

9 DAY BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

DESTINATIONS

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Louisville
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated just across the river from downtown Louisville.

DAY 2

Destination	Louisville
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a visit to Churchill Downs, the Thoroughbred racetrack famous for hosting the pinnacle of all horse races, the annual Kentucky Derby. You'll tour the Kentucky Derby Museum and learn about the legendary history of the "Sport of Kings." Then, enjoy a walking tour of Old Louisville, a historic neighbourhood that boasts the largest concentration of contiguous Victorian mansions in the United States.* Later, head to "Museum Row" where it's your choice! Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience showing you all there is to know about "America's Pastime" -OR- explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum, and its new Spirit of Kentucky exhibit, the official start of the Bourbon Trail. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner.

DAY 3

Destination	Louisville 🚗 Lexington
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today we travel to Lexington. En route, we'll visit Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously operating Bourbon distillery in America. Learn about the subtle craft of Bourbon distilling, meet some of the people who make it all happen, and of course, taste some of Kentucky's home-grown spirit. Stop in Midway, a quaint, historic town and the first one in Kentucky to be founded by a railroad. Learn about this area from a local guide as we explore Kentucky's horse country. Enjoy the stunning, rolling bluegrass pastureland and the many horse farms that dot the landscape. We'll visit private horse farms and hear about their time-honoured traditions.

DAY 4

Destination	Lexington 🚗 Berea 🚗 Gatlinburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

We travel south, stopping in Berea, the historic college town known as the arts and crafts centre of Kentucky. You'll meet a few artisans whilst they demonstrate their craft. Enjoy lunch at Boone Tavern, where blue grass country meets the rolling hills of Appalachia. En route to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, travel through Daniel Boone National Forest. Extending across the western plateau region of the Appalachian Mountains, it's named for the larger-than-life American pioneer who once blazed a trail across these rugged and wild lands. Gatlinburg, a lively mountain resort, is the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a 3-night stay.

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DAY 5

Destination	Gatlinburg 🚗 Great Smoky Mountains National Park 🚗 Gatlinburg
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, a local guide leads you into the most visited national park in the United States. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The park contains one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth and the largest deciduous forest in the eastern United States. Explore the park, stopping at various lookouts on our way to Newfound Gap which boasts views of both sides of the Smoky Mountains – those in Tennessee and North Carolina. Afterwards, enjoy a tour and tasting at the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery. Then the rest of the day is yours, perhaps you will go experience Dollywood, Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains theme park.

DAY 6

Destination	Gatlinburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, spend your time however you see fit during a leisurely day in Gatlinburg. Perhaps you'll want to venture back to Great Smoky Mountains National Park and see more stunning natural sights. Or, for a bit of campy fun, you could head to Pigeon Forge. Tonight, be entertained at the lively Dolly Parton's Stampede & Dinner Show where you'll see music, dancing, and professional horse riders performing incredible stunts.

DAY 7

Destination	Gatlinburg 🚗 Asheville
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Depart for Asheville, North Carolina, our Blue Ridge Mountains home for two nights. Upon arrival in Asheville, a local guide takes you on an orientation walking tour of the neighbourhood around your downtown hotel.

DAY 8

Destination	Asheville
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself "a little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Today, tour the sprawling mansion and the manicured grounds, enjoy a wine-tasting at the historic Biltmore Winery and experience what it was like to be a wealthy tycoon in the Gilded Age of America. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 9

Destination	Asheville 🚗 Charlotte
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Today your tour comes to an end. As you venture home, take the spirit and the warmth of America's Southeast with you.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Get a taste of Bourbon, baseball, and Thoroughbreds in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky.
Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest as you make your way to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
Relax and tap your toes during Dolly Parton's Stampede and Dinner Show.
Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest as you make your way to Gatlinburg
12 Meals - 8 Breakfasts - 1 Lunch - 3 Dinners
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$502 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

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OPTIONAL TOURS	Bluegrass Country & Smoky Mountains Tour Gratuities \$192 pp Smoky Mountain Morning Hike & Picnic Lunch \$78 pp
EXCLUSIONS	Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
HOTEL LIST	Louisville - Courtyard Louisville Downtown Louisville - Courtyard Louisville Downtown Lexington - Doubletree Suites By Hilton Hotel Lexington Gatlinburg - Margaritaville Resort Gatlinburg - Margaritaville Resort Gatlinburg - Margaritaville Resort Asheville - Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville Asheville - Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	<p>Accommodation The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1250 subject to availability.</p> <p>Triple Share Not available.</p> <p>Children Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p>

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