

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS & THE OKTOBERFEST WITH NEW SHOWS!
TUES-SAT OCT 3-7, 2017



Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Medina, Mansfield, Columbus, Grove City, Washington CH.

5 Days --- 10 Meals --- Shows & Pre-Shows

TUESDAY – This is your opportunity to see why we have had as many as five motorcoaches at a time on this tour in the past three years . . .

During our Anniversary Tour to this beautiful area, passengers celebrated 50 years in the travel business with Great Day! Tours. Five busloads of guests had a chance to enjoy this area on that tour . . . an area that was selected due to the beauty of the fall months, especially October, with its vibrant foliage colors. Another tradition, dating back to the days of the Heidelberg Castle, is the Smoky Mountains Oktoberfest . . . and several of the passengers on last year's trip asked us to bring it back again this year. Come with us as we join in with the food and fun that dates back over 200 years to the first festival that was held in Munich, Germany, starting during October 1810. The Bavarian band, in authentic costumes, will be playing some of your favorite tunes, while you are enjoying great traditional food. We have included a combination of shows and attractions!

For four nights we will be staying at a beautiful lodging facility, located on a 25-acre site; the hotel is complemented by a stream running in front of the property and a view of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. This tour will typically depart between 6 AM and 7:30 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 9:30 PM, although this may vary.

We know of no better way to start our visit to this area than with a southern feast before the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show. This is the longest-running feud in history and, with your assistance, we just might be able to help them settle their differences, mountain-style. We are confident that you will be enjoying the singing & dancing. **(D, Show #1)**



WEDNESDAY – Today we will be visiting two of Dolly Parton's great attractions. Admissions have been included to Dollywood and a rail excursion to the foothills of the Smokies. Known for its “down-home charm”, her 150 acres is as unique as she is. From the many award-winning shows to the craft demonstrations to the rides & attractions, Dollywood offers something for every interest. Each year there are five seasonal festivals that are hosted here. Most guests make it a point to visit about four shows while here.



Probably no time is more beautiful in the Smokies than the fall months and Dollywood capitalizes on this “splendor of the season” to host both the **Harvest Celebration and the Southern Gospel** with shows daily. Admissions to these shows are included in this comprehensive tour. For those looking for an interesting departure, listen as the engineer sounds the whistle and the mountain excursion departs, being pulled by an authentic 110-ton coal fired steam engine that will be taking you on a breathtaking five-mile journey through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. **All Aboard!!!!!!**

After a stop to freshen up for the evening, we will be heading over to the Original Dixie Stampede for the Pre-Show at the Dixie Belle Saloon. The “charming Southern Belles” will be escorting us into this impressive two-level “saloon” for an exciting opening act where we will have a chance to meet the stars of the show and the opening act starring the bluegrass & country band, Mountain Ruckus . . . an experience you won't want to miss. At the time



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announced we will be ushered into the arena for Pigeon Forge's "grand attraction", Dolly's Dixie Stampede Dinner & Show. **(B, D, Shows #2, #3, #4, #5, #6)**

THURSDAY – So many more inclusions! – After breakfast we will travel the short distance to the Titanic Museum . . . amazingly docked along the main street of town. You'll be greeted by a crew member and escorted aboard this White Star Line vessel. Each passenger receives a boarding pass which you can use to follow that person through the ship and, at the end, learn the fate of the individual.



After lunch, on your own, we will have time to do some shopping or browsing at The Island in Pigeon Forge. This new complex is fascinating and, keeping in mind that "it's 5 o'clock somewhere", you can always wander over to Margaritaville. Inspired by the lyrics and philosophy of Jimmy Buffett, maybe you'll feel as if you've been transported to an island destination "to raise a glass and take a bite of paradise".



Later this afternoon we have reserved seats at the Comedy Barn Theater. But don't jump to the conclusion that it is just comedy. This is a comedy-variety show with jugglers, ventriloquists, live country & gospel music and, oh yes, comedians.

Dinner is served, then it is off to our reserved seats at the brand new, for 2017, the Motown Show. **(B, D, Show #7 and Ship Attraction)**

FRIDAY – And the fun continues – Today we will be enjoying the beauty of the fall foliage in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as our guide directs the coach through the area. "Ridge after ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. World renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains and the qualities of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, leading to its being America". We will also be enjoying the view even more aboard the tram that departs downtown Gatlinburg. A traditional German luncheon today will be served at Ober Gatlinburg along with their Oktoberfest show.





The Bavarian Fun Makers Band in authentic costumes will be performing traditional Bavarian folk dances, schuhplattinling and playing plenty of oompah music for your enjoyment. We will be seeing some live bears at the Three Bears General Store (where your Tour Director has arranged for you to be greeted by freshly-made fudge on arrival) and, after that, we will be having dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant.



We have tickets for the evening show at the Music Mansion Theater. Sit back and enjoy!
(B, L, D, Shows #8, #9 and Bears)

SATURDAY – Homeward bound, but with one additional meal along the way – Today, after breakfast, we will begin our trip homeward, with a rest stop this morning. When we reach the Newport area the coach will be stopping for our final luncheon of the tour, this time for a second German-style meal at the beautiful Hofbrauhaus-Newport.

Afterwards we will continue home with great memories of our experiences and plenty of delicious food. **(B, L)**



SMOKY MOUNTAINS & OKTOBERFEST FIVE-DAY TOUR -- OCTOBER 2017

**Tour includes 10 meals, attractions & entertainment, as listed, in this tour.
Shows include main shows, pre-shows; 3 are at Dollywood.**

**\$934 per person in a double
\$914 per person in a triple
\$894 per person in a quad
\$1179 per person in a single**

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