



## **SCENIC SMOKY MOUNTAINS GETAWAY**

**6 Days     October 21-26, 2024**

Day #1            Monday, October 21, 2024

We are off! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the company of your traveling companions as we journey to Indiana for our first overnight stay. Mid-afternoon finds us at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Join us as we take a lap around this famed 2.5-mile oval track. You will have an opportunity to do what race winners have done since 1996 “Kiss the Bricks” (subject to availability). Our overnight is in Louisville, KY (Kick Back Reception)

Day #2            Tuesday, October 22, 2024

After an included breakfast we continue traveling through Kentucky, stopping at Berea for a chance to enjoy this folk arts and crafts capital town of Kentucky. Lunch is included at Boone Tavern before we continue our travels to Pigeon Forge, TN. Upon arrival we check into our accommodations, home for the next three nights. This evening, we enjoy the entertaining Hatfield & McCoy’s “*Dinner Disaster Show*”. Become part of the longest running feud in history.... can you help settle their differences? (B, L, DS)

Day #3            Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Following breakfast, we leave the Smoky Mountains and make our way to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here you will explore the 8,000-acre Biltmore Estate built by George Vanderbilt. This 250-room castle is America’s Largest Home, and the gardens are filled with rich waves of color from glorious golds to russet reds. Lunch is included. Mid-afternoon finds us making our way back to Pigeon Forge where you will have free time to explore The Island at Pigeon Forge. This shopping and restaurant mecca has many options for dinner including Paula Deen’s Family

Kitchen, Dick's Last Resort, Margaritaville, just to name a few. (B,L)

Day #4            Thursday, October 24, 2024

This morning, we are joined by a local tour guide as we make our way through the Back Roads. You will have opportunities for photos at scenic stops along the way. We make our way to Sevierville, founded in 1795, named for the first governor of Tennessee, John Sevier. We will have a chance to view the 105-year-old Sevier County Courthouse with a clock that strikes every half hour in the time-honored tradition. It is also home to the statue of Dolly Parton on the courthouse lawn. We will then hit the backroads and visit Bush Beans Visitor Center located in the town where it all began, Chestnut Hill, Tennessee. It has the original general store opened by A J Bush, a theatre, exhibits showcasing the Bush's story along with a café and General Store. We spend the afternoon at Dolly Parton's famous musical theme park – Dollywood. Nestled in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, Dollywood has something for everyone "*Country, Bluegrass, Mountain Music, Craftsmen demonstrating Blacksmithing, Glass Blowing and Wood Carving*". Tonight, we enjoy an included festive dinner with all the trimmings at the locally famous Applewood Farmhouse. Next, take your seats for an evening of entertainment at the Comedy Barn. This family-friendly comedic show features performing animals, magicians, jugglers, music & more. (B, D)

Day #5            Friday, October 25, 2024

Following our breakfast, it is time to leave the Smoky Mountains behind and make our way back to Louisville, KY. Prior to checking into the hotel, we have arranged a guided tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. You will see bats being made and receive a souvenir miniature bat at the end of your tour. A custom bourbon experience is next on your itinerary before checking into our hotel for our last nights' accommodations. Enjoy the kick back reception before reboarding your motorcoach for Louisville's most spectacular Halloween event. As you walk through Iroquois Park you will be in awe of the 5000 artistically carved pumpkins. (B, Kick Back Reception)

Day #6            Saturday, October 26, 2024

After an included breakfast we are homeward bound. The Smoky Mountains have provided us with some extraordinary scenery and interesting attractions. We arrive home today in the early evening. (B)