

Great Smoky Mountains 3-Day Tour

Tour Code: SM3

Departure Day: Every Saturday (4/1/2017 – 11/30/2017)

Pricing: Buy 2 get 1 free. Standard price per person is based on double-bed room.

1 st and 2 nd Person	3 rd Person	4 th Person	Single
\$223	\$0	\$183	\$303

Itinerary Highlights:

1. Largest national park in east coast, Shenandoah Valley
2. Natural Bridge, which was President's resort
3. Biltmore Estate, the biggest private estate in North America
4. Great Smoky Mountains, the national park with the most visitors

Pick-up and Drop-off Locations:

Departure Time	Location
7:00AM	460 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850 (MEIXIN Supermarket)
7:45AM	610 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20004
8:30AM	7801 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22043 (Tysons Corner-Westin Hotel)

(The sequence of returning to the locations will be arranged by the tour guide of the day according to local traffic.)

Day 1: Home – Luray Caverns – Natural Bridge

We will depart in the morning for Virginia. Upon our arrival in this scenic state, we will head to Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley to visit **Luray Caverns**, which perhaps are best known caverns for the Great Stalactite Organ. The Great Stalactite Organ is the world's largest musical instrument. It literally makes stalactites sing by gently tapping them throughout three acres of the caverns. It's a musical masterpiece that can't be found anywhere else in the world ... or under it. In the afternoon, we will go to the **Natural Bridge** - referenced in "Moby Dick" and called by Thomas Jefferson "the most sublime of nature's works". The rock arch has a 90-foot span. Virginia's Natural Bridge (located in an eponymous town) has been fascinating travelers for hundreds of years.

Hotel: Comfort inn/Days inn/Holiday inn Johnson City TN or equivalent

Day 2: Biltmore Estate – Pigeon Forge

We arrived early in the morning at **Biltmore Estate** in North Carolina, a French Renaissance-style house which was built by George Vanderbilt II. The estate covers 8,000 acres to be considered as the largest private home and a symbol of the American Gilded Age (1870s-1900). Driving through the lush green ground, you will be amazed by the beauty of the the breathtaking trees in America's first managed forest, as well as the vineyards and farms raising livestock or tending crops. Biltmore's landscape is like a wonderland to make you leave the hustle and bustles behind. Standing on the promenade, you can

overlook the Great Smoky Mountains National Park not far from Biltmore Garden. Moreover, you can stroll around the manicured Italian Garden, and you also can savor complimentary tastings of local-made wine to extend your Biltmore experience. With a slightest tipsy feeling, we will continue to Tennessee with a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains where we will learn more about the music heritage of Tennessee. We will drive through the **Great Smoky Mountains**. This 522,000-acre national park straddles the border of North Carolina and Tennessee. It's a most-visited national park in the United States and a UNESCO World Heritage site, which is renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life and natural beauty of landscapes. Open areas in the park offer some best opportunities to see wildlife, for example black bear, elk, white-tail deer, as well as over 1,500 kinds of wildflowers. Step onto a tramway and enjoy the scenery up to the hill. After browse the small town named Gatlinburg we will go to **Pigeon Forge**, Tennessee's most famous family resort, where visitors can participate in a western horse dinner show (at your own expense) - **Dixie Stampede**. Dine in a dinner theatre where you can watch a brilliant show with 32 horses and a cast of top-notch riders plus a mouth-watering four-course feast complete with a delicious dessert! They will thrill you with daring feats of trick riding and competition, pitting North against South in a friendly and fun rivalry. You will also enjoy music, dancing, special effects and family friendly comedy along the way. After dinner we will check in the hotel.

Hotel: Comfort inn/La Quinta inn Pigeon Forge TN or equivalent

Day 3: Great Smoky Mountains National Park – Home(Washington D.C)

In the morning we drive into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We go all the way up the mountain reach the height at about 5000 feet. From an overlook named Newfound Gap we can enjoy the beautiful scene of the great mountains located right at the border between Tennessee and North Carolina. After a stop for lunch, we will head back to Washington, D.C.

Scenic Spots Notes:

- (1) Itinerary will be subject to traffic and weather. The sequence of the attractions might be changed according to actual and practical situation for better service.
- (2) In case of attraction closures (due to holidays or construction, etc.), tour guide may make some necessary changes to the itinerary accordingly.
- (3) This tour does not accept any City Pass or your own tickets for the attraction. Guests need to purchase admission tickets from tour guides.

Refund Remark:

- (1) If the weather condition, war, general strikes and other unforeseen circumstances interrupt the journey, our company reserve the right to rearrange the journey without refunding the tour fee.
- (2) If visitors cannot join the tour because of personal reason, the fee for hotels and transportation is not refundable.

Tour fee exclude: the meals, attractions tickets, service fee (\$8 per person per day), and any private costs (such as hotel telephone charges, laundry etc.)

OPTIONAL TOURS AND ADMISSION FEES	Adult	Senior (62+)	Children (3-12)
Luray Caverns	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$14.00
Natural Bridge State Park	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$6.00 (6-12)
Biltmore Estate	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$37.00
Dixie Stampede	\$66.84	\$66.84	\$41.46

Gatlinburg Tram	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$8.50
Service Fee per day per person	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

*Price and schedule are subject to seasonal change without notice.