

FALL Nashville & Pigeon Forge Tour

Nashville, TN & Pigeon Forge, TN ~ plus Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Oct. 8-15, 2020 • 8 Days

Motorcoach Tours across the U.S. & Canada

You'll love this fall tour enjoying the music and atmosphere of Nashville-Music City USA; and the southern hospitality of Pigeon Forge - Gateway to the Smokies. Plus, we've included the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in Kentucky.

<u>Thurs., Oct. 8:</u> Oglesby, IL We depart for good old southern hospitality in Tennessee. Spending two nights in Nashville and Gatlinburg to really get a feel for the areas. Today we travel through Wisconsin and down to <u>Oglesby, IL</u>, to stay the night.

<u>Fri., Oct. 9:</u> Nashville, TN (B) Music City USA is our destination for today, with our route continuing on through Illinois and Kentucky. We arrive this afternoon in <u>Nashville, TN,</u> for a <u>2-night stay</u> at the <u>Opryland Hotel</u>. At the <u>Opry House</u> we attend the <u>Grand Ole Opry</u>, which is a weekly country music stage concert in Nashville, founded in 1925 as a 1-hour radio "barn dance" and broadcast on WSM Radio. The Opry celebrates their 95th birthday in 2020. Then return to our hotel.

<u>Sat., Oct. 10:</u> Nashville, TN (B, L) After an <u>included Quick Bite</u> Breakfast, enjoy the morning at your leisure at our resort, where you can stroll through the interior complete with waterfalls, gardens, coffee shops, restaurants, and a canal. At noon we will enjoy a <u>delicious lunch, music and entertainment</u> aboard the <u>General Jackson Paddlewheel Boat</u> as we cruise the Cumberland River. After the cruise we'll return to the hotel. This evening we'll go to <u>downtown Nashville</u> to experience the nightlife, have dinner on your own, and do some shopping. Or, you may wish to spend the evening at our Resort.

Sun., Oct. 11: Pigeon Forge, TN (B, D) Today we travel to Pigeon Forge, TN. Pigeon Forge is located at the entrance of the Great Smoky Mts National Park. Here you will find the entertainment of a large city nestled in a quaint mountain getaway, with numerous attractions, shopping, dining, and entertainment places for you to enjoy. After checking into our hotel in Pigeon Forge for a 2-night stay we'll attend the Hatfield & McKoy Dinner Show. "It's Southern Feudin' Feastin' Family Fun at The Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show™! Become part of the longest running feud in history and help the Hatfields and McCoys try to settle their differences mountain-style. Whether you're city-folk or country cuzins, you'll love the singing and dancing, mighty feats of strength, jaw dropping stunts and side-splitting comedy. There's something here for everybody and it's ALL YOU CAN EAT!" Then we will attend the Country Tonite show, which combines your favorite country classics with hot new country hits and hilarious country comedy in this fast paced show. It's the songs you know and love and comedy everyone can relate to. A must-see in Pigeon Forge.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- 7 Breakfasts / 4 Meals
- Oglesby, IL
- Nashville, TN

(2 nights at Opryland Resort)

- -Grand Ole Opry at Opry House
- -Free Time in Downtown Nashville
- -General Jackson Lunch Cruise
- Pigeon Forge, TN (2 nights)
- -Hatfield & McKoy Dinner Show
- -Country Tonite Show
- -Incredible Christmas Place
- -Lunch at Old Mill Restaurant
- -Dollywood
- Williamstown, KY
- -Ark Encounter
- -Lunch
- Erlanger, KY (1 night)
- Petersburg, KY
- -Creation Museum
- Schaumburg, IL

STATES VISITED on this tour: MN, WI, IL, KY, TN, IN

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy\$1,690
Triple Occupancy\$1,660
Quad Occupancy\$1,630
Single Occupancy\$2,110
DEPOSIT: \$100 p.p. (due upon sign-up)
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Aug. 27, 2020

Early Bird Discount \$30 per person if you pay the deposit by 7/6/20 *discounts to be deducted from final payment

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance available.
Ask us for details or see our website.

