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For centuries, people have been coming to these mountains for two reasons. First, the inspiring beauty of God’s creation. The peaks and vistas of Mount LeConte are obvious but the coves and meadows here in our mountains make a haven for wildlife and explorer alike. Sunrises and sunsets appear to emanate and descend into the ground itself. Purity and sustenance are bountiful.

Then there are the people. Understanding our connection to the land is necessary to understand the people of the Smoky Mountains. No one leaves here unchanged. We like to think it is a change for the better. Some of us planted roots here and now like a great cruise ship welcome people aboard week in and week out. Though we may fuss about traffic on occasion, we know that people come to our area because they love the way the mountains make you feel. Whether it is serene next to a mountain stream or excited enough to get up and dance to blazing fiddle, these mountains make you want to shout and sing. They make you want to try something new and different.

I suppose I can’t explain how it might make you feel, but my guess is you’ll like it enough to come back.

Whether you are here for the mountains, music, people or fun. You’ll find it in these mountains. I’m so glad you are here.

Thank you for visiting our mountains and our people.

Pete Smith
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Vista Gardens Sunset



Log roll is one of 13 competitions.

Photo courtesy of Paula Deen’s Lumberjack Feud Show & Adventure Park

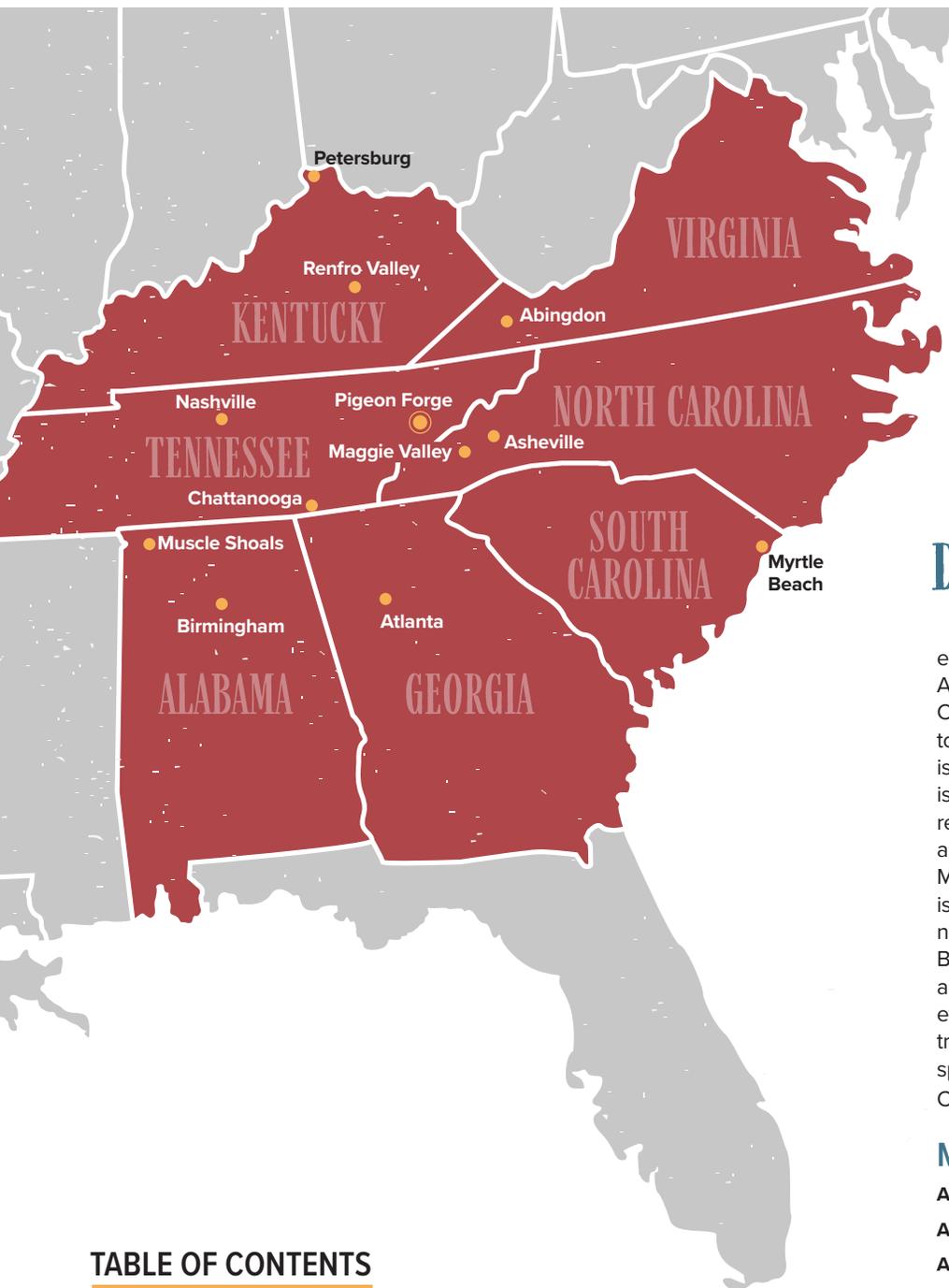


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Grand Opening of the new SkyBridge

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COMING OR GOING FROM THE SMOKIES, THERE ARE GREAT DESTINATIONS TO VISIT

Regardless of where your travels originate and end, there's plenty to experience along the way. Abingdon music from the Barter Theater to the Crooked Road is awesome. Atlanta is proudly tied to Martin Luther King, Jr., while the culinary scene is truly international. Birmingham's civil rights past is a must-see experience while Muscle Shoals' recording history is a great story. Louisville bourbon and Churchill Downs are synonymous. The drive to Maggie Valley through the Great Smoky Mountains is great, but just the beginning of the fun. You do not want to miss the surf, sand and sounds of Myrtle Beach. Delve into Nashville's historic homes by day and discover the music style of your choice each evening. The Renfro Valley Entertainment Center truly is "Kentucky's Country Music Capital." And for a spiritual experience, a visit to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum should be on your bucket list.

