



Biltmore Christmas & Pigeon Forge

November 8 – 13, 2026

Day #1 – Sun., November 8th:

- 7:00 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street
- 7:25 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 Courtland Street (behind Culvers)
- 8:00 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.
- 9:30 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive. We then continue 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 – Mon., November 9th:

Breakfast* is served here at the hotel. We then check out and depart for our destination – **Asheville, North Carolina**. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed. Upon arrival, we'll check into the **Hampton Inn (or similar)**. Tonight we'll enjoy a **Candlelight Christmas Dinner at Stable Café** before we enjoy a **Biltmore Candlelight Evening Tour***. Biltmore captures the magic of the holidays with grandeur, style & sheer wonder with more than 40 trees decorated by their talented staff, plus miles of ribbon & garland. Candlelight, firelight, dramatic outdoor illuminations, live music and entertainment accent the extravagant holiday décor of Biltmore House, creating an evening to remember. The Front Lawn of Biltmore House sets the scene with a sparkling holiday illumination of evergreens bathed in thousands of twinkling lights. Later this evening, we return to the hotel for the evening.



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Day #3 – Tues., November 10th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel. Today you'll again **visit the Biltmore Estate***. Christmas decorations seen by daylight give you a whole different view.

America's largest privately owned home, and cross the threshold into a world of beauty virtually unchanged for more than a century. Savor a "self-guided" visit exploring grand spaces filled with masterpieces of art & stunning antiques.



Spend time exploring **Antler Village and enjoy Winery Tasting***. Antler Village is a lively hub on the Estate that beautifully blends history, shopping, and entertainment. Stroll through unique boutiques and galleries filled with local crafts, estate-inspired gifts, and specialty foods. You will experience more of Biltmore's Story. This is where estate families socialized a century ago. Then, step into the renowned Biltmore Winery for a complimentary wine tasting, where you'll sample award-winning vintages crafted

right on the estate. With its welcoming atmosphere, charming shops, and world-class wines, Antler Hill Village offers the perfect way to unwind and savor the flavors of Biltmore. Afternoon has us departing for our 2-night stay in Pigeon Forge, TN. Upon arrival, we'll check into our home for the night and then we head out to **Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner & Christmas Show***. **Dinner*** is a four-course feast at the show. The holiday festivities get playful as Elves from the North Pole & South Pole compete in a friendly rivalry while your festive dinner is served. We'll head back to the hotel following the show.

Day #4 – Wed., November 11th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel. This morning, enjoy a fascinating **self-guided tour* of the Titanic Museum**. Titanic opens the door to the past in it's one-of-a-kind way letting "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 you touch a real iceberg, walk the Grand Staircase and third class hallways, reach your hand into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks, you'll learn what it was like on the RMS Titanic by experiencing it first-hand.

Next we'll spend the day at **Dollywood Theme Park***. 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 with elaborate Christmas decorations, twinkling lights and holiday-themed menus. There are several holiday performances you won't want to miss. Lunch is on your own while here.



This evening we'll enjoy **Dolly Parton's Pirates Voyage Christmas Dinner Show***. Celebrate all of the things that make the holiday special as the Mystical Christmas Spirit takes Captain Scrooge on a journey through time and space to find the meaning of Christmas. We head back to the hotel following the show.

Day #5 – Thurs., November 12th:

Breakfast* is included this morning before we check out and begin our journey towards home. Before leaving, we'll visit **The Incredible Christmas Place***. This is the South's largest Christmas shopping village and is a premier destination for Christmas gifts and collectibles. There are over 60 designer-themed Christmas trees, a wide selection of novelty and traditional Christmas lights, hundreds of personalized ornaments, and a great place to get that special ornament for a friend or grandchild! Arriving in Louis, KY, we check into the **Drury Inn*** where you'll have time to enjoy their "**Kickback Program**" with lots of snack type foods. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Day #6 – Fri., November 13th:

Breakfast* is served at the hotel.

- 8:00 AM** We check out, board our coach and depart for home making rest & meal stops along the way as needed.
- 1:30 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.
- 3:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
- 3:45 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Morton.
- 4:15 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

Cost Per Person:

Single: \$2225.00 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

