



LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



Nashville Christmas

5 Nights – 6 Days
December 8-13, 2019

A tour to remember, this fantastic Holiday tour takes you not only to Nashville but to Pigeon Forge and Abingdon VA as well. A perfect mix of everything for lovers of music and the holidays. Spend 3 nights at the dazzlingly decorated Opryland Hotel surrounded by a winter wonderland. What a wonderful way to kick off the season!

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Meet at the **Cascades Senior Center** and depart for **Pigeon Forge, TN**. Along the way, we'll stop at **Draper Mercantile** for a **buffet lunch** feast. Upon arriving in Pigeon Forge, we'll check in to **Dollywood's DreamMore Resort**. This evening, enjoy exploring **Dollywood Theme Park** and the **Smokey Mountain Christmas**. The spectacular Tennessee setting provides the perfect backdrop for a variety of amusement park rides and attractions. Thrilling roller coasters, daring water excursions, along with one-of-a-kind attractions that let you experience the Smoky Mountain way of life. While visiting, enjoy a performance of the Christmas Classic – **"It's a Wonderful Life"** or one of the other **Dollywood** Christmas shows. (L)

Monday, December 9, 2019

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning prior to checking out and departing for Nashville. We'll stop for lunch along the way at **Blake Shelton's Ole Red Nashville** for some classic southern fare. Upon arriving in Nashville, we'll embark on **"A Star For A Day" Tour of Historic RCA Studio B**, Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio. Following the guided tour, groups will gather around the legendary microphone for a recording session with a professional sound engineer. RCA Studio B first became known as one of the cradles of the "Nashville Sound" in the 1960s. A sophisticated style characterized by background vocals and strings, the Nashville Sound both revived the popularity of country music and helped establish Nashville as an international recording center. Afterwards, check in to the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel**. **Enjoy a Country Christmas at the Gaylord National!** Come experience the energy and excitement of Music City at Gaylord Opryland, the flagship property of the Gaylord Hotels family. You'll be amazed at the nine acres of indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls and indoor river with their very own Delta flatboat. **For the holidays the Gaylord Opryland is impeccably decorated. Spend time exploring this winter wonderland with 2 million dazzling Christmas lights, Brightest Star Fountain Show, Outdoor Nativity Display, and nightly carriage rides.** Enjoy a **Dinner and Christmas show Featuring Trace Adkins** this evening. Grammy Award-winning Country superstar **Trace Adkins** will entertain fans with Christmas standards, Celtic classics, and a few of his favorite things. Join the multi-platinum artist and the renowned Gaylord Opryland chefs for a **holiday dinner show** to remember. (B,L, D)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

After **breakfast** this morning at the resort, we'll go on a **guided tour** of the **Ryman Auditorium** the home of the "Grand Ole Opry" from 1943 – 1974. It is also called the "Mother Church of Country Music. Ryman has hosted artists as diverse as Jon Bon Jovi and Patsy Cline on its stage since 1892. We'll also tour the **Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum**, honoring musicians from stars to studio players representing all genres of music. The museum is divided into cities that have a rich history of recorded music such as Detroit, Nashville, Muscle Shoals, Los Angeles, Memphis, and Atlanta; all having musicians who were talented enough to play any music, regardless of style. Enjoy a **lunch buffet included** and a **line dancing lesson** at the **Wild Horse Saloon**. Spend the afternoon listening to a local band and practicing your new moves! Afterwards, see **Christmas at Belmont Mansion**. Completed in 1853 by Adelia Acklen, Belmont was recognized as one of the most elaborate and unusual homes in the South. Adelia Acklen has long been rumored to be one of the real-life inspirations for Scarlett O'Hara and secretly conspired with both the Confederate and Union forces to emerge from the Civil War with her fortune intact. The Grand Salon with its staircase is considered the most elaborate domestic room built in antebellum Tennessee. **Take the Curator's tour, an hour and a half experience led by the Curator of Collections, offering a more in-depth and detailed story of Adelia Acklen and Belmont's history.** This evening, we'll return to the resort for **dinner on own** and **free time** to indulge in the resort's amenities and shopping. (B, L)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Today, after **breakfast** at the hotel, visit **Willie Nelson & Friends Museum & General Store**. A Nashville Tradition for 30 years, it features Nashville's largest souvenir shop and a showcase museum dedicated to traditional country music legends. The museum showcases one of the world's largest collections of personal items from Willie Nelson and his many friends including Patsy Cline, Porter Wagoner, Dolly Parton, Faron Young, Mel Tillis, Webb Pierce, Marty Stuart, Connie Smith, Hank Cochran, Barbara Mandrell, Conway Twitty, Jeannie Seely, Norma Jean and many others! Board **the General Jackson Showboat** and enjoy a one-of-a-kind **Christmas Cruise & Luncheon** as you float down the Cumberland River aboard one of the largest showboats in the country. Fun-filled performances, chef-prepared meals and sweeping views of the Nashville skyline await you on our mid-day holiday-themed show featuring Steve Hall & Shotgun Red. We'll also tour the **Country Music Hall of Fame** before returning to the **Gaylord Opryland** for **dinner on own** and to refresh for this evening's activity: a **Holiday Performance at the Opry!** (B, L)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. We'll stop along the way for **lunch on own** and to visit the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**, dedicated to the crucial role played by artists from Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee, and the southern Appalachian region in country, bluegrass, and other musical avenues nurtured by this region. Upon arrival, check in to the **Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott – Abingdon** followed by **dinner** at the **Martha Washington Inn** and an amazing performance of **A Christmas Carol** at the famous **Barter Theatre!** Return to the hotel this evening. (B, D)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out** and departing for home sweet home. (B)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$2130 Member / \$2175 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 2730 Member / \$2775 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

- Round trip luxury motor coach transportation;
- Hotel Accommodations for Five (5) Nights;
- Five (5) Breakfasts, Four(4) Lunches, and Two (2) Dinners;
- Admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary;
- Baggage Handling.

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