch**

**Hotel: DoubleTree**

### Day 2 - Bloomington to Nashville, TN

View fall colors as we make our way to Nashville for our overnight. We'll check into our hotel and head to Paula Deen's Family Kitchen before attending the fabulous Grand Ole Opry.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Hotel: Holiday Inn Express**

### Day 3 - Nashville to Pigeon Forge, TN

First on the itinerary today is a tour of Nashville. A step-on guide will join us to see historic downtown Nashville, Music Row, Centennial Park and much, much more before we head for Pigeon Forge! The scenery is great as we travel to Pigeon Forge, a quaint little city nestled in the Smoky Mountains. Dinner is served at the charming Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Hotel: Black Fox Lodge (3 Nights)**

### Day 4 - Pigeon Forge

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning. Later, visit Dollywood, the greatest variety of wholesome entertainment in the Smokies! Choose from 40 live shows, 50 craft showcase displays, Dollywood Boulevard, eight acres of movie memories and more. Dollywood will lift your spirits and leave you with special memories. After dinner on your own we will attend one of the hottest shows playing in Pigeon Forge, "Country Tonite."

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

### Day 5 - Pigeon Forge

After a wonderful breakfast at our hotel, we will welcome a step-on guide on board for a wonderful tour of the Great Smoky Mountains. After our tour we will return to the hotel for a free afternoon. You



A little horsing around at Old Friends!



Make our own Lucky Shoes at Kentucky Derby Museum



Dollywood

can rest, explore Pigeon Forge, or stop at The Island or Christmas Place. This evening we are in for a treat. We will take in the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show. There will be a homestyle dinner feast followed by a farcical musical revue with dancing and comedy.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### Day 6 - Pigeon Forge to Asheville Area, NC

We'll say goodbye to Pigeon Forge and head to Gatlinburg, TN and take a scenic tram ride up America's largest aerial tramway. The breathtaking panorama of Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains is inspiring. Once at the top, hop on the scenic chair lift to climb even higher and listen to an authentic Blue Grass Band. Enjoy time at Ober Mountain taking in all the fun, included activities like the alpine slide, mountain coaster, zoo & more. Then we return to the bottom of the mountain where there will be time to enjoy lunch (on your own) and some shopping time in Gatlinburg before heading to Asheville. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Gatlinburg - spectacular aerial tramway view up Ober Mountain!



Nashville touring

Thomas Green Ryman Statue



The Biltmore Estate is truly remarkable!



### Day 7 - Asheville Area

This morning we will cross the threshold into a world of hospitality, beauty, and luxury that has remained unchanged for more than a century. The Biltmore Estate, home of George Washington Vanderbilt, is a testament to the uncompromising ideals of an exceptional man. Stroll the immaculate gardens and enjoy a delicious lunch at the estate's Stable Restaurant, offering a wonderful atmosphere. Next we wind along Hickory Nut Gorge, a scenic canyon drive as we motor through colorful mountains to Chimney Rock Park, with its towering granite monolith that affords breathtaking 75-mile views. The evening is at your leisure.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

### Day 8 - Asheville Area to Frankfort, KY

We make our way to Berea today for lunch at The Boone Tavern. This afternoon you are guests at the Old Friends Living History Farm where they provide a safe haven & permanent retirement to Thoroughbreds whose racing & breeding careers have come to an end. Arrive at your hotel for a restful evening and choose from a variety of restaurants tonight.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Hotel: Hampton Inn**

### Day 9 - Frankfort to Normal, IL

This morning we stop at Churchill Downs in Louisville, home of the world's most famous horse race, for a guided tour of the racetrack. We'll also explore their interesting museum and view a movie in their 360° movie room, plus experience the fun gift shop! Some folks have four leaf clovers or rabbits feet as a lucky charm. At Churchill Downs, the horseshoe is thought to bring good luck and protection. We'll decorate our own lucky horseshoe to take home! Then we'll grab a boxed lunch before we head towards home with a stop for night in Normal, IL. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Baxter's American Grille.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner**

**Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites**

### Day 10 - Normal to Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we make our final stretch for home. Enjoy lunch on your own along the way. Arrive home late afternoon or early evening.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

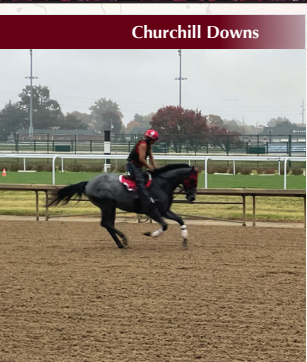
**Smoky Mountains**



Visit retired Thoroughbreds at Old Friends Living History Farm



Churchill Downs



## 2024 DATES & PRICES

<b>DATES:</b>	<b>October 18 - 27, 2024 (10 Days)</b>	
<b>PRICE PER PERSON:</b>	<b>\$3,299 Double</b>	<b>\$4,119 Single</b>
	<b>\$3,079 Triple</b>	<b>\$2,939 Quad</b>
<b>PRICE INCLUDES:</b>	<b>18 Meals, Hotels &amp; Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach</b>	
<b>DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:</b>	<b>\$100 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.</b>	
<b>OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:</b>	<b>\$205 Double (per person) / \$268 Single</b>	
<b>R&amp;J TRAVEL BUCKS</b>	<b>\$45 R&amp;J Travel Bucks earned on this tour</b>	
<b>TOUR PACE:</b>	<b>Moderate Walking</b> (See page 13 for description)	

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