



LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



The Memphis Music Trail

7 Nights – 8 Days
October 20-27, 2024

Follow the tunes to the history, the music, the food, and the fun. Stay in the beautifully decorated Guest House at Graceland (Priscilla Presley herself supervised the design and decoration). We've done this trip before, there's a reason we're going back! If you're a fan of the greats, you'll love this tour!

Day One, Sunday, October 20, 2024

Depart the **Cascades Senior Center** early this morning. Arrive in **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**, and check-in to the **Black Fox Lodge Pigeon Forge, Tapestry Collection by Hilton**, a homey, lodge-style hotel overlooking the **Little Pigeon River** near the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. Enjoy **Dinner included** this evening at a local favorite restaurant featuring classic Southern comfort food. Afterwards, you'll be delighted with live, "feel-good" entertainment at the **Country Tonite Theatre**. Repeatedly voted the "Best Show in the Smokies", it boasts a 1500-seat, multi-million-dollar theater with state-of-the-art sound and lighting end-capped with two giant video screens. Country Tonite provides non-stop Pigeon Forge entertainment with singing, dancing, comedy, gospel music, American patriotism, and more, filling this two-hour show. Return to your hotel to rest and relax. **(Meals: D)**

Day Two, Monday, October 21, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning prior to checking out and departing for **Memphis** with comfort stops along the way to have lunch on own and stretch your legs. Upon arrival, visit the **Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum**. The museum tells the critical story of the musical pioneers who overcame racial & socio-economic obstacles to create a music style forever changing the cultural complexion of the world. The museum's exhibition about the birth of rock and soul music, tells the story of these musical innovators and their profound impact on the musical genre evermore. Check-in to the **Guest House at Graceland**. Less than a 5-minute walk from Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion, The Guest House at Graceland features two on-site restaurants, a theater, and outdoor pool with pool bar. This evening, feast on the ultimate in Southern BBQ at **Marlowe's Ribs & Restaurant** and dine where Elvis dined on their award-winning specialties! Since 1974, Marlowe's has been providing the best in Memphis hospitality to locals and visitors from around the globe. Return to the Guest House at Graceland. **(Meals: B, D)**

Day Three, Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning. Experience the **Civil Rights Museum**, noted as one of the nation's premier heritage and cultural museums, steadfast in its mission to share the culture and lessons from the American Civil Rights Movement and explore how this significant era continues to shape equality and freedom globally. Enjoy **lunch included** at nearby favorite locale. Afterwards, **Tour the Slave Haven Underground Railroad / Harriet Tubman Museum**, a walk through this antebellum home is a journey through history, revealing the hidden secrets of its past for more than 100 years. Return to the hotel to rest and freshen up before a special Southern **dinner included** this evening at **Charlie Vergos' Rendezvous**, a family-owned and operated restaurant for over 75 years. It's a legendary dining experience featuring their signature, secret, award-winning recipes. Be sure to take foodie photos! **(Meals: B, L, D)**

Day Four, Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning. Depart to visit **Dyess, AR**, and explore the **Johnny Cash Boyhood Home Visitor Center** and his **Boyhood Home**. The Dyess Colony was created in 1934 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to aid in the nation's economic recovery from the Great Depression. It provided a fresh start for nearly 500 impoverished Arkansas farm families, including the family of music legend Johnny Cash. Stop for a photo opportunity at **'The Painted House'**, the original movie set farmhouse used in the 2003 Hallmark Hall of Fame film production of the same name. **Lunch will be included** at a local favorite. Tour the **Southern Tenant Farmer's Museum**, enhancing knowledge and understanding of tenant farming and the agricultural labor movements in the **Mississippi River Delta**, to preserve the history and promote the legacy of sharecropping and tenant farming. Stop by the **Danny Thomas / ALSAC Pavilion**, located on the campus of **St. Jude**. The architecturally unique building contains memorabilia of late entertainer Danny Thomas, the founder of St. Jude, who dreamed "no child should die in the dawn of life." Depart to enjoy a **free night** along **Beale Street** with dinner on own and free time to explore the live performers and exciting nightlife. (Meals: B, L)

