

SCENIC SMOKY MOUNTAINS GETAWAY

6 Days October 23-28, 2023

Day #1 Monday, October 23, 2023

We are off! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the company of your traveling companions as we journey to Indiana for our first overnight stay. Midafternoon 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". We have also included a self-guided museum tour. Our overnight is in Indianapolis. (Kick Back Reception)

Day #2 Tuesday, October 24, 2023

After an included breakfast we continue traveling through Kentucky, stopping at Berea for an included lunch. Later we travel to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and our accommodations 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 25, 2023

This morning we are joined by a local tour guide as we make our way through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. The scenery is beautiful. Watch for the wildlife residing in the park. The park has one of the most diverse collections of flora and fauna in the United States. 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 #4 Thursday, October 26, 2023

Following breakfast, we leave the Smoky Mountains and make our way to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here you we 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. Midafternoon 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, Yee-Haw Brewing Company just to name a few. (B,L)

Day #5 Friday, October 27, 2023

Following our breakfast, it is time to leave the Smoky Mountains behind and make our way 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 miniature bat at the end of your tour. It is time to check into our hotel where you will have time to enjoy the kick back reception before reboarding your motorcoach for Louisville's most spectacular Halloween event. You will be in awe as you walk through Iroquois Park to view 5000 artistically carved pumpkins. (B, Kick Back Reception)

Day #6 Saturday, October 28, 2023

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)