

# THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

## Featuring Three-Nights in Pigeon Forge

### May 15 - 25, 2023



#### Day 1: Marshall, MN to Coralville, IA

Today will be a travel day as you make your way south to Coralville, Iowa, just in time for the evening Kickback at the Drury Hotel.

#### Day 2: Coralville, IA to Edinburg, IN

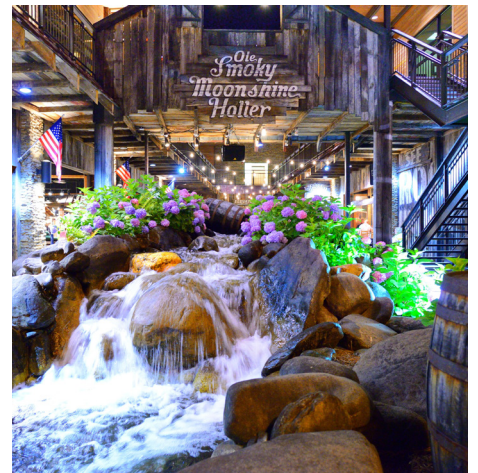
Arriving at the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway** this afternoon, you'll tour the Speedway Museum within the famed 2.5-mile speedway oval! Following the museum, you'll have the rare opportunity to watch the racers take practice laps in preparation for the Indianapolis 500.

#### Day 3: Edinburg, IN to Knoxville, TN

Take in the beauty of the grandest of neighborhoods in Louisville this morning on your guided **Louisville Historic Grand Walking Tour**. See outstanding mansions along Millionaire's Row and charming walking courts while your guide shares stories of local legends and colorful characters of Louisville's past. Lunch is at the **Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant**, where past diners include notables such as the Dalai Lama, Henry Ford, President Coolidge, Eleanor Roosevelt, and many more. Enjoy free time to explore the **Berea Village shops**, where you'll find a variety of handmade crafts and unique gifts available.

#### Day 4: Knoxville, TN

Today begins with a guided tour of **James White's Fort**, Knoxville's first home, founded in 1786; and considered the birthplace of Knoxville. It still contains the original 1786 residence of James White, the founder of Knoxville. Later, you'll visit the **Green McAdoo Cultural Center**. You'll step into the 1950's classroom of Ms. Teresa Blair as she discusses the "Jim Crow" era in the South and hear the touching stories of how desegregation affected her students. This afternoon, tour at your leisure the **Museum of Appalachia**. Roam through the 35 log cabins, barns, churches, schools, and more in the picturesque 65 acres as you discover the pioneer Appalachian way of life. Enjoy dinner here while listening to authentic traditional bluegrass music.



### Day 5: Knoxville, TN to Pigeon Forge, TN

Arriving in Pigeon Forge this morning, you have the entire day to enjoy **Dollywood!** Voted the #1 Theme Park in the United States and The Most Beautiful Park, it is a must-see in Pigeon Forge. In addition to rides, it offers high-energy entertainment, award-winning dining, shopping, craft demonstrations, and much more. Your exciting day concludes with the **Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Show**. You'll love the singing, dancing, feats of strength, jaw-dropping stunts, side-splitting comedy, and a fantastic country dinner!

### Day 6: Pigeon Forge, TN

It's all about the **Smoky Mountains** today, beginning with a step-on guide who will join us for a "**Cherokee Adventure**" tour. You'll travel up the Tennessee side of the mountain. Some of the scenic highlights of the tour may include Newfound Gap, Rockefeller Memorial, Morton Overlook, the Appalachian Trail, and more. Then you will visit Cherokee for a cultural learning experience that you will carry with you wherever you go. Here you'll learn the tragic history of the Cherokee people who lived in the Appalachian Mountains and their fascinating customs, language, weapons, crafts, and more. This afternoon, visit the **Titanic Museum**, the world's only permanent Titanic museum. Here you can walk the Grand Staircase, sit in a full-sized lifeboat, hear survivor stories, see more than 400 priceless artifacts, and much more. This evening enjoy **Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Attraction**. The show is jam-packed with friendly North and South competition, thrilling horse riding stunts, spectacular special effects, phenomenal musical productions, plus a mouth-watering four-course feast.

### Day 7: Pigeon Forge, TN

This morning a step-on guide joins you again for another day in the beautiful Smoky Mountains for a "**Mountain Heritage and Folklore Tour**." While visiting some of the scenic mountain sites, such as Cataract Falls, you'll hear stories of what life was like for early mountain settlers. Also, hear the fantastic folklore and traditions from the Smoky Mountains during these early days. You'll also visit Gatlinburg to learn about the founding development of this mountain city. This afternoon at **Ole Smoky Moonshine**, where they have been making moonshine for over a hundred years, you'll enjoy a distillery tour and moonshine tasting with flavors like Lemon Drop, Peach, and Apple Pie!

### Day 8: Pigeon Forge, TN to Bowling Green, KY

Beginning your journey home, you'll explore the **National Corvette Museum**, where exotic and unique Corvettes produced throughout history are displayed in special galleries that make you feel like you stepped through time. At **Lost River Cave**, enjoy a leisurely tour along the banks of the river, followed by a boat journey through the cave where folklore and facts come together. Hear stories of Lost River Cave as an ancient native hunting ground, a Civil War campground for both the Union and Confederacy, a hideout for the infamous outlaw Jesse James, and even a swinging 1930s nightclub.

### Day 9: Bowling Green, KY to Springfield, IL

This morning you'll tour the **Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum**. Here you can drift down the river of sound, from the birth of bluegrass with artists like Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, to a new era with Elvis Presley, and the evolution continues. The museum is filled with history, music, memorabilia, and interactive exhibits unlike any other museum you'll ever visit.

### Day 10: Springfield, IL to Davenport, IA

No visit to Springfield, IL, is complete without a visit to the **Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**. Here you can step inside critical moments in Lincoln's life with immersive displays. Connect with Lincoln and his family through artifacts that can't be found anywhere else in the world. Lunch will be at **Maldaner's**, open since 1884, the oldest restaurant in Springfield. Located near the Capitol building, it's been said that many important decisions in the state's history were made over the tables of this restaurant!

### Day 11: Davenport, IA to Home

Before the tour concludes today, you'll stop in Waterloo at the **Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum** for a self-guided tour. The museum honors the service and sacrifice of all Iowa veterans from the Civil war to the present through traditional exhibits, interactive activities, and an electronic Wall of Honor. You'll arrive home this evening.

### Featured Highlights

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum  
& Practice Runs-Indianapolis 500 Race  
Louisville Historic Grand Walking Tour  
Lunch at Historic Boone Tavern  
Berea Village Shops  
James White's Fort  
Green McAdoo Cultural Center  
Museum of Appalachia  
Dollywood  
Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show  
Smoky Mountain Tour Step-On Guide  
for Cherokee Adventure with Lunch  
Titanic Museum  
Dolly Parton's Stampede  
Smoky Mountain Heritage & Folklore  
Tour with Step-On Guide  
Ole Smoky Moonshine Tour & Tasting  
National Corvette Museum  
Lost River Cave Tour  
Blue Grass Music Hall of Fame  
and Museum  
Lincoln Presidential Library  
and Museum  
Lunch-Maldaner's Historic Restaurant  
Sullivan Brothers Iowa  
Veterans Museum

10 Breakfasts/ 3 Lunches/ 3 Dinners

Activity Level: Active

### Per Person Pricing

Occupancy	Cash	Credit Card
Double	\$2,620	\$2,755
Triple	\$2,305	\$2,420
Quad	\$2,145	\$2,252
Single	\$3,590	\$3,770

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