Miles to Pigeon Forge From:

Abingdon, VA	123 miles
Asheville, NC	96 miles
Atlanta, GA	147 miles
Birmingham, AL	292 miles
Chattanooga, TN	147 miles
Louisville, KY	281 miles
Maggie Valley, NC	57 miles
Muscle Shoals, AL	315 miles
Myrtle Beach, SC	392 miles
Nashville, TN	215 miles
Renfro Valley, KY	154 miles
The Ark Creation Museum/ Petersburg, KY	294 miles

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HERE WE GROW AGAIN

There are no growing pains as Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville are each adding new, soon-to-be tour & travel favorites to their lineup

From new attractions and entertainment to accommodations and dining options, 2019 saw expanded Smoky Mountain offerings with even more to come. “2019 was a great year for Tennessee’s Smoky Mountains and we’re ready to welcome even more group-friendly hotels, restaurants, attractions and theaters in 2020,” said Joy McNealy, CTIS senior sales manager for the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism. Here are just a few new attractions to gather your interest.

Gatlinburg

Sometimes the journey is half the fun. From Downtown Gatlinburg, you can take the Chondola or 45-passenger Ridge Rambler to **Anakeesta**. You’ll arrive at Firefly Village filled with quaint shops, dining options, a botanical garden and truly panoramic views. Firefly Village is your gateway to adventure including racing ziplines, the Treetop Skybridge, North America’s longest tree-based bridge, the Rail Runner Mountain



Photo courtesy of Anakeesta

The new Treetop SkyBridge

Coasters and a whimsical tree house village connected by bridges of varying challenge levels. New restaurants and expanded retail space will be opening in spring 2020. **anakeesta.com**

Since 1954, **SkyLift Park** has offered Gatlinburg’s best views and most memorable experience. It got even better in 2019 with the opening of the spectacular new SkyBridge, the longest pedestrian suspension bridge in North America stretching 680 feet. Also, the expansive new SkyDeck overlooking Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains is perfect for catching a sunset, or just relaxing on the top of Crockett Mountain. **gatlinburgskylift.com**

