

SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

SPRING & FALL IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS
AMERICA'S MOST MAGICAL EASTERN NATIONAL PARK AT THE BEST TIMES OF THE YEAR



UNCOMMON JOURNEYS

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THE BILTMORE ESTATE, USED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE BILTMORE COMPANY, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE BEAUTY OF AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR NATIONAL PARK, PLUS MUCH MORE. OUR WAY.

Bask in the enchanting beauty of the American Southeast on a picturesque journey from Charlotte to Memphis. Explore Asheville's opulent Biltmore Estate, then immerse yourself in the Great Smoky Mountains' natural splendor with drives along the Blue Ridge Parkway and lovely Cades Cove. Enjoy a scenic ride on the *Great Smoky Mountains Railroad* before continuing to Chattanooga, where you'll ride the *Tennessee Valley Railroad* and ascend Lookout Mountain on the Incline Railway. In Memphis, visit the

historic Peabody Hotel and witness its famed Peabody Duck March, and take in a comprehensive music tour. Whether you're marveling at rushing waterfalls and vibrant wildflowers in spring or admiring the golden hues of autumn, each season offers its own spectacular charm. With deluxe accommodations, included sightseeing, delectable dining, and an optional extension to New Orleans, this relaxed vacation offers a perfect blend of natural wonders and Southern hospitality. All aboard!



CADES COVE



MEMPHIS

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DAY 1 | CHARLOTTE, NC

Arrive in Charlotte by train or air and transfer to the Hyatt Place for your overnight stay. Enjoy the evening at leisure to explore this captivating city.

DAY 2 | ASHEVILLE, NC

What's more Appalachian than barbecue? Relish a lunch stop on the historic North Carolina Barbecue Trail, and listen to a scrumptious talk on "What is 'barbecue?'" Then it's off to Asheville for an expert guided tour of this artistic oasis—with a jaunt onto the Blue Ridge Parkway. (B,D)

DAY 3 | BILTMORE ESTATE, NC

This morning, enjoy a tour of the illustrious Biltmore Estate, getaway of the Vanderbilts, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, explore more of Asheville's charming town center or revisit the Estate, with all evening free to enjoy this enchanting town. (B,L)

DAY 4 | GATLINBURG, TN

Today, experience a special treat as you depart the hotel for a ride on the *Great Smoky Mountains Railroad*, gliding through Nantahala Gorge along the Little Tennessee River. Highlights of this scenic trip include Horseshoe Curve and the Fontana Lake Train Trestle. Later, arrive in Gatlinburg to begin your two-night stay in the Smokies. (B)

DAY 5 | GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Depart this morning for Great Smoky Mountains National Park on what is sure to be a magical day. Delight in Cades Cove, a breathtakingly beautiful 11-mile loop road through the Smokies dotted with pioneer homesteads and the backdrop of blue-misted mountains. Wildlife is abundant, so be sure to have your camera ready. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner during your second evening in Gatlinburg. (B,D)

DAY 6 | CHATTANOOGA, TN

Continue to Chattanooga, a charming city on the Tennessee River, where you'll enjoy lunch before a brief yet picturesque ride on the *Tennessee*

HIGHLIGHTS

Complimentary train travel from any Northeast city to Charlotte aboard the *Carolinian* prior to the tour when booked early, as well as low add-on fares from all US cities and towns ranging from \$99-\$299pp

Two-nights in lovely Asheville including a city tour as well as the Biltmore Estate visit including lunch.

Complete tour of one of the most beloved natural preserves in America, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with a visit to blue-misted Cades Cove

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad steam train ride through Nantahala River Gorge, with highlights such as Horseshoe Curve, Fontana Lake Train Trestle and the Little Tennessee River, beautiful in both spring and autumn

Two-night stay in Memphis with visits to historic Beale St, the Marching Ducks at the Peabody Hotel, the acclaimed 90-minute live music tour and plenty of free time, plus a special farewell dinner

Fully hosted by professional tour manager from start to finish to handle all the details, making your holiday even more enjoyable

Valley Railroad. After, visit stunning Ruby Falls, a series of cascading waterfalls inside Lookout Mountain, followed by a ride on the Incline Railway to the top of Lookout Mountain for tremendous views. (B)

DAY 7 | MEMPHIS, TN

A scenic drive this morning brings you to Memphis, one of America's top cities for music, from the blues to Graceland. Memphis is a wonderful city in its own right, overlooking the Mississippi River. After lunch – a special treat – enjoy the afternoon and evening free, perhaps exploring historic Beale St., the home of the blues with a host of superb clubs and music halls. (B,L)

DAY 8 | MEMPHIS, TN

Begin today in the lobby of the storied Peabody Hotel where, with military precision, the Peabody Ducks march across the lobby and into the grand fountain to martial music. After this fowl experience, join the acclaimed Backbeat Tours music trip through Memphis aboard a retro bus with live music onboard, celebrating some of the famed singers that have called Memphis home, from Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley to Otis Redding. The afternoon is yours to take in Graceland or the moving National Civil Rights Museum, formerly the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King was assassinated. Later tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner hosted by your tour manager. (B,D)

DAY 9 | MEMPHIS, TN

Depart for home by air or train, or extend your stay in Memphis. Guests purchasing our New Orleans add-on package depart this morning aboard the *City of New Orleans* train for New Orleans, arriving in the Crescent City this afternoon to begin a two-night stay. (B)



BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY



PEABODY MARCHING DUCKS



CHATTANOOGA

B: BREAKFAST | L: LUNCH | D: DINNER

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GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS RAILROAD | Experience the rich history and breathtaking scenery of North Carolina aboard the *Great Smoky Mountains Railroad*. Once a lifeline for isolated mountain communities, this historic rail line now offers unforgettable excursions through the heart of the Appalachians. Journey along tracks that opened the region to the world in the late 19th century, climbing to elevations once the highest of any railroad in the Eastern United States. These expertly restored trains follow the same route that carried everything from copper ore to dam-building materials, and now showcase the area's stunning natural beauty. With over 200,000 passengers annually enjoying these scenic routes, the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad invites you to step back in time and create lasting memories in one of America's most picturesque landscapes.



NEW ORLEANS ADD-ON

For guests booking early, you are invited to take advantage of our special 'New Orleans Add-On' package for only \$475pp double occupancy (\$695 single occupancy), which includes train travel from Memphis to New Orleans and a two-night stay in New Orleans at the welcoming Magnolia Hotel (or similar). This package has limited availability and does sell out quickly, so prompt reservations are wise.



MAGNOLIA HOTEL NEW ORLEANS

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FARES

CATEGORY	2026	2027
Double Occupancy	\$4,895	\$4,995
Single Occupancy	\$5,995	\$6,295

PRICES SHOWN ARE PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

HOTELS

CHARLOTTE: Hyatt Place

ASHEVILLE: Crowne Plaza

GATLINBURG: River Inn

CHATTANOOGA: Holiday Inn

MEMPHIS: Doubletree Hotel

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