# Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia 7-Day Tour

**Tour Code:** DG7

**Departure day:** Every Thursday (5/1/2018-10/25/2018)

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

1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	4 <sup>th</sup> Person	Single
\$788	\$0	\$496	\$1182

## **Itinerary Feature:**

- 1. Cold air rushing out of a limestone sinkhole atop a big hill west of Luray--Luray Caverns.
- 2. Skyline Drive of beautiful scenic view--Shenandoah National Park.
- 3. Natural Bridge, which was President's resort.
- 4. The city of US country music Nashville, and world largest Music Hall and Fame.
- 5. The largest Aquarium in the World, and Coca Cola in Atlanta.
- 6. "Gilded Age" Biltmore Estate, the biggest private estate in North America.
- 7. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Visiting: Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia

## **Departure & Return Information:**

Location	Address	Departure Time
Rockville, MD	460 Hungerford Drive Rockville, MD 20850 (Meixin Supermarket)	7:00AM
Washington D.C.	610 F street NW, Washington D.C. DC20004 (Shakespeare Theatre Company)	8:00AM
Falls Church, VA	7801 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22043 (Westin Hotel Falls Church, VA)	

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

## **Itinerary**

Day 1: Home - Luray Caverns - Skyline Drive in Shenandoah

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** (120 minutes), 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. In the afternoon we will enter the Shenandoah national park to take the beautiful skyline drive (Mandatory Admission -120minutes). On the winding drive way on the mountains we will stop at the overlooks to observe the beautiful Shenandoah valleys. We will also take an easy walk on one of the trails among the mountains. A wonderful scenic tour is a must-do in the state of Virginia.

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

## Day 2: Biltmore Estate, NC

We arrived early in the morning at **Biltmore Estate** (240 minutes) 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 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.

Hotel: Comfort inn/La Quinta inn Franklin TN or equivalent

#### Day 3: Nashville, TN

Nashville, it is not only the capital of Tennessee, but also has the "southern Athens" reputation, but also the birthplace of American country music. Here the music style is rich and colorful, the gospel (gospel), rock, blues, etc., where the residents are very warm hospitality, attracting people around the world to travel. No trip to Nashville is complete with a visit inside **The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** (120 minutes). The largest popular music museum in the world, the hall of fame is home to more than 2.5 million artifacts that include rare recordings, priceless instruments, and iconic stage wear from some of Country Music's biggest stars. See the Elvis Presley solid gold Cadillac, Dolly Parton's hand-written lyrics sheets, and Taylor Swift's Swarovski Crystal Guitar.

In addition to visiting the Music Hall of Fame, visitors can walk in this music **capital** (180 minutes), just ten minutes away; you will see the **Tennessee parliament building**, military memorial hall as the southern city of landmarks.

We also will visit **Madame Tussauds Nashville** (60 minutes), the world's most famous wax attraction celebrating American music, is coming to Music City. This attraction focused solely on the lyrical legends that have shaped the musical landscape of America. In today's tour, we can visit **The Parthenon** (Outside view, 30 mins) and **Grand Ole Opry** (Outside view, 10 mins), passing by **Vanderbilt University**.

The bar or restaurant on the Broadway always shows you live American country music to you at any time, allowing you to immerse yourself in the music to explore the beauty of Nashville.

Hotel: Comfort inn/Days inn/Holiday inn Franklin, TN or equivalent

# Day 4: Chattanooga, TN

We will spend the day exploring Chattanooga, TN and the surrounding area. Our day includes heading to Lookout Mountain to take the Lookout Mountain Incline Railway, see the Ruby Falls as well as visit the Rock City.

Lookout Mountain - This historic hilltop on the southern border of Tennessee has a colorful history as a place of importance during wartime. Most notably, it was the centerpiece of the Battle of Lookout Mountain during the American Civil War.

Lookout Mountain Incline Railway(40 minutes) -This tram has been running almost continually since 1895 and with the exception of an engine update in 1911, it hasn't changed very much in more than 100 years of operation. The ride stretches about one mile up the mountain and the incline reaches a breathtaking 72.7% grade – almost straight up! Enjoy the "America's Most Amazing Mile" aboard!