Ober Gatlinburg Amusement Park and Ski Area added 250-foot lanes for summer tubing. More than 100 rare pinball and retro arcade games are housed at the **Pinball Museum** at the Gatlinburg Space Needle. Gatlinburg’s **Tennessee Cider Company** offers the sweetest ciders and southern hospitality. The **Goodwater Winery Gatlinburg** offers the vineyards unique and locally made blends. Specializing in craft beer, craft pizza and cold brew nitro coffee, **Gatlinburg Brewing Company** is located downtown.

Blake Shelton’s **Ole Red Gatlinburg** restaurant is now open, as is **Local Attraction Gastropub**. Located in the marketplace, **Cookie Dough Bliss** is

where you can satisfy your sweet tooth. **Slug** in the Village shops features gifts and souvenirs by local artists, designers and makers. Paying tribute to the Appalachian Trail and the Gatlinburg mountain setting, **Appy Lodge** offers a truly local feel.

Pigeon Forge

Located in the heart of Pigeon Forge, **Mountain Mile** is a major development as a new retail, entertainment, attractions and dining destination. Construction of the Tower Shops retail space is underway with a variety of upscale retail partners, including premier national brands and local shops committed to 2020 openings. REI Coop and Appalachian Apparel company are just a few retailers committed. New dining options at Mountain Mile will be Cream & Sugar Sweet Shop, Currahee Winery, Mountain Rifle Coffee Company, while Junction 35 began serving late October. Already open and centered in the Tower Shops, the Mountain Monster features three rides from a 200-foot tower. mountainmilepigeonforge.com

When the Dawson and McGraw families square off in 13 competitive logger events, there's sure to be real completion among world-class lumberjacks at **Paula Deen's Lumberjack Feud Show**.

This authentic outdoor show performs regardless of the weather with the lumberjacks outside and spectators in a climate-controlled grandstand. The adjacent all new **Lumberjack Adventure** features the Flying Ox Zipline Roller Coaster, High Woodsman Challenge, Logger Sports and Timber Towers. lumberjackfeud.com

The newest way to see the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is on a guided excursion with **Pink Jeep Tours**. For the first time in its 60-year history, Pink Jeep Tours has expanded east from the desert southwest. The expansion offers a number of guided tour options in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park—the most visited national park in the United States. Pink Jeep Tours offers group rates on tours.

Groups will learn of history, geology, flora, and fauna from a Pink Jeep Tours certified interpretive guide. The tour of Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail takes guests on ecosystem changes equivalent to drive from Georgia to Maine on your 3,000-foot climb to Newfound Gap. Groups will experience some of the most incredible views in the nation along Foothills Parkway and learn the story of the decades-long project. Each tour concludes with a thrilling off-road experience on private land, designed and built by Pink Adventure Tours. "We're excited to be part of the Pigeon Forge Community. Groups of all ages will enjoy their guided experience through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the 4x4 adventure on private land," said Jodi O'Gara, sales manager. pinkadventuretours.com

The Big Show came to Pigeon Forge in October with music and comedy

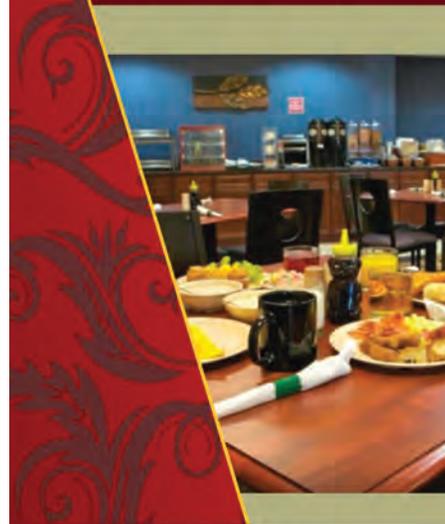


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A thrilling off-road ride on private property concludes each tour.

production and an uncommon twist. Arrows are flying through the theater.

