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Smoky Mountain Christmas & The Biltmore

Sunday – Wednesday, November 9-12, 2025

Sunday, November 9th

- 7:45 – 8:30 am Approximate time to depart depending upon pickup locations. Pickups will be in Celina, St Marys and Wapakoneta. Exact pickup times and locations will be determined approximately 30 days prior to trip departure.
Lunch on your own enroute.
- Late Afternoon Check into our Pigeon Forge Hotel for a 3-night stay. May have some free time to check out some area attractions prior to our included dinner and evening show.
- 5:30 pm Depart for dinner at Bullfish Grill (meal included.)
- 7:15 pm Depart for the Country Tonite Theater Christmas Show which begins at 8:00 pm. The magic of Christmas abounds as the talented renditions of Christmas favorites combined with beautiful choreography, brightly decorated holiday sets and colorful costumes bring the enchantment of Christmas to the Country Tonite stage. The cast covers a number of holiday classics and welcomes a few special guests. performers such as Frosty the Snowman, Santa Claus, and everyone's favorite ballerina in the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.



Monday, November 10th

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- 8:30 am Depart for the Titanic Museum. The Titanic Museum continues to open the door to the past by letting "passengers" experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the *Titanic* while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. As visitors walk the Grand Staircase, third class hallways, reach their hands into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks, they learn what it was like on the RMS *Titanic*. Each guest entering the ship receives a boarding pass of a *Titanic* passenger or crew and discovers their fate in the *Titanic* Memorial Room where 2,208 names line the wall.
- 11:00 am Depart the museum for some free time for shopping and lunch on your own at the Incredible Christmas Store and the Jimmy Buffet themed Island of Pigeon Forge
- 2:30 pm Depart for Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas Festival featuring a winter wonderland adorned with more than 6 million twinkling lights and dozens of towering Christmas trees. Discover Santa's Village with its classic red and green lights, the crisp blues and white lights in Glacier Ridge, a soft candlelight glow throughout Craftsman's Valley, and more. Enjoy cherished Christmas shows such as "Christmas in the Smokies" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and many others on the indoor and outdoor stages. Come experience why there's no place like Dollywood at Christmastime. \$20 meal voucher included for use toward dinner in the park
- 8:45 pm Depart Dollywood with guide for a driving tour of the Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg Winter lights. You will see over 5 million lights and many sparkling displays that salute winter and help get you into the Christmas spirit!
- 10:15 pm Return to the hotel



Tuesday, November 11th

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- 8:30 am Depart for downtown Gatlinburg for a self-guided tour through the Hollywood Star Cars Museum, a trip through some of the most

famous movies and TV shows of the last 50 years. After the museum you will have some free time for shopping and lunch on your own in downtown Gatlinburg

Noon Depart for Asheville and the Biltmore Estate.

2:00 pm Arrive at the Biltmore. This afternoon you can explore the grounds and Antler Hill Village prior to included dinner and candlelight tour of the Biltmore Estate. America's Largest home is always magnificent at Christmas! A majestic Norway spruce and pathway luminaries welcome you. Inside, thousands of ornaments reflect the soft glow of candles, fireplaces, and twinkle lights. The elegant rooms of the house shimmer, adorned with Christmas trees, ribbons, garlands, thousands of lights, and live music. Imagine yourself as a guest at the first Vanderbilt family Christmas in 1895.

9:00 pm Depart for Pigeon Forge

11:00 pm Approximate time to return to the hotel



Wednesday, November 12th

Breakfast included at the hotel

8:45 am Depart for Russell Stover's Chocolates store for some holiday treats

10:15 am Depart for Harland Sanders Café & Museum

Noon Arrive at the original Harland Sanders Café & Museum for lunch on your own with free time to check out the museum. Enjoy some KFC food and tour the office of Harland Sanders, see the kitchen where Sanders developed the KFC® secret formula, and view KFC® memorabilia including the model hotel room that was part of the original KFC café.

1:45 pm Depart for home. Dinner stop included on the way home.

7:15 – 8:00 pm Approximate time to return home depending upon your pickup location.



Cost includes motorcoach transportation, admission to attractions, 7 meals, and 3 nights lodging.

Deposit - \$200 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE –10/1/25

	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Cost per person:	\$1169.00	\$975.00	\$920.00	\$880.00

- **Make checks payable to MCCoA (Mercer County Council on Aging) and mail to 217 Riley Street, Celina, OH 45822.**
- Deposit required within 14 days of making your reservation to confirm your reservation.
- Balance due 10/1/25. Additional trip information and billing will be sent at that time.
- List of passenger names will be included in final itinerary.
- **Cancellation Policy - Deposit fully refundable up to 30 days prior to trip departure; 30-14 days prior to departure– 50% of your trip cost is non-refundable; 14 days prior to departure – 100% of trip cost is non-refundable. If replacement is found, you will be refunded all your money except for a \$25.00 per person cancellation fee.**
- If less than 30 passengers sign up for this trip, MCCOA reserves the right to cancel the trip or make any necessary changes to conduct the trip with a reduced number of passengers.
- Parking will be available in the parking lots at all locations. **Please plan to arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.**
- The dress for attractions is casual.
- You may bring snacks and drinks on the bus.

Buses are not wheelchair accessible. You must be able to enter and exit the bus without assistance. In the event I would need any type of medical treatment, I hereby consent to treatment by any licensed physician or dentist, and I am responsible for any expenses incurred due to any change in the tour. I further understand that I, and any heirs or persons acting on my behalf do waive, release and discharge MCCoA (Mercer County Council on Aging) and its representatives, employees, and volunteers from any and all responsibility or liability from injuries, loss, damages, diseases, or deaths resulting from my participation in any programs or activities sponsored by MCCoA. I understand that this waiver means I and any heirs or persons acting on my behalf give up the rights to bring any claims for personal injury, death, disease, property damage or any other loss including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I or my heirs may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen. MCCoA and its representatives accept no responsibility for the services of any company, personnel or any other conveyance used in connection with any tour or for any loss or additional expense incurred due to additional or changed fees, delay, changes in schedule, restrictions, requirements or acts or omissions of any carrier or supplier. You are responsible for understanding all trip and activity requirements and must not rely on MCCoA to provide this information. MCCoA and its representatives reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, amend the itinerary for any reason, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour if his/her actions impose a risk or disturb other members of the tour.