

Lights, Sights and Sounds of Christmas



Day 1: Monday, November 7

We depart this morning for Pigeon Forge, making appropriate rest stops en route. A lunch stop will be made on our own.

Upon arrival, we check into the **Black Fox Lodge**, located right in the heart of the city! This 4-Star Property is full-service and offers a lounge area, as well as a Beautiful fireplace in the lobby area.

This evening, we depart for dinner at the **Bullfish Restaurant**. True to its name, Bullfish Grill, serves aged Grand Champion Angus Beef and has fresh seafood delivered daily for an amazing dining experience. All meals are served with fresh baked bread, house salad, chef's choice of dessert and choice of non-alcoholic beverage.



Day 2: Tuesday, November 8

Start your morning with breakfast at the hotel, before boarding the coach and departing to meet our **step-on guide**. Not only do you get to hear amazing and entertaining stories, you get to see the beauty of the fall color change from some of the best viewing areas in the region. See areas unknown to most tourists to enjoy the peace and quiet of the wilderness without the crowds.

Your guide will talk about the trees, the animals, and life in the Smokies during the harvest season. Following the tour, guests will have free time for shopping and lunch on own at the **Island at Pigeon Forge**.

If you are looking for unique Christmas gifts you are in the right spot!

Following our tour, we depart for the **Matinee Christmas Show at the Smoky Mountain Opry**. Sit back and enjoy this Christmas production that features flying sugar plum fairies, soaring angels, dancing elves, enchanted reindeer, Jolly ol' Saint Nick, and most importantly, the celebration of the birth of Christ with **the area's largest living nativity!**

Afterwards, we depart for a **Four-Course Dinner Feast and Show at Dolly Parton's Stampede**. It's always exciting and full of surprises; plus, no holiday celebration would be complete without good 'ole St. Nick. Young and old alike await the arrival of Santa atop his authentic sleigh full of goodies. The entire Dolly Parton's Stampede cast of performers including their 32 magnificent horses will take you on a nostalgic holiday adventure with all of your favorite Christmas songs.

Starting one hour before the main arena show, enjoy some of the best Christmas music and family entertainment in their Saloon.

Day 3: Wednesday, November 9



Start the morning with a full hot breakfast buffet, before departing for Asheville, NC. A Rest Stop will be made along the way.

Then, we pick up our local guide for a **step-on tour through Asheville**. From colorful Downtown Asheville to the scenic surroundings of the Blue Ridge Mountains, you can experience all Asheville has to

offer! Lunch will be on our own during the tour.

Following lunch and our tour, we continue on to the **Biltmore Estate**, America's Largest Home! Enjoy a self-guided tour of the house, as well as the beautiful gardens and grounds surrounding it.

While at the Biltmore, we will also be able to visit the Antler Hill Village, featuring shops and the Biltmore Winery.

Then, we depart for **Deerpark Restaurant** on Biltmore Estate. Enjoy mouth-watering Southern regional cuisine served buffet-style, with sweeping views of the Biltmore estate's pastures.



The **Biltmore** is even more magical when adorned during Candlelight Christmas Evenings. The celebration includes 70 exquisitely decorated Christmas trees, thousands of poinsettias, traditional holiday music, and miles of garland and twinkling lights, all for us to enjoy. We depart afterwards and return to Pigeon Forge for the evening



Day 4: Thursday, November 10

Start the morning with a full hot breakfast buffet before departing for our first stop, the **Smith**

Morning Variety Show at the Country Tonite Theatre. Charlie Bob Smith brings phenomenal musicians and vocal talent to a delightful holiday show this Christmas. Your heart will be warmed and your memories will flow as you enjoy the best holiday morning in the Smokies!

Afterwards, we board the coach and depart for the **Pigeon Forge Mill**. Today the **Old Mill** is home to restaurants and shops, but its rich history gives a certain unforgettable ambiance to our Smoky Mountain city. Here, we will enjoy lunch and shopping on our own.

Following our afternoon, we board the coach and depart for **Dollywood**. No one does Christmas quite like Dolly. The beautiful theme park is decorated with four million twinkling lights, setting the perfect scene for the holidays. There's a spate of holiday shows like "*It's a Wonderful Life*," "*Appalachian Christmas*," and "*Christmas with the Kingdom Heirs*," just to name a few. Don't forget to ride the **authentic 110-ton coal-fired steam engine**, that takes you on a five-mile journey through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. A **meal voucher** is included in your time at Dollywood, which can be used anywhere in the park.

Then, the magic of Christmas abounds, as the brightly decorated holiday sets and colorful costumes bring the enchantment of Christmas to the **Country Tonite stage**. The popular cast covers a number of holiday classics for a nostalgic, spirited holiday celebration that will be enjoyed by all ages. You'll also find a few special guest performers during the Christmas production that you certainly won't see any other time of the year.

Following the evening performance, we return to our hotel for the evening.

Day 5: Friday, November 11

This morning, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel, before checking out and departing for home.

We will make appropriate rest and meal stops on the way home, filled with wonderful memories from our time in Pigeon Forge and Asheville!

Trip Info:

Pricing Per Person:

Double: \$1460

Triple: \$1372

Single: \$1706

Package Includes: Motorcoach Transportation, 4 Nights of Accommodations, luggage handling, taxes, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners with desserts, all included meal taxes and gratuities, 1 Dollywood Meal Voucher for dinner on night 4, all listed tours and activities on flyer, local step-on guide, guide gratuity and guide gratuity

All tour components are subject to change without notice

Individual cancellations received after the Final Count & Payment Due Date will be subject to a \$20 per person per day cancellation fee, plus any non-refundable costs (such as admission tickets, show tickets, meal and lodging expenses, etc.) incurred by Elite Coach in advance of the trip. Any refunds given will be processed after the trip has been completed. No refunds will be made for cancellations received less than 7 days prior to departure.

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**Departing at 6:15 AM from the parking lot next to PetSmart, 4200 Derry Street,
Harrisburg**

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Returning on November 13 at Approximately 7:15 PM

****Registration and Full Payment Deadline: September 26, 2022**

**Dauphin County PA School Retirees Reservation form – Christmas in Pigeon Forge and
Ashville – November 7-11, 2022**

Deadline for Payment & Registration: Sept. 26, 2022

**Please Make Checks Payable to: DCPASR
and Mail to: Sandra Novotni, 6 Fetrow
Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

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