



PEORIA CHARTER
TRAVEL



Christmas at the Biltmore & in Pigeon Forge



November 16 – 21, 2025

6 Days / 5 Nights

Day #1 – Sunday, November 16th:

- 7:30 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street
7:55 AM Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 Courtland Street (behind Culvers)
8:30 AM Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane. We'll make a ½ hour break stop at Love's Truck Stop in LeRoy before picking up in Urbana.
10:00 AM Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N. Federal Drive traveling southeast towards our home for the night in Louisville. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter the Eastern Time Zone.***
5:00 PM Arrive in Louisville at the **Drury Inn Hotel*** and get checked in. From 5:30 – 7:00 pm, you can enjoy the "**Kickback Program**"* with heavy hors d'oeuvres. You can make a meal out of the different options available and even have a beer or wine to top it off. Enjoy your evening relaxing at the hotel.

Day #2 – Monday, November 17th:

- Breakfast*** is served at the hotel before checking out.
8:00 AM It's time to depart for Asheville, North Carolina! We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed.
4:00 PM We check into our home for the night – the **Hampton Inn***. You'll have time to freshen up before our evening dinner.
5:00 PM **Dinner*** is included at the **Stable Café** before we begin our **Biltmore Estate Candlelight Tour***. Firelight & Candlelight fill Biltmore Estate with a warm glow and accent delicate ornaments & priceless treasures. Get into the

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holiday spirit with choirs singing European carols, vintage ballroom dancers, and dramatic Christmas readings. The front lawn sets the scene with a sparkling holiday illumination of evergreens bathed in thousands of twinkling lights.

9:00 PM

Following the tour, we head back to the hotel.

Day #3 – Tuesday, November 18th:

Breakfast* is included this morning at the hotel. After breakfast, we'll enjoy a holiday experience like no other! A daytime visit to **Biltmore*** is a feast for the senses, featuring fragrant wreaths, glittering garland, and the sparkle of thousands of ornaments. After your tour, enjoy a complimentary **Wine Tasting*** at the Biltmore Winery. Next, enjoy **Antler Hill Village***. You'll step into the everyday lives of families who lived on the estate raising



livestock, tending crops, and working Biltmore dairy in the 1890's. The Barn in Antler Hill Village – once the social and work center for these families – is alive again with blacksmiths, woodworkers, and other craft demonstrations; The Barn Door featuring a unique selection of American made arts & crafts items/ and a Smokehouse offering Caroline barbeque, quick sandwiches, and other Southern favorites. Lunch is on your own before we depart for Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Upon arrival we'll check into

our **hotel*** for the next 2 nights. This evening we'll enjoy a wonderful evening **Dinner & Show*** at **Dolly Parton's Stampede**. This place is filled with a friendly North & South competition, thrilling horse-riding stunts, spectacular special effects, phenomenal musical productions plus a mouth-watering four course feast. We head back to the hotel following the show.

Day #4 – Wednesday, November 19th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel and then we depart for a fun-filled morning exploring **Dollywood***. While in the park enjoy, "*Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas Festival*", which is the eight-time award winner of America's Best Christmas Event. You'll find this park features four million holiday lights, more than 20 rides and attractions with elaborate Christmas decorations, twinkling lights and holiday-themed menus. Once in the park there are many spectacular holiday performances you won't want to miss. One is, "*Christmas in the Smokies*", a 12-member cast performing hometown holiday favorites that celebrate the joy of the season. Dollywood is known for its world-class entertainment, amazing



thrill rides, and family-friendly adventure, all are sure to please. This afternoon, you'll enjoy a fascinating self-guided **tour*** of the **Titanic Museum***. They open the door to the past in their one-of-a-kind way letting "*passengers*" experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins & Grand Staircase while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. You'll touch a real iceberg, walk the Grand Staircase and third-class hallways, reach your hands into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks. When entering the ship, you'll be given a boarding pass of one of the passengers or crew members on board. As you walk through, feel the presence of them in the galleries and at the end, see if your person lived or died from the aftermath of the Titanic. After the tour, we go to the 3rd floor for an evening of elegance and **fine dining*** in Titanic's Secret Dining Room. You'll experience a **1st Class Captain's Meal***, just as they had that very night aboard the ship. Following dinner, we depart for the hotel for the evening.

Day #5 – Thursday, November 20th:

- Breakfast*** is included before we depart for Clarksville, Indiana for our final overnight of this tour.
- 9:00 AM** We check out, board our coach and depart for our next overnight stay. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed.
- 4:00 PM** We check into our hotel and have a chance to relax a bit and freshen up for our evening dinner show.
- 6:00 PM** This evening we'll enjoy a delicious **Dinner and Show (to be determined)* at the Derby Dinner Playhouse.**
- 10:00 PM** Approximate return time to the hotel for the evening.



Day #6 – Friday, November 21st:

- Breakfast*** is included this morning before we check out and depart for home.
- 9:00 AM** We check out, board our awaiting coach and depart for home making rest & meal stops along the way as needed. ***Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour upon entering Illinois.***
- 2:30 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Urbana. We'll make a ½ hour break stop at Love's Truck Stop in LeRoy before dropping in Normal.
- 4:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
- 4:45 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
- 5:15 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

Cost Per Person:

Single: \$2135.00 Double: \$1775.00 Triple: \$1660.00 Quad: \$1545.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, Luggage Handling, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk*

If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate & appreciated if you tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver and \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.

**Hotels:
To Be Determined**