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The **Buttonwillow Civil War Theater** is no longer a dinner theater at its new location on the Parkway,

but it's still perfect for groups that love history and like to laugh.

Buttonwillowcivilwartheater.com

Plenty of new attractions were added in 2019 and there's still more to come.

The **Flying Ox** has opened and is considered the first cable-to-rail zipline rollercoaster. If you're ready to ride, **Eaglerider Rentals and Tours** offers discounts for as few as four. The **Escape Rooms at Craven Golf Club** pits your team against the clock with clues to direct your escape.

The **Rowdy Bear Ridge Adventure Park** has opened in Pigeon Forge with a 500-plus-foot year-round tubing hill and the first Alpine Flyer laser gun coaster. The **Micro Wrestler's Federation** has found a home at the Microtorium bringing wrestlers fewer than five feet to the ring. **Holgate Virtual Reality** is open at TopJump Trampoline & Extreme Arena. **Santa's Haus**, a 2,000-square-foot Christmas themed attraction opened in plenty of time for Christmas.

Sevierville

With a summer opening planned, Sevierville's newest attraction, **Soaky Mountain Waterpark**, will be 50 acres of water fun. Soaky Mountain will feature a first-of-its-kind water coaster, plenty of waterslides, a winding wave river and a 35,000 square foot wave pool capable of generating waves up to six feet high and more. **soakymountainwaterpark.com**

The **Historic Central Hotel** is scheduled to open in downtown Sevierville in February 2020. **Oak Haven Resort** is adding additional luxury cabins and The **Resort at Governor's Crossing** recently opened 67 new condo units.

Aubrey's Restaurant has opened on Dolly Parton Parkway with steaks, seafood and fresh local vegetables on the menu. **Local Eatery & Grill** is all about authentic with a great menu and live music. Farmer's Market concept **Ogle Brothers General Store** offers local jams and honey and recently added a clothing line.

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SPECIAL EVENTS TAKE THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS TO

ANOTHER LEVEL

Whether it's the magnitude of the Smoky Mountains, the wholesome family attractions or simply the warmth and hospitality of the people, faith-based groups have always been comfortable in the area

For 2020, two major events will provide even more wonderful memories for attendees. The inaugural **Sing Smokies A Smoky Mountain Choral Festival** will be held three amazing days, June 2, 3 and 4. Then, from September 28-30, Dr. James Merritt will bring his energy and knowledge as a keynote speaker at the **National Quartet Convention Premier Experience**.

The June midweek Spring Choral Festival provides adult choirs and churches the opportunity to get first-hand mentoring from world-class worship leaders. The highlight for each choir might be the taping for television of their live performance the final evening. Before that closing event, there are wonderful activities awaiting the choirs. Upon arrival in Pigeon Forge and checking into the host hotel, you'll depart for Sevierville's First Baptist Church. Choirs will be



The Isaacs



Cana's Voice

introduced to the choir clinicians they'll be working with for the next two days.

Mike Speck is a gospel musician and ordained minister who travels with a gospel music trio. Speck has served as minister of music at churches in Virginia and North Carolina and was the choir director for the Southern Baptist

Convention in 1988. Speck and his wife Faye arrange music for church choirs and nine of their choral collections have been nominated for Dove Awards. In 2014, they were nominated and received the Dove Award for Best Choral Collection.

Cliff Duren's first calling took him to Woodstock, Georgia after earning his

Masters Degree of Church Music. His music service led him to Tennessee in 2012 where he served as Minister of Music and Worship at The Church at Station Hill and as Associate Worship Minister at Brentwood Baptist Church. Today, Duren is Senior Minister of Music and Worship returning to First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Georgia. Duren also arranges, orchestrates and produces music resources for various church music publishers and Christian artists. He is a two-time Dove Award winner.

From six seasons of Fox's hit series Glee, to Lady Gaga's Super Bowl halftime show, Tim Davis' work spans the industry in every direction. If you've been to a Disney theme park, played a video game, bought a pop album, seen a TV show or commercial or even a film in the past 20 years, you've likely heard Tim's voice or heard one of his vocal arrangements.

