

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

SMOKY MOUNTAINS & OKTOBERFEST MON-FRI SEPT 27-OCT 1, 2021 PIGEON FORGE, GATLINBURG – THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TOUR



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

We've selected these tour dates due to the beauty of the Fall months, with its vibrant foliage colors, and, in addition to the shows that we have included, this tour also includes the annual Smoky Mountains Oktoberfest . . . making it one of the most inclusive packages you will find for 2021. And, making it even more beautiful, all four nights will be within sight of the Smoky Mountains which are ablaze with the "colors of the season"! You will be seeing these "colors" from both ground level and from the Oktoberfest. This annual peak-season trip gets to see that, the right ingredients are beginning to emerge, the time when cooler temperatures and sunny days mix with a bit of rainfall to bring on a spectacular autumn color display in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The timing of color change and leaf fall is primarily sparked by the calendar and the increasing length of night. As nights grow cooler, chemical processes in the leaves begin to paint the landscape with Nature's autumn palette.

MONDAY – As we travel to the Pigeon Forge-Gatlinburg region of Tennessee, we'll be stopping at Cracker Barrel and, at dinner time, we will be served dinner at Johnny Carino's Italian Grill. Then it is off to our reserved seats at the "Soul of Motown" Show, performed at the Grand Majestic Theater. **(D)**



TUESDAY – We will be "boarding" the *Titanic* . . . amazingly docked along the main street of town. You'll be greeted by a



crew member and escorted aboard the White Star Line vessel. Everyone knows the name *Titanic*, that it struck an iceberg and that it sank, but there is so much more to her story! You will board the ship and step back in time to 1912 with time to visit as many of their twenty dramatically-lit galleries, touch a growing iceberg, experience 28-degree water, sit in an actual size lifeboat and see

the only actual *Titanic* photos that exist on display.

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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.



Guests can also play the 1900s Grand Piano, look inside a first-class stateroom similar to the ones the Astors shared and, as a contrast, see a third-class cabin. “Take the Wheel” on the Captain’s Bridge or, for something truly memorable, you can walk the replica Grand Staircase. The staircase was built from the ship’s blueprints, replicated accurately and full-scale in the museum. While the Museum has had many artifacts valued over \$4 Million for some time, the newest exhibit that was recently added was the \$1.7 million violin that was being played by the heroic orchestra members as this ship went down.

We have included time for lunch or shopping at “The Island”. You may want to visit “Margaritaville”, inspired by the music of Jimmy Buffett. “The Island” is filled with attractions, shops, restaurants, music, and a 200-foot-tall observation wheel for those interested!

After a stop to freshen up, we will be heading over to Dolly Parton’s Stampede Dinner Attraction for the Pre-Show where “charming Southern Belles” will be escorting us into this two-level “saloon” for a musical “greeting”, starring the bluegrass & country band, “*Mountain Ruckus*”. We’ll then be ushered into the arena for Pigeon Forge’s “grand attraction”, Dolly Parton’s Dinner-Show. (B, D)



WEDNESDAY – 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 “*Fall Harvest*” and “*Southern Gospel Festival*”. Listen as the train’s engineer sounds the whistle and the Mountain Excursion departs, being pulled by a coal fired steam engine, taking you on a breathtaking five-mile rail journey through the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. **All Aboard!!!!!!**



Known for its “down-home charm”, Dolly’s 150 acres are as unique as she is. From the many included shows to the craft demonstrations and attractions, Dolly Parton’s Dollywood offers food, and entertainment — all surrounded by breathtaking views.

We will then travel to 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, as we enjoy casts' singing and dancing; but don't come to the conclusion that it is just comedy. It has jugglers, ventriloquists, live country & gospel music and, oh yes, comedians. Later, we have reserved seats at the Comedy Barn Theater. Entertainment in the most-inclusive Great Day! Tours package includes musicians, animals, magicians and jugglers. **(B, D)**



THURSDAY – We will be enjoying more of the beauty of Fall as we ride through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a ridge of the Southern Appalachians that straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. Later we will also be enjoying the view aboard the tram from Gatlinburg for a traditional German meal-celebration, served at Ober Gatlinburg. The Oktoberfest luncheon-show, complete with the “*Schuh-plattler*” (shoe slapper) folk dancing dates back to the 11th century in the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps. The Bavarian Band, in authentic costumes, will be performing “oompah” and other traditional music for your enjoyment. After lunch we will enjoy a visit to Three Bears General Store, possibly being greeted by a live Bear Cub or two. It is definitely “General” in its offerings, with a Christmas Shop full of Christmas decorations homemade fudge, Ice Cream, Pandora Jewelry and even a Gem Mine that can be made into custom jewelry for you.



We will then enjoy a delicious dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant before heading off to the show at the Country Tonite Theater, rounding out this most-inclusive tour you will probably ever see offered. If you are going, why not see the best? **(B, L, D)**

FRIDAY – Homeward bound, but with two additional meals today. **(B, L)**

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**Tour includes 10 meals, all attractions & entertainment, as listed, in this tour.
Shows include the main shows plus pre-shows with 4 additional at Dollywood.**

**\$1164 per person in a double
\$1144 per person in a triple
\$1124 per person in a quad
\$1434 per person in a single**

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