

Springtime in Nashville, Pigeon Forge & Amish Country Tour

May 27 - June 8, 2024 (13 Days)

Tentative Tour Itinerary



Welcome aboard our Springtime in Nashville Tour! This exciting getaway offers a chance to experience Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner & Show in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. In Nashville, you will enjoy a musical show and tour the Country Music Hall of Fame. Below is the day-to-day itinerary for this Please review the following information carefully and call if you have any questions. Your tour manager looks forward to creating a fun, well organized and educational tour to make this the trip of a lifetime!

- Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1: Monday, May 27 - Courtyard Marriott South Portland, ME

• Your exciting Springtime in Nashville Tour begins this morning! Meet the main coach or shuttle at your designated pick-up point (see table below).

NOVA SCOTIA GUESTS:

- Halifax Lacewood Sobeys TBA
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn TBA
- Halifax Airport, Quality Inn TBA
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop TBA
- Amherst, NS TBA

NEW BRUNSWICK GUESTS:

- Aulac NB Irving Big Stop, 20-min rest stop TBA
- Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds TBA
- Saint John NB Route 1 Irving Big Stop TBA
- Lincoln NB Irving Big Stop TBA
- Woodstock, NB TBA
- All pick-up/drop off will be brief (10-15 min.) so we ask that you remain on the coach unless the stop is scheduled coffee break/lunch stop. Your Tour Manager will clarify during the tour.
- Your drive today will include several coffee breaks and an hour stop for lunch (your expense).
- It's then time for our scheduled inspection with U.S. Customs & Immigration. Please review the "Important Details" section of this itinerary (last page). Set your watches back 1 hour.
- We make our way to Portland with a rest stop along the way, estimating a late afternoon arrival at the Maine Mall. Those interested in a little shopping you will have free time for shopping and many options both inside and outside the mall for dinner (meal not included, on own).
- Those not interested in shopping can simply remain on the coach while we drop off our guests going to the mall. It's then just a short ride to our hotel, the Courtyard by Marriott South Portland.
- Relax while your tour manager checks the group in, hands out your room key cards, has your bag
 sent to your room, all part of the Collins Tours signature group tour check in service offered each
 night of this tour (bag handling fee is covered for one bag per person).
- Our hotel features a limited market fresh Bistro for dinner and cocktail options in the evening or you may decide to order in or go out to one of the dining options available in the area. Dinner this evening is on your own and at your expense.

• Shoppers, meet your tour director at the designated location and time TBA for your transfer back to the hotel. Your tour director will hand out your room keys during the drive and your bags will already be in your room!

Day 2: Tuesday, May 28 - Portland - Best Western Plus Intercourse Village Inn & Suites, PA (B, Welcome D)

- A delightful complimentary hot breakfast is set for you this morning in the hotel.
- Today's itinerary includes a mid-morning break for coffee and snacks, followed by an hour stop for lunch with our friends at the Blue Colony Diner (snacks & lunch, your expense). Be aware this restaurant serves large portions and has a very extensive menu and baked goods counter.
- We expect to check into Best Western Plus Intercourse Village Inn & Suites late this afternoon. Enjoy some time to relax and freshen up before this evening's, "Welcome Dinner."
- Board the coach for a quick transfer for our group dinner. This evening we've included your choice of a glass of wine or beer as we toast a wonderful tour and some great travelling companions (meal, beverage and gratuity included).
- Following dinner, we transfer you back to the hotel to enjoy the rest of the evening on your own.

Day 3: Wednesday, May 29 - Lancaster - Springhill Suites Winchester, VA (B, L)

- Your hot buffet breakfast is included this morning. The highlight of the day is our visit this morning to the Amish Experience, Bird-in-Hand P.A., home of the Pennsylvania Dutch aka... Amish Country!
- Begin your visit with a professionally guided tour of the Amish Farmlands and Historic School and Farmhouse, followed by a delectable lunch at Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant (lunch included).
- During our visit you will have an opportunity to purchase Amish made goods, jams, preserves, quilts, pillows, throws and many more items. Today's highlight is our showing of Jacob's Choice. More than any other Amish attraction, "Jacob's Choice" will leave you understanding of what it means to be Amish, and the ties that continue to bind the community together through the centuries (included).



- Following our amazing experience in Amish Country, we board the coach and head to our hotel in the Winchester/College region of Virginia.
- Dinner this evening is on own this evening, not included.

Day 4: Thursday, May 30 - Winchester, VA to 4 Star Residence Inn Pigeon Forge, TN (B)

- Your hot buffet breakfast is included this morning.
- Board the coach for today's drive to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee! We have planned a lunch stop (not included) as well as multiple rest stops into today's schedule for your comfort and convenience. We arrive late this afternoon into the all new 4 Star Residence Inn Hotel located in the City Centre!
- Dinner this evening is not included. Enjoy a meal at one of the options nearby.