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concert by The Isaacs. This multi-award-winning family group based in Henderson, Tennessee, has been performing for 35 years. Playing their own acoustic instruments and joined by other band members, The Isaacs have a distinctive style. The tight family harmony of vocalist mother Lily Isaacs and siblings Sonya Isaacs Yeary and Ben Isaacs and Rebecca Isaacs Bowman blends with the contemporary instrumentation so popular with all audiences.

Tuesday morning begins with a return to First Baptist Church Sevierville for three sessions conducted by your choir technicians Mike Speck, Cliff Duren and musical guests, The Isaacs. After lunch with a local comedian, it's off to Dollywood for an afternoon of free time. Dollywood offers visitors 40 world-class rides, high-energy entertainment and unique artisans. Begin your day with breakfast at your host hotel before session four for hands-on instruction with both Mike Speck and Cliff Duren. Rehearsals follow beginning late morning and continue to early afternoon. Choirs have free time for the afternoon before the evening's public concert and live taping of the show.

Usher out summer and welcome fall at the LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge, your host venue for a dozen big names in gospel individual and group performances at an NQC Premier Experience, a VIP Event with Dr. James Merritt.

A popular and requested speaker, Dr. Merritt is the featured speaker for *Touching Lives*, a nationwide television ministry. Dr. Merritt has pastored in Kentucky and Mississippi and is now senior pastor at Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, Georgia. He's published several books and served two years as President of the Southern Baptist Conventions. He's also served as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee and president of the SBC Pastor's Conference.

Conference-goers will stay at the Country Cascades Resort Hotel and enjoy a special VIP Welcome Reception. You'll have VIP seating for the opening night of



Dr. James Merritt

the 2020 National Quartet Convention. The 2020 lineup of entertainers was not available at publishing, but could feature performers such as Jim & Melissa Brady, Hoppers, Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Quartet and many others.

Start your day with a deluxe mountain breakfast, included in your package, followed by a morning devotional with a special guest speaker. Your morning

also includes a main stage message by Dr. Merritt. The afternoon features a Four Member National Quartet Hall of Fame Induction and benefit concert.

There's free time this afternoon and you may want to visit The Island. There are gift shops, cafes and restaurants, and a Dancing Water Fountain Display set to music every hour. For a birds-eye view of the area, try The Wheel rising 200 feet above the city. Tonight, you'll have VIP Seating for the NQC Main Stage performances.

After another wonderful breakfast, your day will start at Dollywood with an inspirational message given by Dr. Merritt. After Dr. Merritt's message, the park is yours for the day with 40 rides, live shows and crafts. The Southern Gospel Hall of Fame is a must-see. Also included with today's events is an exclusive to NQC VIP attendees, a meet & greet with Dr. Merritt & NQC Performers. toursmokies.com

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SHOWTIME IN THE SMOKIES

There are so many shows and theaters to choose from that we think you should try doing everything. This three-night package includes a show every evening plus one in the morning, one matinee, The Titanic Museum and a full day at Dollywood!

Duration: 4 Days, Spring/Summer/Fall



DAY 1

- Pigeon Forge
- Dolly's Pirate Voyage Dinner Show

Arrive in Pigeon Forge. Check into your Pigeon Forge hotel for a three-night stay.

Tonight, you celebrate the Pirate Spirit with fun and adventure at **Dolly Parton's Pirates Voyage Dinner Show**.

Before the show starts enjoy a fun, interactive experience in Pirates Village! That be a real pirate sing-a-long of all

yer favorite seaside songs, amazing balancing acts, fantastic juggling, live animals, audience participation and more.

At the Pirates Voyage Dinner Show, you join Captain Blackbeard, the most famous pirate to ever sail the seven seas, and his quartermaster Calico Jack as they lead the Crimson and Sapphire crews in an epic battle for lost treasure on land, on deck, in water and high above full-sized pirate ships in a 15-foot-deep indoor hideaway lagoon!

