

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

NASHVILLE & BRANSON

11Days/10 Nights

October 4 - 14, 2021

Monday- Thursday

The **Great Smoky Mountains**, and the majestic climax of the **Appalachian Highland**, is incomparably the most magnificent wilderness in the nation. Our journey will be a wonder of **fantastic scenery and great entertainment**. Come spend your vacation with **Judy's Leisure Tours**.



1 This morning we board our motorcoach anticipating the excitement of the holiday. As we travel there will be stops en route for your comfort. Our travels today take us across Wisconsin, to our night's lodging in Love's Park, IL.

2 We depart this morning after our **breakfast** and travel across the state of Indiana on our way to the **Creation Museum**. With beautiful dioramas of re-enactments from the Old Testament and other parts of the bible, as well as scenes such as Adam naming the animals and the "catastrophe" of the Great Flood. With animatronic figures, movies and interactive exhibitions plus planetarium, you will be enthralled.

3 This morning we are on our way to a mesmerizing visit at the **Ark Encounter**. This incredible structure is over 500 feet

long and has 132 "bays" which are used to show models and dioramas of the different animals and life that would have been found on the original Noah's Ark. Each of the 3 decks of the Ark has a different theme and you leave feeling amazed at the scope and depth of this unique attraction. View the beautiful countryside as we travel through **Daniel Boone National Forest** and the **Cumberland Mountains** as we make our way to **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**, where we find our lodging for the next **two evenings** at the **Country Cascade Hotel**.



4 After enjoying **breakfast** we are joined by a **local guide** who will tell you about the **history, life, and the legends of the mountains** in a fun entertaining manner, as we take in the beautiful views that only the **Great Smoky Mountain National Park** can offer. Divided between North Carolina and Tennessee, a blue, smoke-like haze almost always hangs over the mountains; hence the name. Our first stop is **Cherokee, North Carolina** where the Cherokee Indian Reservation is occupied by members of the Cherokee Indians who have made this area and the Smokies their home for centuries. Enjoy lunch before our return trip to Gatlinburg.



This afternoon we take in **Dollywood**, a special place where folks go to enjoy the Smoky Mountains and the people and way of life. The park is full of food and fun for the whole group. Like its namesake, Dolly Parton, Dollywood delivers the best in **live entertainment**. Enjoy country, bluegrass, Southern gospel, classic rock and 50's music presented in our live stage shows. Following

this busy day we head back to the hotel for some R & R.

5 **Breakfast** is included at our hotel before we depart. We bid farewell to the Smoky Mountains as we continue on our way to **Nashville - Music City USA**. Our first stop will be at the **Wildhorse Saloon** where we will have an included **Southern lunch and entertainment**. You just never know what will be happening when you arrive . . . from dance lessons to great country music live on stage. We may be entertained **or you can try out your dance steps at the hottest dance club in Nashville**. We will then check into our hotel, the **Guest House**.



This evening we have reserved seats for the **World Famous Grand Ole Opry** at Opry House. No visit to Nashville would be complete without catching a performance of the longest continuously broadcast radio program in the nation (since 1925), featuring the legendary to the new young stars.

6 Today following **breakfast** we will have a **local step** on guide to show us Nashville with a **tour of the Ryman**. After lunch we head over to the **Historic RCA Studio B**, not only Nashville's oldest surviving recording studio, its one of the most historic recording centers in the world, which turned out more than 35,000 songs. Many of country music's biggest stars recorded here. Then on to the **Country Music Hall of Fame Museum** downtown. Shaped in the form of a musical note, this museum has many hands on exhibits, historic music and films, and of course more than one million pieces of country music history for you to view. You will enjoy the special

tributes to the 74 country music stars that takes you from the early days of the Grand Ole Opry to the Legends and superstars, while capturing the spirit and energy of "America's Music."

This evening we will enjoy a **Luxurious Dinner Cruise** aboard the **General Jackson Showboat**, a \$12 million dollar, four-deck paddle-wheeler, for a cruise down the beautiful Cumberland River. The Nashville skyline is the backdrop as the orchestra begins to warm up. You will see the fabulous **Country Music USA** entertainers. This is a great show featuring music from the Oldies to the current country stars.



