

# SMOKY MOUNTAIN FALL GETAWAY

## September 20-26, 2025

Explore Southern Appalachian culture, country music, and the beauty of Great Smoky Mountains National Park! Celebrate the iconic music legends of yesterday, today, and tomorrow in Nashville; step into a world as unique as its namesake at Dollywood; and discover whiskey in Gatlinburg. The stunning beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and the Pigeon Forge area will capture the hearts of everyone!

Space is limited.  
**Register  
today!**

### DAY 1 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ASHEVILLE, NC

(Dinner)

Today we will meet at the Omaha airport for our flight to Charlotte, NC, where we will board our motorcoach and set out for **Asheville, NC!** Once we've checked in to **Hampton Inn & Suites Asheville Biltmore Area**, we will gather for a delicious group dinner.

### DAY 2 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ASHEVILLE, NC

(Breakfast, Dinner)

This morning, we embark on a journey to the majestic **Biltmore Estate**, a historic gem showcasing the Vanderbilt family's legacy. Adorned with carved pumpkins, gourds, and fall floral arrangements, the estate celebrates the autumn harvest in grand style. Then, we'll make our way to **Antler Hill Village**, where we can savor the enticing scents of seasonal treats like apple cider donuts and pumpkin bread, while browsing charming shops filled with local artisans' crafts. Enjoy lunch on your own before we get the chance to witness grape harvesting and winemaking at the **Biltmore Winery**, bathed in the warm glow of autumn sunlight over the vineyards. Upon returning to Asheville, we'll gather for a delightful group dinner.

### DAY 3 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PIGEON FORGE, TN

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Our first stop of the day is at **The Apple Barn Cider Mill & General Store**, an apple lover's dream unlike anything you've ever seen before! The grounds include an orchard with more than 4,000 trees and various buildings dedicated to all things apples. Watch apples being pressed in the Cider Room, enjoy a glass of cider in the Cider Bar, savor baked treats at the Apple Pie Kitchen, or do some shopping at the General Store. We will enjoy a group lunch before we make our way to **Pigeon Forge, TN**, where deluxe accommodations await at **Dollywood's DreamMore Resort and Spa** surrounded by the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains. The remainder of the evening is yours to experience Dollywood's annual **Harvest Festival** and the **Great Pumpkin LumiNights**. Thousands of jack-o-lanterns create glowing experiences around every corner, and larger-than-life pumpkin displays light up the night!

### DAY 4 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

PIGEON FORGE, TN

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will head to the **Titanic Museum** to step into the world of the most famous luxury liner with galleries of artifacts from the ship and passengers and painstakingly re-created cabins and hallways. Next, we'll make our way to Gatlinburg to ride the **Ober Gatlinburg Aerial Tramway** up the mountain for a breathtaking view of the mountains and valleys below. At the mountain's peak, we'll indulge in a scenic lunch, surrounded by breathtaking panoramic views. A trip to Tennessee is not complete without a sample of their finest product - whiskey! Delve into the rich heritage of whiskey-making at **Ole Smoky**, America's most renowned distillery. Get a behind-the-scenes tour of how they make their famous moonshine and whiskeys, followed by a thirteen-sample tasting experience, all while being serenaded by live bluegrass music. We will end the day at **Dolly Parton's Stampede** for an evening filled with excitement, adventure, and down-home Southern hospitality. The main event features an action-packed show with thirty-two magnificent horses and top-notch riders who will perform daring maneuvers and compete in friendly challenges right before our eyes.

### DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NASHVILLE, TN

(Breakfast, Dinner)

It's time to say hello to **Nashville, TN!** Up first is a tour of the remarkable **Ryman Auditorium** built in 1892 and known throughout the world as "The Mother Church of Country Music." The theater was the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943-1974, hosting the likes of Elvis Presley, Hank Williams, and Patsy Cline. It's where Johnny Cash met June Carter; where bluegrass was born; and where stars such as Trisha Yearwood, Bruce Springsteen, Jeff Foxworthy, and Willie Nelson continue to perform. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at **Opry Mills** to do some shopping through the diverse mix of national retail brands and local boutiques and to have lunch on your own. This evening, we will enjoy dinner as a group before we head to the **Grand Ole Opry** to catch a live show! What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is a live entertainment phenomenon today. On any given night, the audience can expect performances by country music legends and contemporary chart-toppers. It's an experience you won't want to miss! We'll settle in at **Holiday Inn Express & Suites at Opryland** for the next two nights.