DAY 2

- Magic Beyond Belief
- Dollywood
- Dolly's Stampede Dinner Show

After breakfast at the host hotel, your morning includes UNICORNS! TIGERS! MERMAIDS! It's a special tribute to Barnum and Bailey's Circus! Darren Romeo brings magic and music together for an incredible show performed daily at **The Smoky Mountain Opry Theater!** The only protégé of Master Illusionists Siegfried and Roy, Darren's show has magical illusions, musical tributes, levitations, and a breathtaking moment when a 650-pound white tiger named Hollywood, magically appears on stage!

This is a full day at **Dollywood** theme park. Like its namesake Dolly Parton, it delivers great

live entertainment on multiple stages. Master Craftsmen fills it with craft shops where you'll find live demonstrations. There's a festival with each season, a train ride, an American Eagle habitat, roller coasters and rides, a Dolly museum and more.

Tonight after a day in the park, your group will enjoy **Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner and Show**; a fun-filled, action-packed extravaganza that everyone should experience, perfect for families, friends and groups of any size! Enjoy the comedy and musical talent of Bluegrass and Country band, Mountain Ruckus. Only Dolly Parton's Stampede brings you this diverse mix of musical talent of Bluegrass and Country in such a family-friendly atmosphere.

DAY 3

- Smoky Mountain National Park
- Ole Smoky Moonshine
- Titanic Museum
- Country Tonite

After breakfast this morning, a local guide escorts you deep into **Smoky Mountain National Park** on a narrated sightseeing tour. Ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. World renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park. At the end of your tour, you visit Gatlinburg and tour **Ole Smoky Moonshine**.

Your afternoon featured attraction is **The Titanic Museum**, a two-story museum shaped like the RMS Titanic. It is built half-scale to the original ship.

Tonight dinner is included at either the **Applewood Farmhouse**, or **Grill**. All meals are served with their signature Applewood Julep, apple fritters and homemade apple butter.

Then you will head to the **Country Tonite Theater** for an evening show. In this fast-paced production, you will enjoy a variety of dynamic singing and dancing, sidesplitting comedy, powerful gospel, and American patriotism. From the strong talent of the youth performers, to the experienced veterans of the Country Tonite stage and song, the love of God, family and country resonates throughout the show.

DAY 4

- Departure Day

After breakfast, depart for home.

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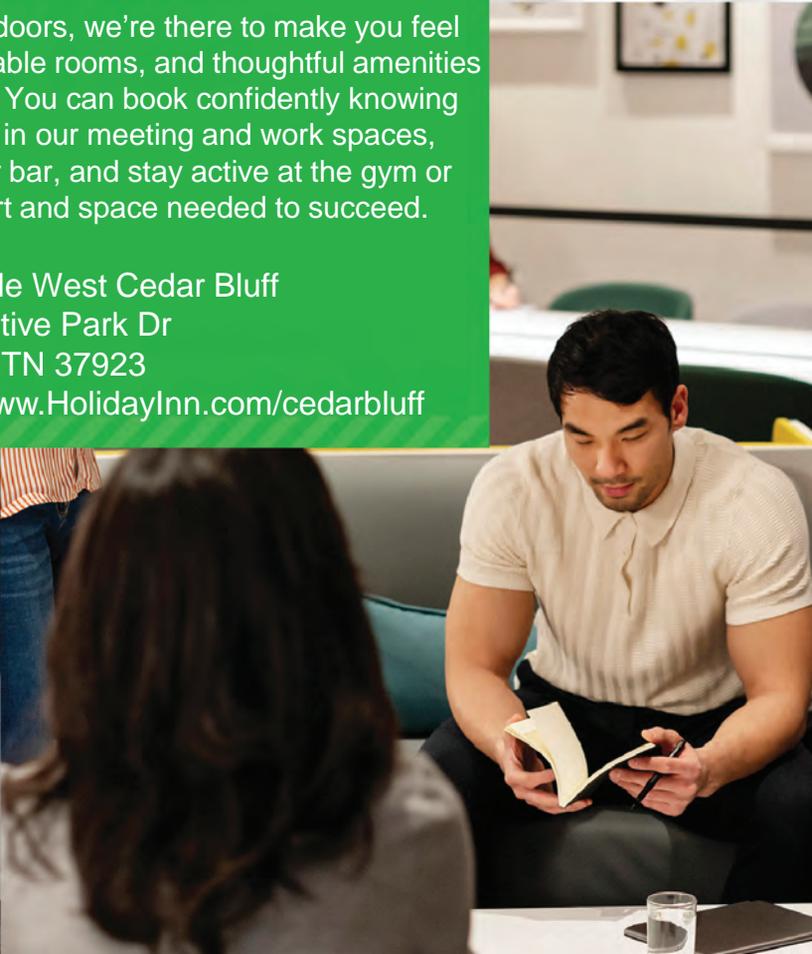


