

Smoky Mountain Christmas

Planned & Hosted by Deb Harkness



December 1-9, 2026 (9 days)



Departure Cities: Ft. Dodge, Waterloo, Ames, Ankeny, & Williams

Ho! Ho! Ho! Off to the Smoky Mountains we go!!! Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, here we come!! Highlights of this great trip to include:

- ~~ Christmas at Dollywood
- ~~ Dolly Parton Christmas Stampede
- ~~ Pokin' around the Smokies at Christmas
- ~~ Dolly's Backroad Tour
- ~~ Visit to Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tenn
- ~~ Louisville Under Lights Tour
- ~~ Plus more Christmas surprises along the way!

Day 1, Tues. Dec. 1 (D)

Come join us as we get the Christmas Magical Season underway. Today we travel to **Fairview Heights, Ill.** for our overnight lodging. Enjoy a 'complimentary Happy Hour' at the hotel as you get to know your fellow travel mates.

Day 2, Wed. Dec. 2 (B, L, D)

Travel with us today to **Hurricane Mills, Tenn.**, home to Loretta Lynn. We'll start our visit with lunch at **Loretta Lynn's Kitchen Cafe**, where you'll get some good southern country cookin' served up. Then we're off to **Loretta Lynn's Ranch & Museum**. We'll have a guided tour of her beautiful plantation home & take a stroll through her 'Crisco' kitchen, & admire her many achievements in the Coal Miner's Daughter's Museum.... Then it's on to **Franklin, Tenn.** for our overnight lodging where you'll enjoy another complimentary 'Happy Hour' & meal.

Day 3, Thurs. Dec. 3 (B, D)

Today will be a beautiful drive as we make our way to **Pigeon Forge, Tenn.**, home of the **Great Smoky Mountains**. Our lodging for the next 4 nights will be at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Pigeon Forge. This property just opened in October of 2025, so a very nice hotel with the normal great amenities.

Day 4, Fri. Dec. 4

This morning, after a hearty breakfast at the hotel, we'll meet up with our **step-on guide, Kathy**, who will be with us for the next few days. She'll be sharing her knowledge of the area, plus telling us lots of tales of the great Smoky Mountains.



When situations arise beyond our control due to covid or any other unforeseen circumstances, Northland Travel and our staff reserve the right to make itinerary changes.



PRO TIP:
Travel Insurance:
Available at a group rate
for this tour. Call for
details & pricing.

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\$3199 per person
double occupancy

\$3899 per person
single occupancy

\$2999 per person
triple or quad
occupancy

ACTIVITY LEVEL:
Active, with a
moderate pace

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Over the course of these next few days we'll take in:

~ **Christmas at Dollywood** ... The park is a magical winter-wonderland filled with millions of twinkling lights. Along with festive award-winning shows. A definite highlight of this trip!

~ **Dolly Parton Stampede** Join us at Dolly Parton's Stampede in Pigeon Forge, for a spectacular holiday extravaganza! During the Christmas show, the cast, including 32 magnificent horses, takes you on a nostalgic holiday trip with a friendly North Pole and South Pole rivalry. All while enjoying a delicious 4-course meal, all eaten with your fingers, no utensils allowed!

~ **Pokin' Around the Smokies** A 'surprise' that Kathy has put together that you're sure to enjoy!

~ **Dolly's Backroad Tour** You'll hear the stories of Dolly's childhood, as we travel the backroads & hollars of the Smokies.

~ **Plus lots more surprises & great food!**

Day 7, Mon. Dec. 7 (B, D)

After 3 fun-filled days filled with holiday cheer, we say goodbye to the Smoky Mountains, as we travel to Georgetown, Kentucky. Back in 2003 Michael Blowen & his wife, both equestrian lovers, came from New York to visit Kentucky. They immediately fell in love with the area, & being horse-lovers they knew they wanted to make this their home. They had an idea to start a horse farm for retired race horses. They started out with 1 horse & 1 rented paddock. Fast forward ahead 20 years & they now have taken in, at **Old Friends Farm**, over 300 horses, ranging from 3 Kentucky Derby winners, to horses who have never seen a race track. As Michael gives his tour around the ranch, you'll see the love & passion he has for each & every one of these horses. We then travel onto Louisville. After dinner tonight, you're in for a real treat! Each year, the **Louisville Mega Cavern** is transformed into an underground holiday light spectacular for the Christmas season, they refer to as **Lights Under Louisville**. We'll travel through this magnificent cavern on our motorcoach. It's the only underground Christmas light display of its kind in the world. You'll be totally amazed! Overnight lodging tonight in Louisville.

Day 8, Tues. Dec. 8 (B, L)

Today is going to be a **Mystery Day!!** With Christmas surprises in store, sure not to disappoint!! Overnight tonight in Peoria, Ill.

Day 9, Wed. Dec. 9 (B) 4-legged friends of ours,

We have 1 more surprise in store for you this morning, as we travel towards home. We'll stop & **visit some 4-legged friends** of ours that are a rarity, but ever-so-gentle creatures. You might even find a Christmas present here for a hard-to-buy for friend, when you feel what a soft, cuddly fur these animals produce for mittens, socks, scarves..... We then continue our journey on home, glowing with memories of the beautiful sights, sounds & smells of the season.

Cancellation Terms Without Travel Insurance:

From receipt of deposit to Sept 30, 2026 = no penalty
From Oct 1-Oct 15 = 25% penalty
From Oct 16-Nov 2 = 50% penalty
From Nov 3-Nov 16 = 75% penalty
From Nov 17-Dec 1 = 100% penalty

Your Travel Experience Includes:

~Deluxe motorcoach transportation
~Lodging for 8 nights
~Tickets, admissions to all listed attractions
~17 meals

****Book by May 1, 2026 for \$75 early booking discount!**

\$500 deposit per person due at time of reservation

Final payment due by Sept. 30, 2026
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