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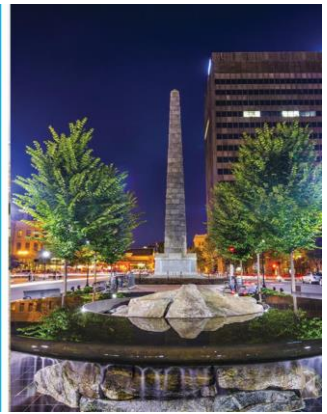
featuring Louisville, Gatlinburg & Asheville

April 23 – May 1, 2020



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Must-See Inclusions

- Visit Louisville, Kentucky and the mecca of horse racing, Churchill Downs.
- Explore the grandeur of nature at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- Walk the stunning grounds of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville.

Culinary Inclusions

- Sip on samples of Kentucky's home-grown spirit during a tasting at Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery.
- Enjoy Southern fare at historic Boone Tavern in the center of Berea, Kentucky.
- Sit back and watch the wildly entertaining Dolly Parton's Stampede & Dinner Show.

Highlights: Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Old Louisville Walking Tour, Choice on Tour, Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery, Lexington Horse Farms, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Dolly Parton's Stampede & Dinner Show, Asheville, Biltmore Estate

Day 1: Thursday, April 23, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky - Tour Begins

Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel located in Jeffersonville, Indiana, ideally situated just across the river from downtown Louisville.

Day 2: Friday, April 24, 2020

Louisville Enjoy a visit to Churchill Downs, the Thoroughbred racetrack

famous for hosting the pinnacle of all horse races, the annual Kentucky Derby. You'll **tour the Kentucky Derby Museum** and learn about the legendary history of the "Sport of Kings." Then, enjoy a walking tour of Old Louisville, a historic neighborhood that boasts the largest concentration of Victorian mansions in the United States. Later, head to "Museum Row" where **it's your choice!** Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience showing you all



there is to know about “America’s Pastime” **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum, and its new Spirit of Kentucky exhibit, the official start of the Bourbon Trail. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Louisville - Lexington Today we travel to Lexington. En route, we’ll visit **Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously operating Bourbon distillery** in America. Learn about the subtle craft of Bourbon distilling, meet some of the people who make it all happen, and of course, taste some of Kentucky’s home-grown spirit. Stop in Midway, a quaint, historic town and the first one in Kentucky to be founded by a railroad. Learn about this area from a local guide as we explore Kentucky’s horse country. Enjoy the stunning, rolling bluegrass pastureland and the many horse farms that dot the landscape. We’ll visit private horse farms and hear about their time-honored traditions. (B)

Day 4: Sunday, April 26, 2020 **Lexington - Berea - Gatlinburg,**

Tennessee We travel south, stopping in Berea, the historic college town known as the arts and crafts center of Kentucky. You’ll meet a few artisans while they demonstrate their craft. **Enjoy lunch at Boone Tavern,** where blue grass country meets the rolling hills of Appalachia. En route to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, **travel through Daniel Boone National Forest.** Extending across the western plateau region of the Appalachian Mountains, it’s named for the larger-than-life American pioneer who once blazed a trail across these rugged and wild lands. Gatlinburg, a lively mountain resort, is the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a 3-night stay. (B, L)

Day 5: Monday, April 27, 2020 **Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Gatlinburg** This morning, a local guide leads you into the most visited national park in the United States. **Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site.** The park contains one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth and the largest deciduous forest in the eastern United



States. Explore the park, stopping at various lookouts on our way to Newfound Gap which boasts views of both sides of the Smoky Mountains – those in Tennessee and North Carolina. Afterwards, **enjoy a tour and tasting at the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery**. Tonight, **be entertained at the lively Dolly Parton’s Stampede & Dinner Show** where you’ll see music, dancing, and professional horse riders performing incredible stunts. *(B, D)*

Day 6: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Gatlinburg Today, spend your time however you see fit during a leisurely day in Gatlinburg. Perhaps you’ll want to venture back to Great Smoky Mountains National Park and see more stunning natural sights. Or, for a bit of campy fun, you could head to Pigeon Forge and experience Dollywood, Dolly Parton’s Smoky Mountains theme park. *(B)*

Day 7: Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina Depart for Asheville, North Carolina, our Blue Ridge Mountains home for

two nights. En route, **we’ll stop at the stunning East Coast home of the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company**.

Upon arrival in Asheville, a local guide takes you on an orientation walking tour of the neighborhood around your downtown hotel. *(B)*

Day 8: Thursday, April 30, 2020

Asheville Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself “a little mountain escape” in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Today, **tour the sprawling mansion and the manicured grounds**, enjoy a wine-tasting at the historic Biltmore Winery and experience what it was like to be a wealthy tycoon in the Gilded Age of America. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *(B, D)*

Day 9: Friday, May 1, 2020 Asheville - Charlotte - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. As you venture home, take the spirit and the warmth of America’s Southeast with you. *(B)*

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Itinerary at a glance

Days 1, 2	Sheraton Louisville Riverside, Louisville, Kentucky
Day 3	DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Lexington, Lexington, Kentucky
Days 4 – 6	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Days 7, 8	Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! Great Smoky Mountain National Park

Boasting 520,000 acres, more than 800 miles of hiking trails, and millions of visitors annually, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the United States. Rising along the Tennessee/North Carolina border, this sprawling park features lush forests and an abundance of wildflowers that bloom year-round. Travel the scenic mountain road and take in the beauty of the high-rising Chimney Tops. Stop at Newfound Gap and see the Rockefeller Memorial that honors the \$5 million donation that made this national park a reality. As you take a minute to gaze out at the horizon, you'll see the magical haze that gives the Great Smoky Mountains their name.

Please Note:

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

All airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers.

Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 1:00 p.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 16, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 23, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until October 23, 2019.

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