

# Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains

September 11 — September 19, 2025



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Embark on a journey through the heart of Kentucky, where tradition meets creativity. Begin in Lexington, the epicenter of Horse Country, to experience the elegance of private horse farms. Then, head to Berea, the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital, to uncover the rich heritage of local artisans. Finally, marvel at the intricate beauty of glass art and its fascinating history at the GLASS National Art Museum. This trip promises a perfect blend of culture, craftsmanship, and charm.



### Itinerary at a Glance:

9 DAYS - 13 MEALS INCLUDED

**Day 1 - 2** Seelbach Hilton Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

**Day 3 - 4** The Campbell House Lexington, Curio Collection, Lexington, Kentucky

**Day 5 - 6** Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

**Day 7 - 8** Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina

\*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Reservations and Payments: *Book by March 4<sup>th</sup> and save \$100/per person.*

At the time of booking, you will be asked what type of room you would like.

**\$5,049 Single Occupancy**

**\$4,149/Person Double Occupancy**

**\$4,099/Person Triple Occupancy**

At this time, all Cornerstone Bank Travel Club reservations and payments will be conducted through Gannon Travel Associates at (308) 381-8785. Simply mention that you are with the Cornerstone Bank Travel Club when you call. For bookings after March 11, 2025, call for rates. Checks may be mailed to: Gannon Travel Associates, 2335 North Webb Road, Grand Island, NE 68803

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### **DAILY ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

Louisville, Kentucky- Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Settle in for a two-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated in downtown Louisville.

#### **DAY 2 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

Louisville, Kentucky – Visit Churchill Downs, home of the iconic Kentucky Derby, and tour the Kentucky Derby Museum. Stroll through Old Louisville’s Victorian mansions and explore “Museum Row” with your choice of the Louisville Slugger Museum or Frazier Kentucky History Museum. End the day with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 3 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

Louisville/Lexington – Tour Buffalo Trace, America’s oldest operating bourbon distillery, and enjoy a tasting. Stop in the historic town of Midway before exploring Kentucky’s horse country with a local guide. Visit private horse farms amid rolling bluegrass landscapes, then settle into Lexington for a two-night stay.

#### **DAY 4 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

Lexington/Berea/Lexington – Visit Berea, Kentucky’s Folk Arts and Crafts Capital, to meet local artisans at work. Explore the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, then enjoy a taste of Kentucky cuisine at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 5 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

Lexington – Gatlinburg, Tennessee – Start the day at Kentucky’s GLASS National Art Museum to explore contemporary glass art. Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest before arriving in Gatlinburg, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring downtown or visiting attractions like Dollywood.

#### **DAY 6 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park – Gatlinburg – Explore the park with a local guide, stopping at lookouts and Newfound Gap for stunning views. Enjoy a picnic before visiting Cherokee’s Qualla arts cooperative. End the day with a tour and tasting at Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery.

#### **DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

Gatlinburg/Asheville, North Carolina – Travel to Asheville in the Blue Ridge Mountains for a two-night stay. Spend the afternoon and evening exploring the city’s craft breweries, chocolate shops, and farm-to-table dining.

#### **DAY 8 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

Asheville – Visit the Biltmore Estate, built in 1895 by George Vanderbilt II as his mountain retreat. Tour the grand mansion and its beautiful grounds. End the day with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 9 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

Asheville/Charlotte/Tour Ends – Your tour ends today. As you head home, carry with you the spirit and warmth of America’s Southeast.

# Cornerstone Bank Travel Club

## SIGN UP FOR TOURS



Please call our office at 308-381-8785 prior to mailing registrations to be sure there is still room available.

Traveler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveler's Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up location (please circle):**

Main Street Station

GI I-80 Exit

York Walmart

**Deposit Paid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash

**Please mail to:**

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