Ruby fall (90 minutes) - a breathtaking 145-foot underground waterfall, is a natural wonder. It is located over 1,120 feet below the surface of Lookout Mountain. It is fed by rainwater and underground springs and the water from the falls eventually flows into the Tennessee River.

Rock City (90 minutes) - On the top of the Rock City, it is said seven neighboring states might be seen from Lover's Leap - you can find out whether it is true or not. However, we are sure you will be amazed by the breathtaking panoramic views of natural landscape, massive ancient rock formations, and gardens with over 400 native plant species.

Hotel: Comfort inn/Days inn/Holiday inn Duluth, GA or equivalent

#### Day 5: Atlanta Full Day Tour

In the morning, we will go to the Olympic Centennial Park (full day), which is the most popular tourist destination in Atlanta, where you can see the whole picture of the city of Atlanta. In this city, we have the world's largest aquarium; she has more than 100,000 marine lives, in the visit "Ocean Voyager" (Ocean Voyager) exhibition, visitors like in the boundless blue ocean diving scuba diver, and Thousands of fish swim on top of the head. The Ocean Voyager has four whale sharks and four manta rays, as well as stingrays, grouper and sharks, and has a 100-foot-long underwater tunnel and a total of 4574 feet of viewing window. In other pavilions you can also see three precious white whales, white crocodiles from Florida, penguins in South Africa, and you

even have the opportunity to touch the devil fish, starfish and other marine creatures with your fingers. Dolphins, seals and other marine life performances, but also allows you to feel their beauty and smart.

Coca-Cola Museum as another most popular attraction in Atlanta, where we can witness the centuries of Coca-Cola recipe, feel the unique charm of the world-class drinks. 4D movies and a variety of exhibits can let you enjoy the beauty of the world and Coca-Cola in the unique local features. Thousands of different flavors of drinks make you a real treat, without the need to travel around; you can enjoy the different formulations around the world Coca-Cola products. Do not forget to take away a bottle of official gift, memorable Coca-Cola. If you are interested in the radio and television industry, may wish to visit the headquarters of CNN, where you can learn real-time news editing and broadcast the whole process.

Hotel: Comfort inn/Days inn/Holiday inn Duluth, GA or equivalent

## Day 6: The Great Smoky Mountain-Pigeon Forge

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. We will drive to the highest point in The Great Smoky Mountains, at 6,643feet, Clingmans Dome (60 minutes). It is the highest point in Tennessee, and the third highest mountain east of the Mississippi. Walking along the Clingmans Dome trail, feels like walk into the cloud, at the observation tower on the summit offers spectacular 360 views of the Smokes. After that, we will reach the Newfound Gap (20 minutes) we can enjoy the beautiful scene of the great mountains located right at the border between Tennessee and North Carolina.

Tennessee's most famous family resort, where visitors can participate in a western horse dinner show (at your own expense) - **Dixie Stampede** (90 minutes). 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 7: Pigeon Forge-Home**

In the afternoon, we will reach the **Natural Bridge** (60 minutes) - 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. In the evening, we will arrive to Washington D.C.

# **Terms & Conditions**

#### **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 doesn't accept any City Pass or your own tickets for the attractions. Guests must purchase admission tickets from tour guides.

## **Refund Policy:**

- (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 (\$10 per person per day), and any private costs (such as hotel telephone charges, laundry etc.).

ADMISSION FEE	ADULT	SENIOR(65+)	Children(3-12)
Luray Caverns	\$27.00	\$23.00	\$14.00
Skyline Drive National Park	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
(Mandatory Admission)			
Biltmore Estate	\$69.55	\$69.55	\$34.77(10-16)
Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum	\$27.25(incl. tax)	\$24.60(incl. tax)	\$16.35 (incl. tax)
Madame Tussauds Nashville	\$20.76	\$20.76	\$15.30
Ruby Falls	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$13.10(3-12yrs)
Rock city	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$13.10
Incline Railway	\$16.40	\$16.40	\$7.65
World of Coca Cola	\$18.51	\$16.34	\$14.16
Georgia Aquarium	\$43.15	\$39.91	\$36.67
CNN Studio Tour	\$16.34	\$15.25	\$15.25(13-18)
			\$13.07(4-12)
Natural Bridge State Park	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$6.00 (6-12)
Dixie Stampede	\$66.84	\$66.84	\$41.46