

# Great Smoky Mountains 3-Day Tour

**Tour Code: SM3**

**Departure Day:** Every Saturday (5/1/2016 – 10/31/2016)

**Pricing: Buy 2 get 1 free.**

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

## **Itinerary Highlights:**

1. Largest private estate in North America
2. 1 night stay in the hotel located in Pigeon Forge
3. Great Smoky Mountain National Park

## **Pick-up and Drop-off Locations:**

<b>Departure Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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 Stalacpipe Organ. The Great Stalacpipe 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 set forth 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 located in Pigeon Forge.

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

### **Day 3: Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Home**

In the morning our tour continues 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 a stop in Gatlinburg, TN with local food as your 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.

#### **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.)

<b>OPTIONAL TOURS AND ADMISSION FEES</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Senior (65+)</b>	<b>Children (3-12)</b>
Luray Caverns	\$26.00	\$23.00	\$14.00
Natural Bridge	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$12.00
Biltmore Estate	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$37.00
Dixie Stampede	\$66.84	\$66.84	\$41.46
Gatlinburg Tram	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$8.50
<b>Service Fee per day per person</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>

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