

# *Christmas in the Smokies*

*Asheville & Pigeon Forge*



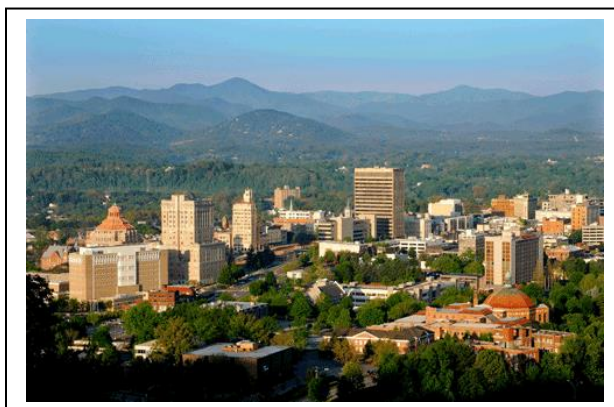
*Presented by Wendt Touring  
November 18-23, 2024...6 days*

## **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Biltmore House, Gardens & Winery ~ Candlelight Christmas Tour at the Biltmore  
Antlers Village ~ Asheville City Tour ~ The Island at Pigeon Forge  
Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood ~ Country Tonite Christmas Show  
Hatfield & McCoy Christmas Disaster Dinner Feud ~ Smoky Mountains

## **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Motorcoach transportation
- Five nights lodging
- Eight meals – 5B & 3D
- All shows & entrance fees
- Baggage handling
- Tips for local guides & porters
- Professional Tour Manager



## **PROJECTED TOUR FARES:**

\$1449.00 per person double  
\$1399.00 per person triple  
\$1899.00 per person single

*Travel arrangements made by  
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- Day 1:** **Home City ~ Wytheville, Virginia:** Travel aboard a deluxe highway coach to Virginia. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically. Overnight in Wytheville, Virginia area.
- Day 2:** **Asheville, NC ~ Christmas at Biltmore ~ Candlelight Tour:** This morning we journey to Asheville, North Carolina. Located between the Blue Ridge and Smoky mountains, Asheville is known for its fresh air, mild climate and abundant sulfur springs and thus became a popular health resort in the 1850's for America's rich and famous. Visit George Vanderbilt's Biltmore, America's largest home. Built in the late 1800's, the mansion was home for George Washington Vanderbilt, grandson of railroad magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt. Displayed throughout the 250-room French Renaissance-style chateau are prints from Vanderbilt's vast art collection, Vanderbilt family china and crystal, and 15<sup>th</sup>-century Flemish tapestries. Our *Christmas at Biltmore* also provides access to the Biltmore Gardens & Winery. Gather for a festive dinner at a local restaurant on the estate and then join the Candlelight Christmas Evening Tour of the Biltmore House. Experience Christmas at Biltmore as the family and friends of George Vanderbilt did when he introduced his new home on Christmas Eve 1895. The home is lavishly decorated with dozens of Christmas trees, hundreds of wreaths, bows, and poinsettias, miles of evergreen garland, and thousands of ornaments. Overnight in the Asheville area.
- Day 3:** **Asheville Sights ~ Pigeon Forge, Tennessee ~ Hatfield & McCoy Christmas Dinner:** This morning we embark on a city tour of Asheville, noted for its architectural treasures. Highlights include Basilica of St. Lawrence and Pack Square - the city's bustling center and the 1928 Art Deco octagonal shaped city hall building. Later today we motor to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for a two-night stay. Located in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, Pigeon Forge is known for its traditional Appalachian crafts, music and folklore. This evening we join Pa Hatfield and Ma McCoy as they try to set aside their differences in the spirit of the season. Watch as they bring their two famous feudin' families together for a night of food and entertainment guaranteed to make you feel better about spending the holidays with your in-laws! Enjoy the holiday singing and dancing, mighty feats of strength, jaw dropping stunts and side-splitting comedy.
- Day 4:** **Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood ~ Country Tonite Christmas Show:** Enjoy the day at Dollywood Park - The Entertainment Capital of the Smokies! Experience Christmas in the Smoky Mountains, named the best holiday festival in America for over a decade. Favorite Christmas traditions with award-winning shows, culinary delights, seasonal shopping - all wrapped in over 5 million lights. Explore unique one-of-a-kind attractions you'll not find anywhere else. Dozens of Master Craftsmen - historic American traditions are demonstrated including glassblowing, blacksmithing, wagon making and more. Later this evening we attend the evening Christmas performance at Country Tonite Theater. The magic of Christmas abounds as the talented renditions of Christmas favorites combined with beautiful choreography, brightly decorated holiday sets and colorful costumes bring the enchantment of Christmas to the stage.
- Day 5:** **The Island at Pigeon Forge ~ Beckley, West Virginia:** Enjoy the morning through lunch hour at The Island at Pigeon Forge. Consistently recognized as a top destination, this fabulous complex features over 70 restaurants, shops and experiences. Later today we depart Pigeon Forge and begin our journey home. Enjoy comfortable lodging in Beckley. Gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant.
- Day 6:** **Beckley ~ Journey Home:** This morning following breakfast we depart Beckley and continue our journey home. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically as we travel.