

CUSB Bank VIP Connection presents...

# Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains

~ September 4-12, 2025 ~

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RESERVATION  
DEADLINE:  
FEB. 25, 2025



9 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Old Louisville Walking Tour, Choice on Tour: Louisville Slugger Museum or Frazier Museum of Kentucky History, Bourbon Distillery, Lexington Horse Farms, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Asheville, Biltmore Estate

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2	Seelbach Hilton Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
Days 3, 4	The Campbell House Lexington, Lexington, Kentucky
Days 5, 6	Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Days 7, 8	Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Day 1: Thursday, September 4, 2025 Louisville, Kentucky - Tour Begins** Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated in downtown Louisville.

**Day 2: Friday, September 5, 2025 Louisville** Enjoy a visit to Churchill Downs, the Thoroughbred racetrack famous for hosting the pinnacle of all horse races: the Kentucky Derby. Then, tour the Kentucky Derby Museum and learn about the legendary history of the "Sport of Kings." Enjoy a walking tour of Old Louisville, a historic neighborhood of Victorian mansions. Later, head to "Museum Row" where **it's your choice!** Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum, and its Spirit of Kentucky exhibit, the official start of the Bourbon Trail. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 3: Saturday, September 6, 2025 Louisville - Lexington** Visit one of the state's famous Bourbon distilleries before stopping in the quaint, historic town of Midway before exploring Kentucky's horse country. Learn about the area from a local guide and take in the rolling bluegrass pastureland and the horse farms that dot the landscape. Hear about time-honored traditions during visits to private horse farms before settling into Lexington for your 2-night stay. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, September 7, 2025 Lexington - Berea - Lexington** Travel to Berea, the historic college town known as the arts-and-crafts center of Kentucky. Meet a few artisans while they demonstrate their craft. Then, explore musical artifacts and memorabilia during a visit to the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Tonight, take in the tastes of Kentucky at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 5: Monday, September 8, 2025 Lexington - Gatlinburg, Tennessee** Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest. Extending across the western plateau region of the Appalachian Mountains, it's named for the larger-than-life American pioneer who once blazed a trail across these rugged and wild lands. Arrive in the lively mountain resort of Gatlinburg, gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a 2-night stay. The rest of the day is yours, perhaps you will go to Dollywood,\* Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains theme park or enjoy time in downtown Gatlinburg. (B, L)

**Day 6: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Gatlinburg** With a local guide, explore Great Smoky Mountains National Park (UNESCO) – the United States' most visited national park. Stop at various lookouts on your way to Newfound Gap, which boasts views of both Tennessee and North Carolina. Enjoy your picnic lunch at a scenic location before continuing through the park to Cherokee and spend time at Qualla, the oldest Native American arts cooperative where you'll learn about traditional crafts and customs over a discussion with an artist. Afterwards, tour the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery with a tasting before enjoying an evening at leisure. (B, L)

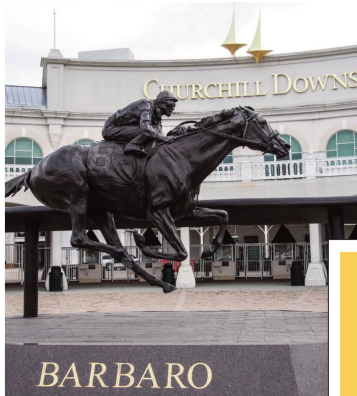
**Day 7: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina** This morning, depart for Asheville, North Carolina, your Blue Ridge Mountains home for two nights. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore a city known for craft breweries, chocolate, and farm to table cuisine. (B)

**Day 8: Thursday, September 11, 2025 Asheville** Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself a "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Today, tour the sprawling mansion and the manicured grounds. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 9: Friday, September 12, 2025 Asheville - Charlotte - Tour Ends** Today your tour comes to an end. As you venture home, take the spirit and the warmth of America's Southeast with you. (B)

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**For bookings made after Mar 04, 2025 call for rates.**

**Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$379 per person, Round Trip Air from Minneapolis St Paul Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Gratuities

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from MSP

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Book Now rates valid until Mar 04, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only. The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*Dollywood's schedule can vary and is not available until the year of operation of your tour. Based on the tardiness of their schedule we cannot guarantee that all dates will include this feature.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 12:00 p.m.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Travel within USA

For travel completed by May 6, 2025, all airlines will ask for identification when you check in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

Effective for travel May 7, 2025 forward, the REAL ID Act standards for identification while travelling will be in effect. This means a standard issued driver's license used as a form of identification will no longer be accepted for domestic air travel within the United States. Instead, a Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the guest. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$1,077 per person (includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 25, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 06, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until March 04, 2025.**

**Experience It! Great Smoky Mountain National Park**

Boasting 520,000 acres, more than 800 miles of hiking trails, and millions of visitors annually, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the United States. Rising along the Tennessee/North Carolina border, this sprawling park features lush forests and an abundance of wildflowers that bloom year-round. Travel the scenic mountain road and take in the beauty of the high-rising Chimney Tops. Stop at Newfound Gap and see the Rockefeller Memorial that honors the \$5 million donation that made this national park a reality. As you take a minute to gaze out at the horizon, you'll see the magical haze that gives the Great Smoky Mountains their name.