**DAY 6 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25****NASHVILLE, TN****(Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner)**

This morning, our journey begins with a visit to **Cheekwood Estates**, an elegant 55-acre historical property housing a botanical garden, arboretum, and art museum. We will commence with a tour of the exquisite 1929 Georgian-style mansion, marveling at its preserved original architecture, antique furnishings, and vast outdoor gardens. During the harvest season, Turner's Season Garden comes alive with various scarecrows and a charming pumpkin village adorned with pumpkin houses and autumn foliage. Next, we will have the unique opportunity to explore the architectural wonder of **The Parthenon** in Centennial Park. This magnificent architectural masterpiece stands as the world's only full-scale replica of the Athenian original. Built to ancient Greek measurements, it proudly showcases the grandeur of classical Greek architecture, drawing people from around the globe to marvel at its impressive columns and intricate detailing. Following this experience, we will enjoy a boxed lunch in the park. The afternoon is yours to explore Broadway, with options like the Johnny Cash Museum, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, the Country Music Hall of Fame or a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry! Indulge in the vibrant live music scene at one of the numerous honky-tonks scattered throughout the area, promising an unforgettable musical experience! We'll wrap up the day with a farewell dinner to share our favorite memories of our fall getaway.

**DAY 7 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26****HOME****(Breakfast)**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will make our way to the airport for our flight home.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

For full tour terms and conditions, please visit [www.stardestinations.com/terms-olli-smoky-mountains](http://www.stardestinations.com/terms-olli-smoky-mountains)

## INCLUSIONS

- ÿ Round-trip air to Charlotte and return from Nashville (air allowance of \$500)
- ÿ Private motorcoach transportation
- ÿ 6 nights' accommodations
- ÿ 14 meals (6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners)
- ÿ Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- ÿ Porter service of one bag per person at hotel
- ÿ Taxes and gratuities for included services
- ÿ Professional tour manager

**Not included in the price of this tour:**

Local airport transfers, meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, fees related to any COVID-19 requirements for this destination, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

**Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate**

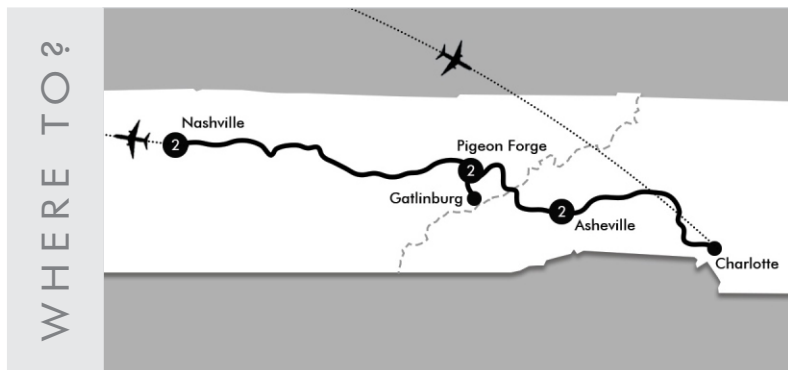
In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 2-3 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to maneuver some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

For further information or questions, please contact:

**Star Destinations at (712) 792-9793**

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## TOUR PRICING\*

**\$3,645 per person, double**  
**\$4,325 per person, single**

\*Tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee

\*No transaction fee if paid by check or ACH.

## OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

**University of Nebraska OLLI recommends all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a travel protection plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services.**

See the included Travelex Insurance Services flyer for pricing.

(Payment may be sent with your deposit or with final payment to Star Destinations)

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Tour requires a minimum of 24 passengers to operate.

**A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.**

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:  
MAY 15, 2025**

**To register online, visit:**

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