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A SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS AT THE BILTMORE ESTATE & PIGEON FORGE

NOVEMBER 14-18, 2021

Marvel at the timeless beauty of the Biltmore Estate as it is elegantly decorated for the holiday season and enjoy time in Pigeon Forge with its award-winning entertainment, delicious Southern cuisine, and shopping, all while surrounded by the beauty and majesty of the Great Smoky Mountains. Don't miss out on this Smoky Mountain Christmas Adventure!

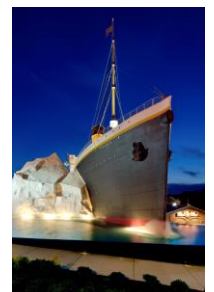
Departure/return times and pickup location are as follows:

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| Kohl's, Westminster<br>Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot) | 5:30 A.M.     | 9:00 P.M.     |

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14: We will travel south today along scenic routes making regular meal and rest stops en route. Upon arrival in Pigeon Forge, we will check into our hotel for the next two evenings at: **COUNTRY CASCADES RESORT** (865)428-1194  
 204 Sharon Drive  
 Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 37863

A delicious dinner is scheduled at **Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant** before experiencing side-splitting comedy, juggling acts, great music and much more at **The Comedy Barn Theater**. Voted the most award-winning family comedy variety show in the Smoky Mountains, see magicians, jugglers, ventriloquists, comedians, live country and gospel music, guaranteed to make you laugh!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15: After a leisure breakfast at the hotel, we will travel a short distance to visit **Bush's Visitors Center and Museum** where you can trace the values and events that made BUSH'S BEST® what it is today, all housed in the original A.J. Bush & Company general store, founded in 1897. Learn of the Bush family history, how the company has evolved over the years, and get a glimpse of the modern methods of processing and canning beans. Then, relax at the hotel and have time to freshen up before your First-Class boarding on "the ship of dreams" to experience the **Titanic Museum Attraction**, a tribute to *Titanic's* ship, passengers and crew. Be swept up in the excitement, wonder and consequences of the Titanic story as you see more than 400 priceless relics and artifacts found on the ocean floor, walk the Grand Staircase, sit in a full-sized lifeboat and hear actual survivor stories, touch an iceberg, and more. Be transported to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor secret dining room for an **elegant candlelit dinner** that is sure to be unforgettable. This evening's entertainment at the **Country Tonite Theater** is guaranteed to please as *The Magic of Christmas* abounds with talented renditions of Christmas favorites combined with beautiful choreography, brightly decorated holiday sets, and colorful costumes. Holiday classics and enchantment make for a nostalgic, spirited holiday celebration that will be enjoyed by all!



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16:** After breakfast & a leisurely morning at the hotel, enjoy free time at **The Island in Pigeon Forge**, a terrific new shopping and entertainment complex with more than 60 retail and specialty shops, a number of popular restaurants and eateries, rides and games, dancing fountains, live music, attractions and much more. We will then visit **downtown Gatlinburg** to enjoy the many shops, eateries, and attractions that are offered there. Partake in moonshine tasting, visit the Gatlinburg Space Needle for spectacular views, shop for souvenirs and Christmas gifts, dine on Southern cuisine and more in this gorgeous mountain town. This afternoon, we will travel to Asheville, North Carolina with beautiful views of the Smoky Mountains where we will check into our luxurious accommodations for the next two evenings at:

**INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE** (828)225-1600

1 Antler Hill Road

Asheville, North Carolina 28803

Gracious hospitality, attention to detail, style, charm, and the level of service to which the Vanderbilts treated their guests is what you can expect during your stay at the Inn. Dinner is on your own this evening at one of the restaurants on property. Enjoy free time to stroll around charming **Antler Hill Village**, with unique shopping, exhibits, and dining. Visit the **historic winery** to enjoy complimentary wine tasting where a stunning ornament display adorns the Tasting Room ceiling.



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17:** This morning, after a hearty breakfast, we will immerse ourselves in the holiday spirit at "America's Largest Home" as we have an **audio tour of the Biltmore Estate**. The timeless beauty of Biltmore House, its collections of art and historic Vanderbilt family treasures are all the more enchanting with the festive addition of dozens of exquisitely decorated Christmas trees, miles of garland, hundreds of poinsettias, and more lights than you can count. Lunch will be served in the **Stable Cafe**, followed by some free time this afternoon to explore the grounds or relax at the Inn. This evening, dinner is scheduled at the **Deerpark Restaurant** where you will savor mouth-watering southern cuisine in a peaceful, natural setting with plenty of rustic charm and sweeping views of estate pastures. Then, delight in the joy and the wonder of **Candlelight Christmas Evenings**—the gentle glow of candlelight and firelight reflects off thousands of sparkling ornaments and live performances of holiday music makes for a truly magical evening. Enjoy Biltmore House by flickering candlelight and cozy flames reminiscent of the first Vanderbilt family Christmas in 1895, enhanced by dozens of lavishly decorated trees and mantels and fireplaces adorned with greenery.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18:** We will depart Biltmore after breakfast this morning to make our travels homeward. Regular meal and rest stops will be made en route and fond memories abound on this Smoky Mountain Christmas Adventure!

**PRICE PER PERSON:**

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| SINGLE | \$2,050.00 | (PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,                |
| DOUBLE | \$1,640.00 | lodging, luggage handling, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches,        |
| TRIPLE | \$1,510.00 | 3 dinners, tax & gratuities on meals included, admissions, |
| QUAD   | \$1,450.00 | & 2 shows)   |

A DEPOSIT OF \$400 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2021. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above

address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Due to Biltmore's stringent cancellation policy, deposits will not be refundable if cancellations are received after September 27<sup>th</sup>. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly suggest purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Guard Insurance. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent). All policies will need to be quoted and/or purchased electronically, or by calling the 24-hour service center (paper applications are no longer accepted). Insurance coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Casual clothing is appropriate for the entire tour; however, you may choose to wear something a bit more formal for the Titanic dinner. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended as there is considerable walking involved on this tour.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.

