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Sunday, October 19

Hammond, IN

This morning, we will board our deluxe motor coach and begin traveling through the scenic farming areas of Minnesota and Wisconsin. After lunch, we'll head toward the Chicago area, where charming décor and comfortable amenities await us at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites**, in Hammond, IN.

Monday, October 20

Georgetown, KY

Today, we will travel to the capital city of Indianapolis, visiting the "**Old Brick Yard**", the Indianapolis Speedway. Our lunch stop will be at the MCL Cafeteria. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the museum, an automotive delight on the grounds of the Indianapolis Speedway. This afternoon, our travels take us east to Cincinnati and south to Lexington, Kentucky. Tonight's stay will be at the **Home 2 Suites**, in Georgetown, KY.

Tuesday, October 21

Pigeon Forge, TN

Leaving the Bluegrass State of Kentucky, we will travel south to the Cumberland Mountains and have lunch in the Knoxville area. As we arrive in Pigeon Forge, located at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, our "home" for the next three nights will be at the **Inn on the River**. Relax on the back porch overlooking the river before departing for the evening. Tonight, become part of the longest running feud in American history and help two legendary families settle their differences mountain-style at the **Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show**.



Wednesday, October 22

Pigeon Forge, TN

After breakfast, we will travel by motor coach to the most visited National Park in America - the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hosting over 9 million visitors a year, it is part of the Appalachian Mountain Chain, the oldest mountains in America. Our experience will include the Sugarland Visitor Center and a scenic drive up to the Newfound Gap. During the afternoon, we will be stopping for lunch and shopping in Gatlinburg. Late afternoon, we'll enjoy relaxing in our hotel or shopping at the incredible Christmas Place, the South's largest Christmas store!

Tonight's entertainment, "**Country Tonight**" is the hottest music show in the Smokies, with two hours of gutbustin' comedy and toetappin' music that ranges from contemporary country to sweet southern songs.



Thursday, October 23

Pigeon Forge, TN

After a short drive, the day is yours to explore Dollywood and the Southern Gospel Jubilee, America's largest southern gospel event. Experience craft demonstrations and award-winning entertainment on the many live stages. Ride the Dollywood Express, an authentic 110-ton coal-fired steam engine taking you on a breathtaking five-mile journey through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains where you'll enjoy pastoral scenery and some of the most beautiful views that nature has to offer. Our day concludes at Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show. Enjoy thrilling horse riding stunts, phenomenal musical productions, incredible special effects, and a savory feast.

Friday, October 24

Nashville, TN

Today, we will be driving to the historical, musical city, of Nashville. Our first stop will be Broadway, the heart of downtown. We will enjoy premier shopping and ridiculously good food at Fifth & Broadway, a multi-level pedestrian-friendly block of restaurants and retail. After lunch, we will visit the famous **Country Music Hall of Fame Museum**. This afternoon, explore music's most iconic stage at the Ryman Auditorium. This evening, we have tickets for the **Grand Ole Opry**. (the entertainers will be announced one week prior to the performance). Our two-night stay will be at the **Hyatt Place** in Nashville, TN.



Saturday, October 25

Nashville, TN

Our day begins with a step-on-guide, for a tour of Nashville. Driving through Music Row, we'll catch a glimpse of the parthenon and more. Immerse yourself in the proud tradition of the great showboats of yesteryear and delight in the panoramic sights of the scenic Cumberland River, while relaxing on a leisurely 2 ½ hour afternoon cruise aboard

The General Jackson® Showboat.

You will be treated to an included buffet and live entertainment. Later this afternoon, take an opportunity to walk through the world famous **Opryland Hotel**.



Sunday, October 26

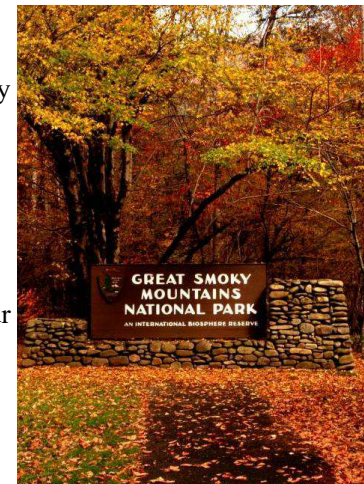
Bloomington, IL

Departing from our country music memories of Nashville, we'll drive through Tennessee back to the state of Kentucky. Our included lunch will be at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs. The museum showcases the Thoroughbred industry and the Kentucky Derby, where the big hats mean big bucks! Two floors of racing artifacts and interactive exhibits feature "The Greatest Race" on a 360-degree film narrating the life of a Thoroughbred from foal to Derby Champion. We may get lucky to be able to watch one of the races for the day during our short guided tour of the grounds and the track. Our home for the evening will be at the **DoubleTree by Hilton** in Bloomington, Illinois.

Monday, October 27

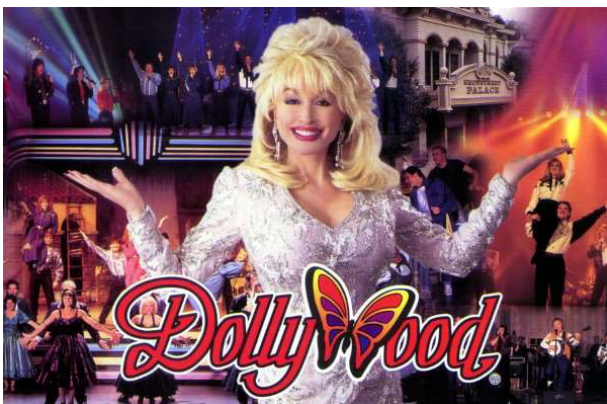
Home

The last leg of our journey begins as we travel in our "home away from home" toward our drop-off points in Minnesota. If you "placed your bet" on an exciting adventure, our "**Fall Colors in the Smoky Mountains**" tour will make you a WINNER with new acquaintances and a wealth of memories to last a lifetime.



Your Trip Includes:

- Round trip deluxe motor coach transportation
- Eight nights accommodations, based on two people sharing a room
- Baggage handling - one suitcase per person
- Breakfast each day
- Indianapolis Speedway Museum
- Show tickets for Country Tonight, Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show, and the Dolly Parton Stampede with included dinner
- Smoky Mountains Tour to the Newfound Gap and Sugarland Visitor Center
- Dollywood
- Admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum in Nashville, TN
- General Jackson River Luncheon Cruise
- Ryman Auditorium Tour & Grand Ole Opry Radio Show
- Guided City Tour of Nashville, TN
- Kentucky Derby Museum & Racetrack Tour with an included lunch
- Fully escorted



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General Information:

Tour Price: \$2,475 per person based on two people sharing a double room. Single accommodations are \$784 additional charge.

Deposit and Payments:

A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required to secure your reservation. Full payment is due August 19, 2025. Credit cards are accepted. A 3% processing fee will be added.

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Wendinger Travel invites you to *Fall* Colors in the Smoky Mountains

Plus Pigeon Forge & Nashville

Oct. 19 - 27, 2025
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