

# Christmas in the Smokies

## Featuring Christmas at the Biltmore Estate

**8 Days/7 Nights, November 16 - 23, 2020**

### Tour Highlights

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation
- 7 Nights Accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts/1 Lunch/2 Dinners
- Ober Gatlinburg Aerial Tram
- Country Tonite Variety Show
- Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Christmas
- Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood
- Smoky Mountain Opry Christmas Show
- Biltmore Estate by Candlelight
- Old Friends Horse Retirement Farm
- **Earn 350 PTS Perks points on this tour!**

#### DAY 1 WE'RE OFF!

We begin our journey to the land of Christmas excitement—the Smoky Mountain region of Tennessee & North Carolina! Relax in our comfortable motorcoach, as we travel through the rolling hills of Wisconsin—taking our usual rest stops and luncheon break. Our accommodations this evening are at a fine Chicago area hotel—you are pre-registered and handed your room key—your tour director has handled these details for you!

#### DAY 2 ON TO KENTUCKY

Before starting our day, we will enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet, compliments of PTS Tours. We will be traveling through Indiana to Kentucky, where we overnight in the town of Corbin.

#### DAY 3 SHOWS & SHOPPING

Start your Smoky Mountain day as we head over to Gatlinburg, TN for some shopping and a trip on the Ober Gatlinburg aerial tram. After lunch, enjoy Country Tonite. This show promises to surpass all expectations as they combine your favorite country classics with

hot new country hits and hilarious country comedy in this fast paced show. Tonight, celebrate the season—Southern style—at the Dixie Stampede! This stunning holiday show features magnificent horses and live animals, a huge cast of talented performers, an incredible living Nativity, a romp between the North Pole & South Pole holiday rivalry, beautiful Christmas music & a great dinner!

#### DAY 4 DOLLYWOOD

Today we visit Dollywood for a day of Christmas cheer! The Smoky Mountain Christmas festival at Dollywood is that special place where folks can do all of that while they make their memories and celebrate their own traditions with the ones they love. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year! To finish our time in Pigeon Forge, we enjoy Christmas at the Smoky Mountain Opry! This multi-million dollar Christmas production features flying sugar plum fairies, soaring angels, dancing elves, enchanted reindeer, Jolly ol' Saint Nick, and most importantly, the celebration of the birth of Christ with the area's largest living nativity!

#### DAY 5 BILTMORE CHRISTMAS

This morning we journey to Asheville, North Carolina to see the Biltmore Estate decorated for Christmas. Biltmore's modern-day Christmas celebration is modeled on that first Christmas, with an elaborately decorated, 35-foot tall Fraser fir dominating the Banquet Hall. Miles of fresh garland and wreaths create a yuletide scent throughout the House, with around 1,000 red and white poinsettias in the Winter Garden and other areas. Later, we enjoy a Christmas Buffet at the estate's Deer



Park Inn, and a Candlelight tour of the house to get a unique view of this fabulous home.

#### DAY 6 KENTUCKY BOUND

We travel back across the Smoky Mountains to the rolling hills of Kentucky, where we visit the Old Friends Horse Retirement Farm near Lexington. We overnight near Frankfort, Kentucky.

#### DAY 7 ACROSS INDIANA

Today we travel across Indiana and Illinois on our way to Janesville, WI, our home tonight.

#### DAY 8 HOMEWARD BOUND

Our route today will take us through Madison and Eau Claire, where we'll treat you to a farewell buffet lunch. Then it's on to Brainerd, sharing memories of our Christmas in the Smokies!



### Price per Person

DBL	(2 to a room)	.....\$1,699.00
TPL	(3 to a room)	.....\$1,599.00
QUAD	(4 to a room)	.....\$1,499.00
SGL	(1 to a room)	.....\$2,199.00

#### NOT INCLUDED:

Some meals, hotel incidentals, driver & tour director gratuities, travel protection plan.

#### Special Note:

For reasons beyond the control of PTS Tours, entertainers scheduled are subject to change without notice.

Note: These prices may be subject to a fuel surcharge.

**Activity Level: 1**

# General Information and Terms & Conditions of Sale

## To Reserve Space

You must send in a deposit to reserve space. PTS Tours cannot hold space for more than five business days without deposit. Deposit amounts, departure points and final payment due dates are as follows:

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Departs From:*</u>	<u>Deposit Amount</u>	<u>Final Payment Due</u>
ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM .....	A,B,C,D,E .....	\$100.00 PP .....	July 10, 2020
NEW ENGLAND & CAPE COD .....	A,B,C,D,E .....	\$200.00 PP .....	July 17, 2020
BRANSON FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL .....	A,B,C,D,E .....	\$100.00 PP .....	August 14, 2020
MYSTERY TOUR XXXI .....	A .....	\$100.00 PP .....	July 17, 2020
COASTAL CAROLINAS .....	A,B,C,D,E,F .....	\$700.00 PP .....	January 24, 2020
CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES .....	A,B,C,D,E .....	\$200.00 PP ....	September 11, 2020
PASADENA ROSE PARADE .....	A,B,C,D,E,F .....	\$800.00 PP ....	September 11, 2020

\*Departure Codes: A=Brainerd, B=Little Falls, C=St. Cloud, D=Rogers, E=Maple Grove, F=MSP Airport  
Call for other possible departure points. Limit of up to three pickup points per departure.

