

### **AUTUMN IN ASHEVILLE**

(ASHEVILLE, NC)

#### **Trip Includes:**

- Home pickup in Dane, Milwaukee,
  Racine, Kenosha, Jefferson, Ozaukee,
  Washington, and Waukesha, WI
  Counties and Lake County, IL
- Tour the Biltmore House & Gardens
- Lunch included at the Stable Café at the Biltmore
- Visit the Antler Hill Village at Biltmore
- Local step-on guided tour of Asheville area including the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Heritage Center and an incredible drive on Blue Ridge Parkway
- Visit Historic Grove Arcade
- Admission and day to explore the NEWLY Reopened Land of Oz Theme Park
- 2 Nights at the Comfort Inn & Suites Toledo, OH
- 1 Night at the Drury Hotel in Knoxville, TN
- 3 Nights at the Hampton Inn in Asheville, NC
- Motorcoach Transportation
- The Services of a Happy Times Tour Director
- 13 Meals

PER PERSON RATES: Double Occupancy \$2289 Single Occupancy \$2785 Triple Occupancy \$2255

Full Payment Due: 8/12/2024

Optional Travel Protection Plan Per Person Rates: Double or Triple Occupancy: \$191 Single Occupancy: \$228



\*Gratuities for the tour director are not included and are at the passenger's discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Tour is non-refundable for cancellations received on or after final payment date.

# The colors of the Blue Ridge Mountains await! 7 Days: September 16 - 22, 2024

#### Day 1 B. D

Enjoy a boxed continental breakfast as we travel to Ohio. Get to know your fellow travelers. Overnight at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Toledo, OH and enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

#### Day 2 B, D

Today, we will enjoy the scenery and activities that the tour director has in store as we **travel through Ohio**, **Kentucky and arrive in Knoxville, TN** at the Drury Inn. The Drury's Dinner Kickback dinner is on the menu, including 3 cocktails.

#### Day 3 B, L

A short drive will bring us to the **Biltmore House & Gardens**, America's largest privately owned home. Enjoy a self-guided visit, with audio headset, to the Biltmore House exploring grand spaces filled with masterpieces of art and stunning antiques, venture into private family quarters, indoor pool and bowling alley, and Kitchens and servants' areas. Enjoy your **lunch in a historic setting that was once the estate's horse stable at The Stables Café at Biltmore**. Then you will have time to explore **Antler Hill Village at Biltmore**. Step into the everday lives of families who lived on the estate raising livestock, tending crops, and working at Biltmore Dairy in the 1890's. It is now alive with blacksmiths, woodworkers and other craft demonstrations. We'll check-in to the Hampton Inn for a 3-Night Stay.

A local guide joins us as we venture out to explore the greater Ashevlle area on a narrated tour. Some of the sites you will see is the Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Heritage Center, and an incredible drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway, where you drive thru nine tunnels as you climb to the top of Mount Pisgah, with a stop at the Inn at 5,000 feet. We will also see the Baslicia of St. Lawrence and stop at the Arcade where you will have to browse this historic architectural landmark in the center of downtown Ashville. It has a rich history and ornate architure combined with an eclectic mix of shops. Dinner is included at the Stone Ridge Tavern.

#### Day 5 B, D

You will have a day to enjoy the newly reopened, Land of Oz Theme Park during its Autumn at Oz Festival, the largest Oz fesitval in the World! A combination of your standard festival with arts & crafts, handmade trinkets, memorabilia & food vendors. It also includes a completely immersive theatrical experience where guests are engulfed into the classic story as you travel into the Gale Kansas Farm, through the tornado exerience, and down the yellow brick road to Emerald City. Along the way, meet all of your favorite characters for photo opportunities, see many live performances, and shop for your favorite Oz Memorabilia. Dinner is included at Pack's Tavern located in the historic Hayes & Hopson building.

#### Day 6 B, D

We start making our way home. We will overnight in Toledo at the Comfort Inn & Suites and enjoy dinner.

#### Day 7 B

Return home with colorful memories of Asheville, North Carolina!



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