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Fall Carolinas & Georgia Tour

Ark Encounter ~ Biltmore Estate ~ Myrtle Beach, SC (2 nights at oceanfront hotel)
Charleston, SC ~ Fort Sumter ~ Savannah, GA (2 nights) ~ Nashville, TN

Oct. 17-27, 2020 • 11 Days

Motorcoach Tours across the U.S. & Canada

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- 10 Breakfasts / 6 Meals
- Schaumburg, IL
- Indy 500 Speedway
- Williamstown, KY
- Dinner
- Ark Encounter
- Lunch
- Asheville, NC
- Biltmore Estate -House Tour
- Myrtle Beach, SC
(2 nights at Hampton Inn & Suites)
- Barefoot Landing
- "ONE" the Show
- Broadway at the Beach
- Legends In Concert
- Meal
- Charleston, SC
- Historic Fort Sumter Cruise
- Charleston City Market
- Guided City Tour
- Boone Hall Plantation Tour
- Savannah, GA (2 nights)
- Dinner at Pirate's House
- Guided City Tour
- Lunch
- Savannah's City Market
- Nashville, TN
- Free Evening in Downtown Nashville
- Rockford, IL
- Pizza Party

STATES VISITED on this tour:

MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, KY, TN, NC, SC, GA

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy\$1,999
Triple Occupancy.....\$1,969
Quad Occupancy\$1,939
Single Occupancy\$2,255
DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. (due upon sign-up)
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Sept. 4, 2020

**Early Bird Discount \$40 per person
if you pay the deposit by 7/10/20**

**discounts to be deducted from final payment*

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

Sat., Oct. 17: Schaumburg, IL Get ready for a tour full of entertaining, fun attractions and beautiful scenery covering Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Savannah, Nashville, and more! Our first day's drive will take us to **Schaumburg, IL**, making meal and comfort stops along the way as we get to know our fellow traveling companions.

Sun., Oct. 18: Williamstown, KY (B, D) Our travels take us southwest across Indiana, with a stop at **Indy 500 Speedway**, on our way to the **Williamstown, KY**, area. **Dinner** is included tonight.

Mon., Oct. 19: Asheville, NC (B, L) A short drive brings us to **Williamstown, KY**, to visit the **Ark Encounter**. This life-sized Ark was built according to the dimensions given in the Bible and is the largest timber frame structure in the world. It's partly built by skilled Amish craftsmen, using standing dead timber. The Ark is an architectural and engineering wonder containing three decks of world-class exhibits within this unique attraction that brings to life the biblical accounts of Noah's Ark. It spans 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. You will learn about the life of Noah, how he and his family could have fit in the Ark, how they cared for the animals on the Ark, and how his life was before the flood. A must-see, and is enjoyed by young and old alike. **Lunch** is included at the cafeteria here. Then continue on through the **Appalachian Mountains** to **Asheville, NC**, where we will spend the night.

Tues., Oct. 20: Myrtle Beach, SC (B) Our morning starts out at the **Biltmore Estate**. Enjoy the **self-guided tour of the Biltmore House**. Stroll through America's Largest Home® on a marked route, assisted by knowledgeable guides along the way. You'll drink in all the amazing sights of architecture, artwork, and much more from the Gilded Age. Stroll acres of formal and informal gardens designed by America's foremost landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted. From the beauty of the Italian Garden to the breathtaking trees in America's first managed forest, Biltmore's lush landscape is a living tribute to Olmsted's genius. Our horticultural experts continually work to preserve the original vision for the gardens and grounds, including our Rose Garden that features more than 250 varieties. Enjoy more beautiful scenery as we leave Asheville, NC, and travel to **Myrtle Beach, SC**. Our lodging is located right on the beach of the Atlantic Ocean. We will spend **two nights at the Hampton Inn & Suites Oceanfront**, enjoying shows and other sights in the area. Here you may want to relax on the beach or enjoy the indoor/outdoor pools. Later we will go to **Barefoot Landing** for the show **"ONE" at the Alabama Theatre**. ONE weaves a magical journey filled with song, dance, and laughter. It will be one of the most enjoyable nights of live entertainment that you will ever experience – vigorous, uplifting, and even spiritual. ONE brings audiences an incredible entertainment experience featuring everything from Country, Gospel, Broadway, Pop and Rock to plenty of hilarious family comedy. After the show we'll return to our hotel.