7 This morning we bid farewell to this charming community that has warmed us with their music and hospitality. As we make our way to Memphis, another city rich in music. We make a picture stop at **Loretta Lynn's Ranch**. Loretta has lived in this 14-room pre-Civil War mansion for more than 20 years. A replica of Butcher Holler Home place, where she grew up, and a simulated mine reflecting the heritage of "the Coal Miner's Daughter, is also on the property.

Upon arrival in Memphis we will visit the famous **Graceland Mansion**, the home of Elvis Presley, the King of Rock and Roll. The tour will show you several of the rooms in the mansion, the racquetball building, the trophy room which houses many of Elvis' awards, gold records, jewelry and personal mementos, plus his **Auto Museum featuring his legendary 1955 Pink Cadillac**, and his Harley Davidson



motorcycles. A visit to Memphis wouldn't be complete without visiting Beale St.

8 We continue on arriving at the **Hotel Grand Victorian Inn in Branson, Missouri** for some more great entertainment. We enjoy **dinner** and the Million Dollar Quartet the Tony Award winning Broadway musical, inspired by the electrifying true story of a Tuesday night shortly before Christmas 1956. Sam Phillips, the "Father of Rock 'n' Roll" brought together icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins at the Sun Records studio in Memphis, Tennessee. Word soon leaked out of an impromptu jam session and a newspaper man who was there wrote: "This quartet could sell a million." This, their only performance, was a cultural flashpoint that caught rock 'n' roll at the moment of creation.

9 Folling **breakfast** this morning we are off to another amazing morning show. **Clay Cooper** and his Live Band, 10 Dancers, New Male Trio of Singers, and Comedian Matt Gumm will entertain you! We also have outstanding youth entertainers Colton & Caden Cooper! This high-energy show is filled with singing, dancing, comedy, 24 entertainers on stage, great visual effects, and a variety of music – old and new country, rock, current hits, gospel, and patriotic! With international acclaim and its storied history,

To top off the day we will enjoy an **included dinner** at Plaza View Restaurant and see



Legends in Concert. With international acclaim and its storied history. **Legends in Concert**, possesses the greatest collection of live tribute artists in the industry. An outstanding cast of accomplished tribute artists, talented singers and dancers, and a live orchestra comprised of some the top musicians in the industry will surprise and enthrall you as each artist not only looks like their famous counterpart, but also uses their natural voices to sound like them too. Be ready to be amazed!

10 After enjoying another **breakfast** we begin our journey home. We find our lodging at Country Inn & Suites Council Bluffs. Across the street you can take your chances with lady luck or relax on your last evening of the trip.

11 As we make our way home, the memories of our time spent together warm our hearts and will remain with us for years to come.

*A \$200 deposit will reserve your seat.
Book with deposit by July 15th and
SAVE \$30
Final payment is due 30 days in
advance. Call today!
701/232-3441 or 800/598-0851*

Rates Per Person:

\$2,485.00	Double
\$2,455.00	Triple
\$2,425.00	Quad
\$3,042.00	Single

- Inclusions:**
- ◆ Quality Accommodations
 - ◆ Motorcoach Transportation
 - ◆ Baggage Handling
 - ◆ Tour Director
 - ◆ Creation Museum
 - ◆ Ark Encounter
 - ◆ Great Smoky Mountain Tour
 - ◆ Cherokee, NC
 - ◆ Dollywood
 - ◆ Lunch @ Wild Horse Saloon
 - ◆ Studio B Tour
 - ◆ Country Music Hall of Fame
 - ◆ Grand Ole Opry
 - ◆ Nashville City Tour/ Ryman
 - ◆ General Jackson Dinner Cruise
 - ◆ Graceland
 - ◆ Million Dollar Quartet
 - ◆ Clay Cooper
 - ◆ Legends in Concert
 - ◆ 10 Breakfasts/1 Lunch/3 Dinners

Purchase insurance for this trip at the time of registration for \$200 per person.

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