

Bucket List Travelers
SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS
December 9-12, 2024



Monday, December 9 (409 miles)

Today we start our journey to Tennessee and arrive at PIGEON FORGE late afternoon. We check into The Inn on The River, our home for the next three evenings. Dinner this evening is a four-course feast at Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show at 6:00 PM. The holiday festivities get playful as Elves from the North Pole & South Pole compete in a friendly rivalry while your festive dinner is served. Snow falls softly as the breathtaking scenes fill you with tidings of good cheer. The Stampede arena is magically transformed into a true fantasy land complete with twinkling lights,



evergreens, poinsettias, old-fashioned holiday costumes and familiar holiday music. You'll also love the live nativity; it is both dramatic and spectacular. The true meaning of Christmas comes alive right before your very eyes as three kings ride atop camels on their way to Bethlehem. The stunning beauty of angels ascending from above will amaze you as the songs inspire audience members of all ages. (D)

Tuesday, December 10

Start your morning off right with a delicious full hot breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy a guided hometown tour of the country music artist and legend Dolly Parton. Experience Dolly's rags to riches story, see the homestead of where she grew up and a visit to the Dolly Parton statue on the courthouse lawn.

Enjoy free time, shopping, and lunch on your own this afternoon at The Island. The Island in Pigeon Forge, TN boasts 23 acres of entertainment in an inviting setting perfect for groups trying to escape the everyday. With over 80 shops, restaurants and attractions, our location combines all things fun, in a safe environment where you can eat, shop and play. The Island's diverse selection of activities makes it a one-stop-shop of fun for all ages. The Island Show Fountains are programmed to music and lights year-round and you can purchase a ticket to ride "The Wheel" which is 200 feet tall.

There truly is something for everyone to enjoy on The Island.

This evening Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show in Pigeon Forge invites you to join the most famous pirate, Blackbeard, and his quartermaster, Calico Jack, as they lead the Crimson and Sapphire crews in a battle on land, on deck, in water, and high above full-sized pirate ships in an indoor hideaway lagoon! Be amazed by beautiful mermaids, tropical birds, and much more, all while enjoying a fabulous four-course feast. (B, D)

Wednesday, December 11

This morning after breakfast, enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the Titanic Museum where “passengers” experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins, and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. As visitors touch a real iceberg, walk the Grand Staircase and third-class hallways, reach their hands into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks, they learn what it was like on the RMS Titanic by experiencing it first-hand. Each guest entering the ship will receive a boarding pass from an actual Titanic passenger or crew member. Feel their spirit presence in the galleries where over 400 personal and private artifacts are on display. Many are on display for the first time in the world. Discover your passenger or crew member’s fate at the end of your tour in the Titanic Memorial Room where 2,208 names line this historic wall.



After our visit, we’ll head for the Dollywood and the experience return of America’s Best Christmas Event for more than a decade! We’ll explore a winter wonderland adorned with more than 6 million twinkling lights and dozens of towering Christmas trees that add a cheerful shimmer to our award-winning rides and attractions like Big Bear Mountain. Embrace this special time of year with all your senses as you

discover festive flavors, heartwarming holiday shows, and seasonal shopping tucked into the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains. When the sun goes down, watch the winter sky shimmer to life as hundreds of festive drones light up the night during a Christmas drone show! Come experience why there’s no place like Dollywood at Christmastime. (B, \$25 meal voucher)

Thursday, December 12

After our final breakfast it is time to check out of our hotel and start our journey home, taking with us many fond memories of our Smoky Mountain Christmas! (B)