

Nashville & the Great Smokies

October 18 – 24, 2010

7 Days/11 Meals

Day 1 Journey South to the Shenandoah Valley, a real nice place to start us off with good ol' southern hospitality to begin our tour.

Day 2 BREAKFAST will begin our day as we continue to travel through the regions of Virginia famous for its picturesque towns and some of the most beautiful scenery in America...then it's up, up, and over the Appalachian Mountains and on into Pigeon Forge, Tennessee "the center of fun in the Smokies". Here we will enjoy two nights of packed action and entertainment in an atmosphere of homey comfort. Tonight we will take you to the Dixie Stampede DINNER show, rodeo-style entertainment with over 30 sensational horses, comedy, beautiful cowgirls and tough-as-nails heroes....YEE-HA!

Day 3 Following a delicious BREAKFAST, we're off on a spectacular tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with our experienced step-on guide. Leaf peepers hoping to catch a glimpse of the Smoky Mountains' spectacular fall foliage are in for a real treat. Over 150,000 acres have been preserved and protected. With a altitude between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, and as many as 16 peaks, we'll make our way over Clingman's Dome, the second highest mountain peak east of the Mississippi, taking in some of the most incredible scenery you've ever seen. Next, Dollywood welcomes the arrival of fall with an incredible festival, its annual National Gospel & Harvest Celebration. It's high praise as more than 250 Southern gospel concerts ring throughout the park. Enjoy the artistry of visiting crafters from across the country and fabulous foods, all prepared with a taste of fall, to mark the harvest season at Dollywood. Tonight our group will enjoy DINNER at Mama's Farmhouse, featuring Southern Cooking.

Day 4 After BREAKFAST we continue down the road to Nashville, the home of Country Music and our home for the next two nights at the fabulous Opryland Hotel. Our first stop on country music row is an Opry Backstage tour to learn the fascinating story of the Grand Ole Opry as your personal tour guide provides an exclusive look behind the scenes of the show that make country music famous. Next, located on historic second avenue downtown Nashville, the world famous Wildhorse Saloon for DINNER, featuring southern smokehouse cuisine and action-packed fun. The show that made country music famous – the Grand Ole Opry - turns 85 this year, and you're invited to celebrate tonight at the Opry. You can count on things happening you just can't see or hear anywhere else.

Day 5 Begins with BREAKFAST and The General Jackson Showboat, celebrates its 25th year of magical shows and great food while cruising on Nashville's picturesque Cumberland River. The General Jackson is the largest paddle-wheel riverboat in the country, serving a midday LUNCHEON cruise, high energy country music and comedy show. There's nothing better than enjoying a cruise down the Cumberland River on a beautiful autumn day. Later on you'll enjoy a tour of The Ryman Auditorium, built in 1892, a National Historic Landmark and a must-see for anyone visiting Nashville. Most famous as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943-1974, The Ryman is the very epicenter of Music City.

Day 6 Today after BREAKFAST we bid farewell to Nashville, Tennessee and begin our sights on Ohio this evening and a DINNER show at the Carousel Theatre to celebrate an evening with new friends!

Day 7 After BREAKFAST we depart for home with many beautiful memories – A tour you won't want to miss, especially if you've never seen the Great Smoky Mountains National Park spectacular fall foliage.

Single

Double

Triple

Quad

Myrtle Beach “Sand & Surf”

Staying at the Dayton House Resort in Myrtle Beach, a wonderful beachfront setting filled with yellow umbrella’s

April 19—26, 2009

Includes: (7) nights accommodations, (7) Breakfast, (2) Dinners, (2) Shows; “One” at the Alabama Theatre and The Carolina Opry.

Single \$1250 Double \$895 Triple \$775 Quad \$725

Myrtle Beach & the Deep South “Savannah, Jekyll Island, & Charleston”

April 19—26, 2009

8 Days/12 Meals

Glorious stretches of beach, sweet ocean breezes, warm sparkling waters. Let the enchanting beauty of the South capture you. Before we head into our Winter, let’s hold onto Summer just a bit longer, and join us on this fabulous getaway.....

Day 1 Motoring south today to a warmer climate, our group will overnight in Stony Creek, VA. At the *Sleep Inn & Suites (434)246-5100*.

Day 2 After BREAKFAST, we’ll continue south to the magnificent beaches of Myrtle Beach. Upon arrive, our local guide will give us an area tour then to DINNER at the Original Benjamin’s Calabash followed by the show “ONE” at the Alabama Theatre.

Day 3 BREAKFAST before starting our travel to Savannah, Georgia. People are drawn to Savannah because of its natural beauty, rich history, and good old fashioned Southern hospitality. A restored train station, more than 100 years old is a perfect setting for the beginning of the tour, we will see the Historic District, famous monuments, etc... We will check into the Inn at Ellis Square (912)236-4400, before DINNER this evening at Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House.

Day 4 We will enjoy BREAKFAST this morning at our hotel, before we are off to discover Jekyll Island! Our tour will begin at “the richest, the most exclusive and prestigious Jekyll Island Club.” LUNCH will be enjoyed by all and then we will board a tram for a tour of this 240-acre compound. This afternoon we will tour the largest of Georgia’s fabled Golden Isles, St. Simons Island, stopping at St. Simons Lighthouse. Dinner this evening will be on our own in Retreat Village area on St. Simons, with numerous restaurants to choose from.

Day 5 BREAKFAST this morning, before we begin our journey north, stopping off in Beaufort, the Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands. On our tour you’ll see historic homes and learn about Gullah culture. Next, arrive in Charleston for Lowcountry cuisine at the Crab Shack (DINNER included)

Day 6 After BREAKFAST, a tour of Charleston, a vibrant coastal city, offering historical sites from the Revolutionary and Civil wars, plantation home and garden. Tonight we’ll be rejoined with our fellow passengers in Myrtle Beach for a farewell DINNER and after dinner a perfect way to spend our last evening in Myrtle Beach is enjoying a show at The Carolina Opry for some feel good entertainment.

Day 7 BREAKFAST at hotel, and we’ll start our journey north, arriving in Fredericksburg, VA for our final night together.

Day 8 BREAKFAST this morning before we depart. Our “traveling family” arrives back in the Capital District with priceless memories of one of the South’s “best kept secrets!”

Single \$1,785 Double \$1,425 Triple \$1,325 Quad \$1,275