

LET'S GO TO TENNESSEE!

April 16 - 27, 2027

New Tour - New Attractions



Day 1: Journey to West Des Moines, IA

Your Tennessee adventure begins as you head east toward the Volunteer State. Along the way, we'll make a special afternoon stop in Des Moines, Iowa, for a private, guided tour of the remarkable [*Jordan House*](#). Step inside this beautifully preserved historic home and discover the fascinating stories woven into its walls. Your private guide will bring the home and its history to life, sharing the people, events and traditions that shaped this remarkable property. After your visit, you'll continue your journey, settling in for the evening and looking forward to the adventures ahead.

Day 2: West Des Moines, IA to Chesterfield, MO

Today brings you to Defiance, Missouri, where history comes alive at the [*Historic Daniel Boone Home & Village*](#). Join a knowledgeable guide for an engaging tour of the Boone Home and learn about the life and legacy of legendary frontiersman Daniel Boone and his family. Surrounded by the atmosphere of a 19th-century village, you'll get a glimpse into the challenges, traditions and everyday life of America's early frontier settlers. Following your guided tour, enjoy free time to explore the village at your own pace. Wander through the historic buildings, browse the shops and take in the atmosphere of this charming community. Tonight, relax and enjoy the anticipation—Tennessee is just around the corner!

Day 3: Chesterfield, MO to Hurricane Mills, TN

The hills of Tennessee are calling! Today you arrive in the Volunteer State and visit one of country music's most legendary destinations: [*Loretta Lynn Ranch*](#). During your guided tour, discover the story behind the woman who became one of country music's most beloved icons. Explore the ranch and learn about Loretta Lynn's extraordinary life, her family, her music and the legacy she created in the heart of Tennessee. Surrounded by the beautiful countryside that inspired generations of country music, today is a wonderful introduction to the rich musical heritage that makes Tennessee so special.

Day 4: Hurricane Mills, TN to Chattanooga, TN

This morning, you'll venture beyond the usual sightseeing experience with a [*Behind-the-Scenes Guided Tour of Rippa Villa*](#). This fascinating historic site offers a rare opportunity to see areas not normally open to the public. Step beyond the traditional tour and uncover stories, details and spaces that provide a deeper look into the people and events connected to this remarkable property. Later, we'll trade history above ground for an adventure below it as we visit [*Ruby Falls*](#). Prepare to descend deep beneath Lookout Mountain for a guided cave walk through an extraordinary underground world. Marvel at dramatic rock formations and the natural beauty hidden beneath the mountain before reaching the spectacular Ruby Falls. It's a day where Tennessee's history and natural wonders meet!



Day 5: Chattanooga, TN to Pigeon Forge, TN

Today's adventure begins at one of Tennessee's most imaginative destinations—***Ancient Lore Village***. Enjoy a character-guided tour where storytelling, whimsical architecture and fascinating details come together to create an experience unlike anything else on the itinerary. Explore the unique village and discover the stories and personalities that make this enchanting place so memorable. Following your tour, enjoy an included lunch at one of the village's scenic outdoor venues. Surrounded by beautiful landscapes and the village's imaginative atmosphere, it's the perfect setting to relax and savor the day. Tonight, get ready for dinner with a side of spectacular entertainment! At ***Dolly Parton's Stampede***, the lights go up and the action begins. Enjoy a hearty four-course dinner while talented riders, magnificent horses and high-energy entertainment fill the arena. With music, competition, comedy and incredible horsemanship, this is classic Tennessee entertainment at its best.

Day 6: Pigeon Forge, TN

Today promises one unforgettable experience after another. Our morning begins at the ***Titanic Museum***, where history becomes remarkably personal. Upon arrival, each guest receives the name of an actual Titanic passenger or crew member. As you make your way through the museum, follow the story of that individual and discover what happened to them aboard the ill-fated ship. Walk through beautifully recreated areas of the Titanic and experience the stories of the men, women and children who were aboard that fateful voyage. Your journey concludes in the Titanic Memorial Room, providing a quiet and moving moment of reflection. Later, we'll experience another side of Tennessee culture at ***Sugarlands Distilling***. Enjoy a guided tour and tasting featuring Sugarlands' handcrafted moonshines while learning about the traditions and craftsmanship behind these popular Tennessee spirits. Then it's time to explore ***The Village Shops***. Browse unique stores, discover one-of-a-kind treasures and choose from a variety of restaurants when hunger strikes. Tonight, the curtain rises on the ***Country Tonite Show***, celebrating its 29th year of being voted the "Best Show in the Smokies!" Expect an energetic evening filled with country music, comedy, dancing and the sounds that have made the Smoky Mountains famous.

