



Celebrate Spring in the Smoky Mountains March 20-23, 2015

The Great Smoky Mountains are spectacular in the spring and this terrific trip shows you the best it has to offer. Spend one night in Cherokee, NC at a **fine hotel located next to the exciting Harrah's Casino**. We'll take a **delightful rail journey along the colorful Western North Carolina Mountains**. We travel along rushing rivers, cross over a beautiful lake on a high trestle and through lush valleys bursting in spring blossoms. Then visit the **fabulous Biltmore Estate during their signature spring event—Biltmore Blooms!** In Pigeon Forge enjoy a **delicious country dinner and a terrific comedy show**. We'll also drive through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in search of their famous black bear! This trip is full of wonderful things to see and do. **Don't miss it!**

Itinerary (Included Meals: B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner)

Friday (D) Let's head south for a wonderful spring adventure! This afternoon we arrive in the Smoky Mountains and ride to Cherokee, NC where we check into the Holiday Inn Express for one night. Harrah's Casino is just a short stroll from our hotel. Tonight a sumptuous country buffet dinner is included at Grandma's Kitchen.

Saturday (B,L) Today we board the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad for an exciting train trip. Ride in beautifully restored first class rail coaches for a 4 1/2 hour excursion. We ride the rails along the Tuckasegee River, over impressive Fontana Lake Trestle and into the Nantahala River Gorge with a nice stop at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. Lunch is served by your car's private attendant. Later, we visit the awesome Biltmore Estate. Completed in 1895, George Vanderbilt's 250-room chateau is as impressive today as it was more than a century ago. Known as "America's largest house" it is truly a wonder of architecture and hospitality! We'll tour the winery with a wine tasting and have time at the charming Antler Hill Village where you can shop, dine or visit the farm that shows how Biltmore workers in the 1800's lived. Overnight at the Hampton Inn.

Sunday (B,D) We return to the Biltmore Estate for two very special events! Inside the mansion they have the Dressing Downton exhibit exploring fashions from the early 1900's featured in the hit PBS series Downton Abby. It includes over 40 costumes from the series showcased in rooms throughout the mansion. The event was inspired by the fictional show and real life at the Biltmore which took place during the same time period. Outside are a number of spectacular gardens designed by one of America's greatest landscape architects—Fredrick Law Olmstead. They are celebrating "Biltmore Blooms" when there's a progression of blossoms ranging from daffodils and stunning tulips to beautiful azaleas and fragrant roses. There's also a bountiful display of orchids in the indoor Winter Garden. Horticultural experts are on hand to give gardening advice and answer questions. Then we head to the Hampton Inn, Pigeon Forge. Relax and freshen up before our delicious country dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse. Tonight you'll attend the Comedy Barn evening show with hilarious performers as well as great singers, dancers and musicians!

Monday (B): This morning we'll have a lovely drive through the Smoky Mountains National Park with hopes of seeing wildlife. We'll stop in Gatlinburg for lunch on our own

Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Three nights' accommodations at listed hotels
- Sightseeing and admissions as mentioned
- Six meals-3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Taxes and gratuities on included features
- Hotel luggage handling
- Services of a Professional Tour Director

Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy \$699

Single Occupancy \$899

Triple/Quad Occupancy \$649

A deposit of \$100 per person is due with your reservation. Balance is due February 17.

Cancellation

2/18/15-departure 100% of package price

Pick-up locations

Sycamore Senior Center, 741 Center, Mt. Pleasant Village/Apartments, Blancheater, Springdale Rec Center, Mason Methodist Church, Anderson Senior Center, Campbell County Seniors (Furniture Fair), Clermont Senior Center Miami Township & Union Township and Tipp City.

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