

SUPPORT THE SMOKIES; MOUNTAINS & MUSIC TOUR

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

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September 3-8, 2017

6 days/5 nights

In November 2016 a tragic fire started in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Officials estimate that 11,000 acres of the park's 520,000 acres were damaged. But the devastation was much worse in the town of Gatlinburg. Over 2400 structures, homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed, and lives were lost. The best thing we can do to help is to bring business to the area. Join us and show that you are Mountain Tough!

Sunday, September 3

8:00am Depart Utica – Radisson Hotel

8:30am Depart Rome – Freedom Plaza, 205 Erie Blvd.

- we'll make appropriate rest stops along the way

5:00pm Approximate check-in at **Country Inn & Suites Hotel** – Winchester, VA
The hotel offers free wi-fi, indoor pool and hot tub. Dinner on your own with many choices within walking distance including Alamo Draffhouse Cinema, Outback, Carrabba's Italian Grill, as well as fast-food choices.

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Breakfast included at the hotel.

8:00am **Hotel check-out and departure**

We'll make rest stops along the way for your comfort.

We arrive in **Pigeon Forge** late afternoon, and check into the **Mainstay Suites Hotel**, 410 Pine Mountain Road (our home for 3 nights). All suites have a kitchen. The hotel has internet, indoor and outdoor pools, a lazy river ride, laundry facility, and fitness center.
Enjoy a welcome reception on arrival.

Dinner included tonight at **Frizzle's Chicken**

After dinner, walk next door to the Comedy Barn.

Comedy Barn Show – This entertaining show features magicians, fire-eaters, jugglers, ventriloquists, clean family comedians, live country and gospel music as well as fun barn yard animals! Good clean comedy for everyone.

Return to the hotel after the show

Tuesday, September 5

A hot **breakfast** is included at the hotel.

Get ready for a full day. A **local guide** will join us on the motorcoach for a **Smoky Mountain tour**. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is America's most-visited national park. We'll go up to the top of the mountains and back while hearing the history, stories and legends about the area and the people that inhabited it before the park was formed. Along the way we'll see spectacular overlooks and views, and maybe some wildlife. Be sure to bring a camera, we'll stop at some of those scenic overlooks.

This afternoon enjoy a true moonshine experience during a guided tour of **Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery** at The Island at Pigeon Forge. As we approach the entrance, smell the grains cooking and fermenting. See working moonshine stills and learn the process from beginning to end. There will be a chance to taste the product too!

After the Moonshine tour, take some time to explore **The Island** on your own. This retail, dining and entertainment area is home to the **Great Smoky Mountain Wheel** that towers 200 ft. high and offers spectacular, panoramic views. The Island has a number of quick service restaurants and shops, and is home to the Margaritaville Resort and Paula Deen's Family Kitchen.

Dinner included at **Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant**. Enjoy a down home meal surrounded by apple orchards. Taste apple fritters, apple julep, apple cobbler and more.

After dinner we travel to the nearby Music Mansion

Music Mansion Theater – Features the region's largest music variety production onstage in a fantastic high-energy show. The huge cast of talented singers and dancers perform country, pop, and more to the accompaniment of a full live band. Add amazing special effects, eye-popping sets, dazzling costumes, and side-splitting comedy and you have the makings for a night you won't forget.

Return to the hotel after the show

Wednesday, September 6

A hot **breakfast** is included at the hotel.

Today we head to **Dollywood**, Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Theme Park. Unique as its namesake, Dollywood is a one-of-a-kind experience. There's live entertainment with the best in country, bluegrass, mountain and gospel music with over a dozen stage shows.

Master craftsmen demonstrate centuries-old crafts including blacksmithing, glass blowing and wood carving. Take a ride on the authentic 110-ton coal-fired steam engine which takes you on a breathtaking five-mile journey through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains where you'll enjoy pastoral scenery and some of the most beautiful views nature can offer. There are more than 40 rides and attractions to enjoy.

Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Feud – This evening we have reserved seats for this show that features family, food, feudin' and fun! Become part of the longest running feud in history and help the Hatfields and McCoys try to settle their differences mountain-style. You'll love the singing and dancing, mighty feats of strength, jaw dropping stunts, and side-splitting comedy. And don't forget about the food! Country cookin served up family-style and all you can eat.

Return to the hotel and enjoy the night!

Thursday, September 7

A hot **breakfast** is included at the hotel before we check out and start the journey home. There is a **surprise stop** on the way and we'll have a **boxed lunch** to enjoy as we travel. Please select your sandwich choice: *Crunchy Chicken Salad with grapes & pecans* OR a *Ham/Turkey/Bacon Club* with lettuce, tomato, cheese. *vegetarian option available by prior request

Tonight we'll overnight at the **Country Inn & Suites**, Winchester, VA. Dinner on your own.

Friday, September 8

Breakfast included at hotel.

9:00am **Depart** for home with break stops en route.

Return to central New York after a fun-filled getaway and knowing that you did your part to help support our friends in the Smokies! ***We are Mountain Tough and Smoky Strong.***

5:30pm **Approximate return to Rome**

6:00pm **Approximate return to Utica**

**All times are approximate. Tours By Design is not responsible for delays. We reserve the right to alter the itinerary if needed for the safety and comfort of our travelers.*

COST PER PERSON:

TWIN OCCUPANCY \$899.00
QUAD OCCUPANCY \$849.00

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$869.00
SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$1074.00

TOUR INCLUDES:

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach (Hale Transportation), tour escort, five nights hotel including all taxes and baggage handling, five breakfasts, three dinners, three shows, one boxed lunch, guided tour of Smoky Mountain National park including guide gratuity, Dollywood, Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery, and mystery stop. **Not included:** *Optional but customary gratuity for driver and escort, or hotel housekeeping.*

RESERVATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION: **\$100.00 deposit per person** within two weeks of reservation, **full payment by July 25, 2017.** *All cancellations are subject to a \$5.00 service fee. We can not guarantee refunds for cancellations after July 25, 2017. We will offer refunds based on what we can reclaim from vendors. Any refund would be disbursed after the tour.*

Payment must be made by check or money order payable to *Tours By Design, Inc.* There is a \$25.00 fee for checks returned for insufficient funds. Sorry, we do not accept Credit Card payments. **Travel insurance** is available; please ask for a brochure if needed or follow the link to Allianz Global on our website.

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