Day 7: Pigeon Forge, TN

Today, the breathtaking ***Great Smoky Mountains*** become our classroom. A knowledgeable step-on guide joins us for a fascinating ***Mountain Heritage & Folklore Tour***. As we wind our way through the mountains, take in spectacular scenery while hearing the stories of the people who first settled these rugged hills. Along the way, discover fascinating facts, traditions and legends passed down through generations. From mountain communities to beautiful overlooks, today offers a deeper appreciation for the people and culture that helped shape the Smokies. This afternoon, we head to ***Anakeesta*** for a mountain-top adventure. Climb aboard the gondola and soar toward the summit while enjoying 360-degree panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. Once at the top, explore charming shops and restaurants, stroll across hanging bridges and discover the many attractions scattered throughout this unique mountain destination. This evening, we gather at ***The Island***, where everyone can choose their own adventure. Browse the shops, enjoy live entertainment, explore the attractions or select from a variety of restaurants for dinner. One day. Three incredible Tennessee experiences.

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*Tennessee is where the mountains whisper stories,
the music has a heartbeat, and every winding road
leads to another unforgettable adventure.*

Day 8: Pigeon Forge, TN to Knoxville, TN

Today belongs to **Dollywood Theme Park**! Spend the entire day enjoying the excitement of this beloved Tennessee theme park as the spectacular **Flower & Food Festival** transforms Dollywood into a celebration of spring. Prepare to be surrounded by more than 500,000 vibrant blooms, colorful displays and enormous living plant sculptures. Keep your camera ready for the whimsical Umbrella Sky, where a canopy of colorful umbrellas creates one of the festival's most memorable photo opportunities. Food lovers will have plenty to celebrate, too, with chef-inspired spring dishes and seasonal flavors available throughout the park. Add in live musical performances, thrilling rides, fascinating attractions and the unmistakable spirit of Dollywood, and you have a full day of Tennessee fun. Whether you're a thrill-seeker, a foodie, a gardener, a music lover—or simply looking for a great day out—Dollywood's Flower & Food Festival has something for everyone.

Day 9: Knoxville, TN to Hurstborne, KY

All aboard! Today we journey into the mountains aboard the **Big South Fork Scenic Railway** for a round-trip adventure along the historic **Kentucky & Tennessee Railway line**. Sit back, relax and watch the scenery unfold as the train travels through the rugged landscape of the region. It's a wonderful way to experience the beauty of the mountains while traveling along a historic rail route. Our destination is **Blue Heron**, a fascinating abandoned coal-mining community also known as **Mine 18**. Here, history takes center stage as we explore the remnants of a once-bustling mining town. Learn about the miners and families who lived and worked here and discover what life was like in an Appalachian coal-mining community. Today combines scenic rail travel, mountain beauty and a fascinating look at an important chapter in the region's history.

Day 10: Hurstborne, KY to Davenport, IA

Today we experience a delicious—and delightfully different—side of the countryside. At **Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery**, skilled artisans transform fresh goat's milk into handcrafted farmstead cheeses inspired by the seasons and the land. During our guided tour, discover the journey from pasture to finished product. Meet the farm's Nubian and LaMancha goats and learn how their care and daily lives connect directly to the cheese being created just steps away. Enjoy a tasting experience and take time to browse and shop for some of the farm's handcrafted specialties. It's an authentic farm-to-table experience that offers a delicious taste of the region and a wonderful way to wrap up our Tennessee adventure.

Day 11: Pigeon Forge, TN to Knoxville, TN

After nearly two weeks of incredible experiences, fascinating stories and unforgettable scenery, it's time to begin our journey home. As you travel back toward home, there will be plenty of time to relax, visit with new friends and reminisce about the many highlights of our trip. Perhaps it will be the breathtaking Smoky Mountains, the excitement of Dollywood, the stories of Daniel Boone, the mystery of the Titanic, the music of Loretta Lynn, the adventure of Ruby Falls or the unforgettable evening at Dolly Parton's Stampede. Whatever your favorite moment, one thing is certain: Tennessee has given us memories to last a lifetime!



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