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This deluxe tour features the Best of the Smokies including Dollywood, a dinner theater, The Titanic Museum Tour and Ripley's Aquarium. Just to make sure we have enough excitement for you, we have an All-Star Gospel Concert with music by The Isaacs, David Phelps, Cana's Voice, Doug Anderson of Signature Sound, Avalon's Jody McBrayer and a Mass Choir of hundreds.

Duration: 4 Days, June 2-5, 2020



DAY 1



- Pigeon Forge
- Dinner & Show

Arriving in Pigeon Forge, you check into your first-class hotel for a three-night stay. Tonight, enjoy a dinner show of your choice from **Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Feud**, **Dolly Parton's Stampede**, and **Dolly Parton's Pirates Voyage**.

DAY 2

- Ripley's Aquarium
- Titanic Museum
- Smoky Mountain Opry

Start your day with the hotel's delicious breakfast then depart for Gatlinburg to **Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies**. With over 10,000 exotic sea creatures in 350 individual species there are more fish in this aquarium than there are people living in Gatlinburg. Traveling on moving glide paths, visitors enter the ocean realm and come face to face with thousands of fascinating fishes and menacing sea creatures.

When you're done at the aquarium explore & unwind with free time this afternoon strolling the sidewalks and shops of **Historic Downtown Gatlinburg**.

Next, enjoy a delicious lunch at **TGI Friday's**. TGI Friday's reputation as the best corner bar in town started in Manhattan in 1965—and it continues in Gatlinburg, where they have been serving up good times since 2005.

After lunch, enjoy a tour at the **Titanic Museum**. Each day, Titanic Museum provides a gateway to 1912, where first-class maids and a variety of officers and crewmembers bring the stories of the fabled ship and its fascinating passengers

to life by retelling their stories in vivid, dramatic detail. The priceless artifacts throughout the museum shed additional light on the lives of those passengers and crewmembers that sailed on Titanic's maiden voyage.

Tonight, enjoy dinner at the always-delicious **Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant**. At Applewood, all meals are served with their signature Applewood Julep, Apple Fritters and Homemade Apple Butter.

After dinner, enjoy the evening at the **Smoky Mountain Opry Theater**. The Smoky Mountain Opry is the area's largest musical variety show featuring "America's Ultimate Variety Show." Showcasing the most talented collection of singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, jugglers and incredible aerialists, the Smoky Mountain Opry is an amazing show that is not to be missed. State-of-the-art special effects including lasers, pyrotechnics, performers that fly overhead, giant video screens, concert quality lighting and sound and you have just a few of the many aspects that will take your breath away. From country to pop, comedy or Broadway, the Music Mansion Theater has it all.

DAY 3

- Day at Dollywood
- Sing Smokies All-Star Concert

After breakfast, depart for **Dollywood** and enjoy spending your day in the park. The Dollywood Theme Park is nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. While in the park enjoy live stage shows, the Dolly museum, go on a train ride, view and learn about the American Eagle habitat, and much more. Plus, watch master craftsmen and artisans at work as they proudly continue the centuries-old tradition of hand-making crafts with daily demonstrations.