Mon., Oct. 12: Pigeon Forge, TN (B, L) A fun day is in store for you in Pigeon Forge. This morning we'll visit the Incredible Christmas Place, The Incredible Christmas Place in Pigeon Forge is the largest permanent Christmas retailer in the American south, and one of the largest in the United States. After some free time in Pigeon Forge, lunch is included at the **Old Mill Restaurant**. The Old Mill's story began nearly two centuries ago when local farmers with sacks of grain traveled to the newly built grist mill along the Little Pigeon River. It continues operating today. Enjoy the country menu plus pottery, crafts, gifts, and more as you look around. Then we will go to Dollywood. Dollywood is Dolly Parton's theme park nestled in a rustic setting and filled with music, shows, rides, crafts, and great food. We're here during their Harvest. Watch the leaves change in the Great Smoky Mountains while surrounded by the uplifting sounds of Southern Gospel. Stick around when the sun goes down for an even larger Great Pumpkin LumiNights experience during this season's Harvest Festival. Then return to our hotel for our second night in Pigeon Forge.

Tues., Oct. 13: Erlanger, KY (B, L) We leave the Smokies behind us and head north into Kentucky. Later we will stop in Williamstown, KY, at the Ark Encounter. The Ark Encounter is the largest timber frame structure in the world, built from standing dead timber, in part by skilled Amish craftsmen. The Ark is an architectural and engineering wonder containing three decks of world-class exhibits. It spans 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. See how they might have cared for the animals and learn more about the life of Noah. Lunch is included here. After our visit we will drive to our lodging in Erlanger, KY, located at the northern tip of Kentucky, just south of the Indiana and Ohio borders.

Wed., Oct. 14: Schaumburg, IL (B) This morning we travel a short distance to Petersburg, KY, where we will visit the Creation Museum. This one-of-a-kind museum brings the pages of the Bible to life, casting it's characters and animals in dynamic form and placing them in familiar settings. There is much to do here, including the Stargazer's Planetarium, Theater, Petting Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Bookstore, Zip Line, Featured Presentations, dining, and more! Lunch is on your own here. We will then depart for Schaumburg, IL, with a coffee stop along way. After checking into our hotel, the rest of the evening is on your own.

Thurs., Oct. 15: Home (B) Homeward bound today after a Fall tour taking in the music and history of Nashville, the landscape and entertainment of Pigeon Forge, and the attractions in Kentucky. Coffee and lunch stops will be made along the way. We arrive home later this afternoon. Thank you for traveling with **Utopia Tours**.







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DEPOSIT: \$100 p.p. due upon sign-up. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 8/27/20. Payment by cash or check is preferred. SA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER accepted. **DISCOUNTS:** U-Save Coupons, Early Bird Discounts, etc., are to be deducted from final payment, not your deposit.

PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS are in: Fargo / F-M Visitors Center; Fergus Falls / Wal-Mart; Alexandria / Perkins; St Cloud / Country Inn & Suites (on Park Ave). You can leave your car at these locations for the duration of your tour.

Other pick-ups may be available depending on route of tour.

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TOUR INCLUDES: See "Price Includes" Section. All sightseeing admissions, transportation, transfers, guide fees, a Utopia Tours tour director, events included in tour itinerary, lodging, baggage handling (for one piece of luggage per person), taxes, tips for services included in tour, meals mentioned in "Price Includes" section of itinerary. NOT INCLUDED: Tips for meals or services not included in tour price. Tour Director and Tour Driver tips. PACKING: Dress for comfort! Layered clothing is the way to go! TOUR BUS: The tour bus will have a restroom in the back of the bus. Most buses have Wifi capabilities (limited in Canada & Alaska). Some buses may have plug-ins for your electronics. MOTORCOACH SEATING:
There are no assigned or reserved seats.* It is common policy on motorcoach tours to rotate seats during tours. For the comfort and courtesy of all passengers, it is required that everyone participate in seat rotation.* ("unless we've been contacted by you for medical reasons) BREAKS: On driving days, we stope every few hours for coffee and lunch breaks. This is a great time to stretch a little, use restroom facilities, take a smoke break, and mingle with the other passengers. UTOPIA TOURS reserves the right to make changes or alterations in the printed itinerary, dates, routings, or included features prior to or during the tour as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient operation of the tour without prior notice and assumes no responsibility for delays and/or expenses due to such modification. We will make every effort to fullfil special meal and rooms requests, but do not assume responsibility or liability if request isn't fulfilled. RESPONSIBILITY: Utopia Tours is not responsible for any loss or damage of personal property or for injuries, expenses or damages whatsoever incurred or claimed by any tour member. Once our activities have ended for the day and we are at our lodging, as well as any time you have exited the bus during the tour day, you are on your own and Utop TOUR INCLUDES: See "Price Includes" Section.

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