## Cancellation Penalties

Please note: Cancellation penalties take effect ONLY AFTER final payment date.

### Air Inclusive or Rail Tours:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Before Final Payment Date .....	None
Final Payment - 91 Days.....	50% of Tour Price
90 Days to Departure.....	100% of Tour Price

### Motorcoach Only Tours:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Before Final Payment Date.....	None
Final Payment - 61 Days.....	25% of Tour Price
60 - 31 Days .....	50% of Tour Price
30 Days to Departure.....	100% of Tour Price

## Payment Conditions

We accept cash, checks and money orders. As of the printing of this brochure, we do not to accept credit cards.

## Tour Documents

Tour participants will receive their tour documents approximately one week before departure. The documents will include boarding instructions, departure point, pre-tour information, and a luggage tag. Name tags will be given on the day of departure.

## Membership

PTS TOURS membership will be granted to all persons upon payment in full. *PTS TOURS reserves the right to terminate the tour of any persons who are objectionable to other passengers or who disrupt the operation of the tour.*

## Smoking Policy

There is no smoking while aboard the motorcoach. Frequent stops are made for those who wish to smoke. Please be aware that many hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. PTS Tours will request, but cannot guarantee, smoking rooms for those who wish them.

## Clothing and Luggage

On motorcoach tours, dress is casual unless otherwise advised. On cruises, please consult your cruise documentation. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. On all tours, one suitcase **(40 POUNDS OR LESS)** and one small carry-on (fits under seat or overhead) is allowed per passenger. It is the responsibility of the passenger for his/her carry-on bag. **Note: Airlines may restrict baggage. PTS Tours will not be liable for any additional fees for checked or carry-on baggage with airlines.**

## Special Requests

Passengers who are members of Hotel Frequent Traveler programs are not entitled to earn points with any of the hotels featured on any PTS Tour. Any special room request will be made on a REQUEST basis only. PTS Tours cannot guarantee special room request although every effort will be made to request from respective hotels. Any special meal requirements will be made on a REQUEST basis only. PTS Tours cannot guarantee special meal requests nor will it assume any responsibility or liability if clients' special meal requests are not fulfilled.

## Currency & Airfare Rates

2020 tour prices are based on currency exchange rates in effect October 21, 2019. All tour prices are subject to revision in the event of a fluctuation in tariff, currency rates, fuel surcharges or other factors which are beyond our control. Every effort has been made to publish accurate pricing. We reserve the right to correct errors. Prices are quoted in US dollars. **Fuel surcharges may be added at any time and are collectable at that time.**

Any questions? E-mail us at [travel@ptstours.com](mailto:travel@ptstours.com)

# Sign-Up Sheet

<p><b><u>Passenger 1</u></b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (    ) _____ Cell (    ) _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p>Departure Point: <input type="checkbox"/> Brainerd    Other: _____</p> <p>Birthdate: _____</p>	<p><b><u>Passenger 2</u></b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (    ) _____ Cell (    ) _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p>Departure Point: <input type="checkbox"/> Brainerd    Other: _____</p> <p>Birthdate: _____</p>
<p><b><u>Passenger 3</u></b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (    ) _____ Cell (    ) _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p>Departure Point: <input type="checkbox"/> Brainerd    Other: _____</p> <p>Birthdate: _____</p>	<p><b><u>Passenger 4</u></b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (    ) _____ Cell (    ) _____</p> <p>E-mail _____</p> <p>Departure Point: <input type="checkbox"/> Brainerd    Other: _____</p> <p>Birthdate: _____</p>
<p><b><u>Special Requests</u></b></p> <p>Bed configuration:    Two Beds <input type="checkbox"/>            One Bed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Special Requests:    Ground Floor: <input type="checkbox"/>    Handicap: <input type="checkbox"/>    Near Elevator/Lobby: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Special Requests: _____</p> <p>Special Occasions while on Tour: _____</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>CRUISES ONLY</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cabin Category _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Please choose one:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">First Dining (5-6PM)    <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Second Dining (7-8PM) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Anytime Dining            <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Please note: Dining options are by request only and are not guaranteed.</p>	