This evening, enjoy a one-time **All-Star Event** with music and performances by The Isaacs, David Phelps, Cana's Voice including Taranda Greene, Doug Anderson of Signature Sound, Avalon's Jody McBrayer, Mass Choir of hundreds directed by Mike Speck, Cliff Duren & Tim Davis, producer of the Super Bowl LI half-time show with Lady Gaga. Davis is also the music arranger of Fox's Glee as well as being the vocal coach for several celebrities including Celine Dion, Barbara Streisand & Josh Groban.

DAY 4

- Depart

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and depart for home.

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Visit NC Smokies is the place you want to gather. With wonderful museums like the Shelton House and Shook Museum to the vibrant Hart Theatre, there is plenty to see and do. We encourage you to come shop in Downtown Waynesville or Maggie Valley and relax at Lake Junaluska. Our farm-to-table restaurants will be ready and waiting for you as you explore Haywood County.

Haywood County, North Carolina

Gather in the NC Smokies

Day 1

Arrive early in the afternoon at the **Shelton House**, which is a must for anyone intrigued by the heritage of Haywood County. Built in 1875, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Housed in and around the Shelton House, the **Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts** features comprehensive exhibits of 19th century crafts.

Afterwards, head over to **Downtown Waynesville** to spend some time strolling down historic Main Street and visiting the many specialty stores that line both sides. **Mast General Store** is the emporium with a little bit of something for everyone. If you want to take a treat home for that furry friend, stop by **Smoky Mountain Dog Bakery**. While downtown, stop at **Boojum Brewing Company** to sample a locally made beer. Finally, if you need an afternoon pick-me-up, stop by **Sunburst Market** for some farm-to-table flavors.

For dinner, head over to **Maggie Valley** and **J. Arthurs Restaurant** for some prime rib and their famous gorgonzola cheese salad.

Day 2

Begin the day with breakfast at your hotel. Then head out to explore the **Western North Carolina Quilt Trail**, stopping in **Clyde** to tour the **Shook Museum** and right next door in **Canton** the

Colonial Theatre, which opened in 1932.

Lunch at the **Jukebox Junction Restaurant & Soda Shoppe** will take you back to the 1950s and '60s. Of course, no lunch is complete until you order your hand-spun milkshake. Afterwards head over to Lake Junaluska for a tour of the **World Methodist Council Museum** or an afternoon stroll around the lake on the 2.3-mile walking trail.

In the evening, enjoy a performance at the **Haywood Arts Regional Theatre**, known by the locals as the "HART." This year-round theater features productions from classics like *Macbeth* to Broadway musicals like *Hello Dolly*.

Day 3

Begin the day by visiting **Cataloochee Ranch** for breakfast with a local storyteller, and since it borders Great Smoky Mountains National Park, it's the ideal location for extraordinary mountain views.

Afterwards, head through **Maggie Valley** for a stop at **Elevated Mountain Distillery** and a genuine whiskey experience. The 11,000-sq.-ft. facility includes the distillery, barrel storage, bottling area, product development and gift shop.

Finally, grab some last-minute gifts at **Maggie Mountaineer Crafts**, where they have endless crafts, delicious homemade fudge and a creekside picnic area for relaxing.



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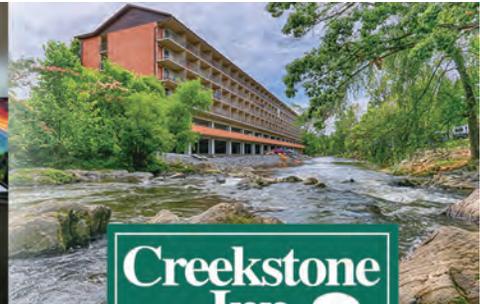
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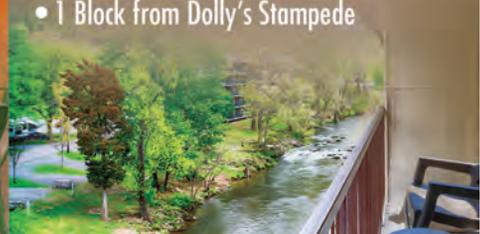


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