Wed., Oct. 21: Myrtle Beach, SC (B, D) You will have an **included breakfast** this morning, after which you can enjoy walking along the beach and a relaxing morning. Mid-afternoon we will head out to **Broadway at the Beach**, located in the heart of Myrtle Beach with 350 acres of dining, shopping, attractions and nightlife. While here we'll enjoy **Legends In Concert**, at their theater, where each legendary performer not only looks like the star they portray, but use their own natural voices to pay homage to their iconic music counterpart. Performers are the Blues Bro's, Barry White, Elvis, Whitney Houston, and more (subject to change). Legends in Concert live tribute shows are known for their elaborate theatrical sets, magnificent costumes and full array of incredible special effects. An outstanding cast of accomplished tribute artists, talented singers and dancers, and a live orchestra comprised of some the top

(B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner included that day)

musicians in the industry, support each Legends in Concert production. A meal is included before returning to our hotel.

Thurs., Oct. 22: Charleston, SC (B) We travel to Charleston, SC, this morning. The Charleston area is rich in history, tradition and Southern culture. Upon arrival we will go to Patriot's Point and board the cruise out to Historic Fort Sumter. We will get off the boat and tour Fort Sumter, learning of the first shots fired here that began the American Civil War. Next we will go to the Charleston City Market, the cultural heart of the city. It is one of the nations oldest public markets with many places to eat and shop for local handcraft items and many shops. Mid-afternoon a local step-on-guide will join us on our motorcoach for a guided tour of Charleston, which has barely changed since it was founded in 1670. You will feel welcome with its charm and beauty. Then check into our hotel in Charleston, SC, for the night. You may wish to explore more of the Market area tonight as the evening is on your own to enjoy.

Fri., Oct. 23: Savannah, GA (B, D) In Charleston this morning, we'll tour the Boone Hall Plantation, which has been open to the public since 1956. The McRae Family purchased the plantation in 1955 and it was Mrs. McRae who furnished the house with antiques and began giving tours. Today, the McRae Family still owns the property, and they continue to make improvements to the plantation so that our visitors can experience what plantation life was like. As you tour each site on the plantation, our knowledgeable staff will help you understand the day to day activities of those who lived on plantations as well the history of the people who lived here at Boone Hall. Boone Hall Plantation was founded in 1681 when Englishman Major John Boone came to Charleston and established a lucrative plantation and gracious home on the banks of Wampacheone Creek. The family and descendants of Major Boone were influential in the history of South Carolina, the colonies and the nation. The McRae family is proud to present that history, covering over 330 years, on a daily basis. We will then depart for Savannah, GA. Savannah is known for its wealth of history and architecture that few American cities can match. We will check into our lodging for a two-night stay. This evening we look forward to an included meal at the Pirate's House. It is situated a block from the Savannah River and has welcomed visitors since 1753. It first was an inn for seafarers, then became a rendezvous for pirates and sailors. Then return to our hotel for the night.

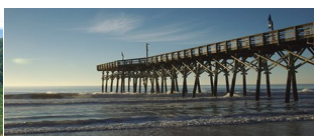
Sat., Oct. 24: Savannah, GA (B, L) This morning a local tour guide will join us for a City Tour of Savannah, GA, learning about historical landmarks, houses, museum, squares, and parks abound in this beautiful coastal city. Then enjoy an included lunch savoring some great southern cooking! We will then return to the hotel for some free time this afternoon. Early this evening we will go to Savannah's City Market on River Street. Here enjoy a meal at one of their many restaurants and places to eat, plus visit the charming stores, antique shops, and delightful markets where you can find everything from art to souvenirs.

Sun., Oct. 25: Nashville, TN (B) As we leave the coastal area we will travel through Georgia to Atlanta, then continue on to Chattanooga, TN. Our destination is Nashville, TN. Nashville continues to uphold its *Music City* nickname, with over 130 music venues here that keep this city alive. After checking into our lodging we will go to downtown Nashville for a free evening to explore the "District," which is has music shows, great places to eat, and the country atmosphere Nashville is known for.

Mon., Oct. 26: Rockford, IL (B, D) Leaving Nashville this morning we will make our meal and comfort stops while visiting with our friends we have made during this tour. Our overnight is in Rockford, IL. We will treat you to a Pizza Party tonight.

Tues., Oct. 27: Home (B) We will return home later afternoon-evening after a great tour exploring the Carolinas & Georgia and more! Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.

Asheville, NC ~ Myrtle Beach, SC
Charleston, SC ~ Savannah, GA
Nashville, TN



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DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. due upon sign-up.
FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 9/4/20.

Payment by cash or check is preferred.
VISA, 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.

SEE POLICY SHEET FOR MORE INFO.

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 stop 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 fulfill 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 Utopia Tours is not liable for your activities and/or any accident/incident that may occur. Please use your best judgment when crossing streets/roads and be careful for uneven or slippery sidewalks. Your safety is important to us! **MORE INFORMATION** will be mailed out to you approximately 10 days prior to departure. This letter will include a tour brochure, hotel list, your pick-up and drop-off times/location, luggage tags, and more. Name tags will be in the tour packet you receive when you board the bus.

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7 business days prior to departure.....75%*
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