Day Five, Thursday, October 24, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning. Embark on an exciting adventure exploring **Graceland!** Witness over 120-acres dedicated to the life and career of an American legend, **Elvis Presley**, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Explore his mansion, see his gold records, the jeweled jumpsuits, the classic cars, and interact with exhibits letting you experience Elvis like never before. You've heard the music, now see the place Elvis called home. You can stroll through the gardens where he found peace, tour the aircraft he traveled on from show to show, and be sure not to miss the **Elvis Presley's Memphis Entertainment Complex** for a memorable experience featuring legendary costumes, artifacts, and personal mementos from Elvis and his family. Enjoy lunch on your own while exploring the estate. Later this afternoon, depart to tour the **Edge Motor Museum**, Memphis' only car museum. You'll also visit **Sun Studios**, the iconic 1950s studio where BB King, Howlin' Wolf, Elvis, Johnny Cash, and many others recorded classic hits. Enjoy an **included dinner** at The Majestic Grille, once a silent movie theater and chef owned and managed, for an award-winning meal. (Meals: B, D)

Day Six, Friday, October 25, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. Stop in **Tina Turner's hometown** and visit the **West TN Delta Heritage Museum** featuring the world's only **Tina Turner Museum**. Continue to **Hendersonville** where you'll meet your **Guide** at historic **Gallatin Square** for a special **lunch included** before experiencing the **"Best of Johnny Cash" Show** at **The Palace Theater!** Afterwards, depart with your **Guide** on a **"Country Stars" Driving Tour** where you'll see "Twitty City", now the home of Governor Mike Huckabee's television show and Trinity Broadcasting Network, and the old homesite of Johnny and June Carter Cash. You'll also see other homes of country music stars, and the Hendersonville Memory Gardens, the final resting place of several famous individuals. Enjoy an **included dinner** at a local favorite restaurant before checking in to the **Hampton Inn & Suites Lebanon**. (Meals: B, L, D)

Day Seven, Saturday, October 26, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning, prior to **checking-out**. Arrive in **Abingdon, Virginia** late this afternoon and check-in to the **Holiday Inn Express Abingdon** to relax and freshen up. A wonderfully decadent **Dinner** is planned at **The Martha Washington Inn & Spa** before arriving to take your seats at **Barter Theatre**. A delightful performance of **'Sherlock Holmes'** is sure to entertain and provide a wonderful conclusion to your adventure. Return to your hotel to rest for the night. (Meals: B, D)

Day Eight, Sunday, October 27, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning, prior to **checking-out**. Stop to tour **The Lincoln Theatre** in **Marion, VA**. Originally built in 1929 as a movie palace, The Lincoln Theatre is one of the last remaining Mayan Revival-style theatres in the world. Enjoy a **Farewell Luncheon** at the historic **Mimslyn Inn** in **Luray, VA**, featuring expansive lawns peppered with gardens, oversized patios, landscaped terraces, and beautiful stonework. Find lots of fun and laughter with a visit to **Cooter's Luray** dedicated to **The Dukes of Hazzard TV series**. **Museum Cooter's Place** in Luray features Daisy's Diner, the Dukes of Hazzard Museum, and a Replica Cooter's Garage, complete with the General Lee, Cooter's Tow Truck, Boss Hogg Caddy, "Cooter's Garage Band", an appearance from Ol' Cooter himself, and much, much more! Arrive this evening back at the Loudoun County Senior Center at Cascades. (Meals: B, L)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 3408 Member / \$3453 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$4360 Member / \$ 4405 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

- Round-trip motor coach transportation to and from the Cascades Senior Center,
- Seven (7) Nights' Hotel Accommodation + baggage handling, *(excluding the Hampton Inn Lebanon)*
- 7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners,
- Admission for all shows and tours as stated in the itinerary.
- Gratuity for Driver.

Trip # 946634

Payable in 4 Installments

Extensive walking

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