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Deposit Amount</u>	<u># of Passengers</u>	<u>Total Deposit</u>
ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM.....	\$100.00 PP	_____	_____
NEW ENGLAND & CAPE COD .....	\$200.00 PP	_____	_____
BRANSON FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL .....	\$100.00 PP	_____	_____
MYSTERY TOUR XXXI .....	\$100.00 PP	_____	_____
<b>COASTAL CAROLINAS—DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED</b> .....	<b>\$700.00 PP</b>	_____	_____
CHRISTMAS IN THE SMOKIES .....	\$200.00 PP	_____	_____
<b>PASADENA ROSE PARADE —REAL ID OR PASSPORT REQUIRED</b> .....	<b>\$800.00 PP</b>	_____	_____

***Please send a copy of your passport photo page or ID with your deposit for highlighted tours above.***

Enrollment in and payment for a tour shall constitute agreement and acceptance  
by the passenger of the terms and conditions set forth in this brochure.

Mail to: PTS Tours, 3787 Shady Lane Circle, Brainerd MN 56401  
Any questions? Call Erik or Tam at 877.828.4332 or 218.828.4332

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Coronavirus, our office will be  
closed for person-to-person  
visits for the foreseeable future.  
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our customers by email and phone  
messages. Thank you for  
your understanding.*

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# General Information and Terms & Conditions of Sale

## Eligibility

All participants should be in good physical and mental health. If you have any physical or mental limitations, please advise us of your situation when making your reservation. Some sites visited have limited motorcoach access and may involve considerable walking, stairs or inclines. We are unable to accommodate travelers with motorized scooters or wheelchairs. We can accommodate travelers with collapsible walkers on some tours. Some tours include destinations in higher elevations that may have varying effects on individual travelers. Tour Directors and Coach Drivers cannot lift travelers into transportation vehicles. Travelers who require assistance **MUST BE** accompanied by an able companion who will provide all assistance. Enrollment in and payment for a tour shall constitute agreement and acceptance by the passenger of the terms and conditions set forth in this brochure. **To be fair to all travelers, we reserve the right to decline or remove anyone whose physical or mental health impacts the safety, welfare or enjoyment of the group.**

## Our Single Share Program

We would be happy to help you “pair up”! We will refer single travelers of the same gender (if available), qualifying you both for the per person double occupancy price. We'll put you in contact with each other so you can “get acquainted” and see if you'd enjoy rooming together. If we cannot match you with an acceptable roommate prior to your final payment due date, you can choose to travel at the single rate or receive a full refund if you wish to cancel by final payment. If you send a deposit as “looking for roommate” you will be billed at the single rate, and will be re-invoiced at the double occupancy rate upon pairing. Please note that double occupancy passengers will be seated together on the motorcoach.

## Activity Levels

- 1 Easy/Low Activity Level:** These tours include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain, possibly with cobblestones or some steps. Participants should have ambulatory capability in order to move into and out of all types of ground transportation.
- 2 Moderate/Medium Activity Level:** These more active tours involve an increased amount of physical activity such as substantial walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs or extended periods of standing. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended. These tours are not recommended for people who are dependent on walkers or wheelchairs.

## Customs/Immigration Documentation

Please be aware that immigration requirements may change. **PTS Tours is not responsible for any additional costs due to customs/immigration requirements, nor is PTS Tours financially liable for any passenger without proper customs/immigration documentation, and no refund will be issued to the passenger if he/she is denied entry due to improper customs/immigration documentation. The price of all customs/immigration documentation is the sole responsibility of the passenger.**

## Help Protect Your Tour Investment with a Travel Protection Plan!

Information on plan coverage and an application form will be mailed to you upon reservation. Some benefits are time sensitive, including the Pre-Existing Condition Waiver, so we encourage you to purchase a plan at the time of initial deposit. **Upon receipt of your Plan Document, please read through it carefully. PTS Tours is not responsible for coverage and cannot guarantee reimbursement of travel protection premiums paid in the event of a cancellation of your tour by PTS Tours.** Please review your personal medical insurance policy as to coverage when traveling outside the United States.

## Early Booking/Early Payment Discount(s)

Our *Early Booking Discount* gives you the opportunity to double your savings! Just book & deposit your vacation by December 31, 2019 and receive a discount off of your final payment! Combine this with the *Early Payment Discount*, and you can double your savings! Check out the yellow starbursts on each participating tour for the discount amounts! Start saving today—book by December 31, 2019!

## PTS Perks Program

Our *PTS Perks Program* lets you earn discounts on future tours! Points can be converted to discounts at the rate of 10 points to the dollar on any future booking. Points accumulate at the rate of 50 PTS Perks points per night. Perks points expire at the end of the calendar year three years after return date of your tour. Perks points will only be awarded at the *end* of the tour. Perks points are nontransferable and not refundable for cash.

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