

TOUR ITINERARY

Thursday, Sep. 19, 2024 (D)

5:30 PM Meet passengers at Charlotte Airport – Southwest Airlines Baggage Claim
Check into Springhill Suites in Charlotte

Dinner will be included Cracker Barrel tonight!

Friday, Sep. 20, 2024 (B) Luggage out 8:15 AM

7-9 AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00 AM Depart for Billy Graham Library

A Journey of Faith - Retrace Billy Graham's dynamic journey through stunning multimedia presentations, interactive kiosks, photos, and memorabilia. The Billy Graham Library is a 40,000 square foot experience where you'll discover the life and legacy of America's Pastor. Designed to reflect Billy Graham's journey from a humble farm boy to an international ambassador of God's love, the barn-shaped building is situated on 20 landscaped acres, only miles from where Billy Graham grew up in Charlotte, N.C. The Journey of Faith tour takes approximately one and a half hours to complete. Tour the home Billy Graham lived in from age nine until he left for college. Meticulously restored using 80 percent of the original materials, the Graham family homeplace will give you an intimate look at Billy Graham's roots. (As of this writing of this itinerary the Billy Graham Library is under refurbishing and renovating and we hope to see this finished – Please Pray for the new completion of the Library!

Lunch on own at Graham Brothers Dairy Bar.

12:30 PM Depart for Billy Graham Cove and Retreat in Asheville

3:30 PM Tour of Chatlos, Memorial Chapel and museum

5:00 PM Fairfield Inn- Check into Fairfield Inn Asheville/Fletcher

6:00 PM Dinner on own tonight – where shall we eat??

Saturday, Sep. 21, 2024 (B)

7-9 AM Breakfast at hotel

10:00 AM Depart

10:30 PM Biltmore Estate and Gardens Tour

The Biltmore House is Americas largest private residence. This beautiful mansion was a home for the Vanderbilt Family, the largest single family dwelling in the country and covers more than 125,000 square feet. This regal French Chateau is tucked in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville and is a National historic landmark. Designed by renowned architect Richard Morris Hunt, Biltmore House has 250 rooms, 65 fireplaces, 43 bathrooms, 3 kitchens and is filled with the immense collection of art and furnishings of its original owner, George Vanderbilt. The beauty of this grand home extends out-of-doors to its gardens. In all, Biltmore Estate encompasses 8,000 acres of land.

Lunch on own- there are many places to dine-slow and fast.

3:00 PM We will pick you up at the garden conservatory on the other side of the Rose Garden and depart for Antler Hill Village and winery to explore.

5:30 PM Dinner on own tonight – where shall we eat??

Return to Fairfield Inn Asheville/Fletcher

Sunday, Sep. 22, 2024 (B) (Luggage out 8:15AM)

6-9AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00AM Depart for Pigeon Forge. Great stops along the way!

Drive thru Great Smoky Mountains National Park with a couple of surprises along the way. This Park is the nation’s most visited park, with more than nine million visitors annually. The Park boasts over 900 miles of trails, old growth forests and mystical hazy blue “smoky” mountain ridges. The park also protects one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet. We will have a picture stop at the top where you stand with one foot in North Carolina and one foot in Tennessee. Also, you will have the opportunity to stroll on the Appalachian Trail and tell everyone back home that you have “hiked” the Appalachian Trail! We will also be stopping to tour a native homestead.

5:00PM Check into the Fairfield Inn in Gatlinburg TN.

5:30PM Dinner on own

**We will be taking you over to Le Conte Center.
Enjoy Gospel concert at 5:30. Food is available – on own.**

11:00PM Return to hotel

Monday, Sep. 23, 2024 (B)

6-10AM Breakfast at hotel

9:30AM Depart for Cades Cove. Lunch on own while in the park. Cades Cove is in an isolated valley located in the Tennessee section of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, USA. The valley was home to numerous settlers before the formation of the national park. Today Cades Cove, the single most popular destination for visitors to the park, attracts more than two million visitors a year because of its well-preserved homesteads, scenic mountain views, and abundant display of wildlife. The Cades Cove Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

3:00PM Depart for hotel

5:15 PM Bus leaves for evening concert Food is available on own

5:30 PM Gospel Quartet Convention – enjoy Le Conte and great music!!

11:00PM Return to hotel

Tuesday, Sep. 24, 2024 (B) (D)

6-10AM Breakfast at hotel

9:30AM Depart for Downtown Gatlinburg, TN. Enjoy this touristy village with an aquarium or try a great gondola ride up the mountain and many interesting shops and tastes AND FUDGE!!

12:30 PM Return to hotel for R & R or explore free time in Pigeon Forge on own.

06:00 PM Dinner at Golden Corral

11:00 PM Bus will return to hotel - Clarion Inn

Wednesday, Sep. 25, 2024 (B) (D) Luggage out 8:15AM

6-9AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00 AM Depart for Nashville! (3 ½ hours) About 3 1/2-hour ride plus clocks move forward 1 hour. Lunch stop on own along the way CANDY STOP AT STOVERS??

1 PM-4 PM Free time in Nashville! So much to see and do. How about lunch at the Paradise Trailer Park? Who wants boots- buy 2 pairs get one pair free!

Many places to see or visit such as The Ryman Theater Tour, Johnny Cash museum, Patsy Cline Museum, Goo Goo Cluster Candy, George Jones Museum and more.

5:00 PM Check into Hotel - Fairfield Inn Music City

**5:15 PM Depart for Dinner and show - Nashville Nightlife
Great music and performers that are excellent!!**

8:30-9PM Return to hotel

Thursday, Sep. 26, 2024 (B)

6-10AM Breakfast at hotel

9:15 AM We will see as much as we can in 3 hours. Drive by the homes of the stars, through historic downtown, Music Row and by the Governor's Mansion. Do I see the Greek Parthenon?? In Nashville?? See the Wildhorse Saloon where you can have the most fun you can have with your boots on, even if you don't wear boots! How about lunch at the Paradise Trailer Park? So much to see and do.

1:00PM Country Music Hall of Fame

5:00PM Dinner on own tonight – where shall we eat??

6:30 PM We depart for the Grand Ole Opry! What a great Finale !!

9:15 PM Return to hotel.

Friday, Sept. 27, 2024 (B) Luggage outside door 8AM

6-9AM Breakfast at hotel

Depart for airport.

May God Bless you as you return home with your minds and hearts filled with wonderful memories and new friendships to last a lifetime!

****This itinerary is subject to change as needed as things change.
Transportation while on tour and Items in Bold are included in the price of your tour.**