Day 5: Friday, May 31 - Pigeon Forge (B, L, D)

- Enjoy another hot buffet breakfast, a great way to start your day! (included)
- We will make our way south to the Sugarland Visitor Center, located outside Gatlinburg, TN. Here we welcome our step-on guide as they highlight the history and beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during our 3-hour guided tour. A tasty, boxed lunch is included during the tour.
- We make our way back to the hotel for some rest before we partake in this evening's group dinner (included).

- Our group will gather in the lobby for our transfer to the wonderful **Dixie Stampede Dinner and Show** featuring many different entertaining acts. Our dinner is a 4-course feast with a Christmas theme, snow falls softly as the breathtaking scenes fill your tidings of good cheer. Enjoy the fun and games. The holiday festivities get playful as Elves from the North Pole and South Pole compete in a friendly rivalry while serving up a festive four-course feast. A definite highlight of the tour!
- Meet your tour manager and our coach for your complimentary transfer back to the hotel. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure.



Day 6: Saturday, June 1 - Pigeon Forge (B) *Optional Excursion

- Enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast again this morning.
- Enjoy a free day on own today.
- Looking for more things to do in Pigeon Forge? Collins Tours will be offering a full day Optional Excursion (additional charge, TBA) to the **Dollywood Theme Park** today for those interested. Transportation will be provided to and from the park.
- Tonight, dinner is on your own.

Day 7: Sunday, June 2 - Pigeon Forge - 4 Star Drury Inn & Suites Downtown Nashville, TN (B, Kickback D)

- Enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast again this morning.
- We "saddle up" for our ride into Nashville, estimating a late afternoon arrival at 4 Star City Centre Drury Inn & Suites hotel! Enjoy the friendly staff, excellent Nashville location with deluxe, all-suite accommodations at this hotel for the next three nights! Enjoy all the amenities this brand-new hotel has to offer.
- Enjoy a kickback dinner at the hotel this evening with hot and cold appetizers, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks all included.
- Free evening on own

Day 8: Monday, June 3 - Nashville, TN (B, Kickback D)

- After another great hot buffet breakfast (included), get set for a guided tour of Nashville this morning. Tour highlights include The Parthenon, the State Capitol, Bicentennial Mall, Historic downtown Nashville, and both Honky Tonk and Music Row!
- Next stop, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Enjoy our self-guided tour exploring the fascinating exhibits in both these world-famous venues (Admission included).
- Meet your tour manager at the designated location (TBA) for your transfer back to the hotel. Enjoy complimentary kick back dinner at your hotel tonight with wine or beer included!
- This evening, enjoy Nashville your way! Take in the sights of lively Music Row in the evening, just steps from your hotel.

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Day 9: Tuesday, June 4 - Nashville, TN (B, D Kickback) *Optional Excursion

- Rise and shine! Hot buffet breakfast is included again today.
- As an optional excursion, today you can cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat complete with lunch included and a stage set for the popular "Tennessee Legends" Show, an authentic southern experience not to be missed! (**Price TBA**)

- This evening, enjoy a kickback dinner again at your hotel starting at 5:30 pm with complimentary food, wine, and beer! Or you are free to enjoy any other of the many options located within walking distance from your hotel (not included).
- After dinner, we head to the Ryman Auditorium for our live show known for showcasing Nashville's up and coming stars! (Show TBA) **Included in tour price for the first 16 people who book, with return transportation**.

Day 10: Wednesday, June 5 - Nashville - 4 Star Hyatt Place Hotel, Harrisonburg, VA (B, Group D)

- Enjoy hot buffet breakfast again before our morning departure.
- This evening enjoy another group dinner (Included) in Harrisonburg, VA.
- After dinner we will return to our hotel for the evening.

Day 11: Thursday, June 6 - Harrisonburg - Hampton Inn, Hartford, CT (B)

- Adjust your watches ahead one hour, as we pass through the Harrisonburg, Virginia, returning to Eastern Standard Time (EST).\
- This morning enjoy a hot buffet breakfast before departing for our hotel and making our way to East Hartford. Today will be a longer day of travel to make our next day's travel more enjoyable. We will stop for lunch along the way and make rest stops for convenience. Here you will enjoy some time shopping.
- This evening dinner will be on your own. Enjoy the free evening.

Day 12: Friday, June 7 - Hartford - Courtyard Marriott, Bangor, ME (B, Farewell D)

- Rise and shine and enjoy another great hot buffet breakfast.
- Today includes a brief rest stop, followed by a lunch break and some time for shopping and lunch, on own, in Freeport, Maine (your expense) before our afternoon arrival at the Courtyard by Marriott in Bangor, Maine. The Tour Manager will handle check in and distribute room keys upon arrival.
- We will gather this evening for one last meal to share tales of our fantastic journey together. This evening's farewell dinner will include a complimentary glass of wine or beer (meal, beverage and gratuity included). The rest of evening is at your leisure.

Day 13: Saturday, June 8 - Bangor - Home (B)

- Enjoy a hot breakfast again this morning. Our first stop will be a short rest (20 min.) followed by a 20-minute stop at the Duty-Free store.
- We have an appointment with Canadian Customs. Your allowance for this trip is \$800 per person.
- After crossing back into Canada, we will make our way to a convenient location for an hour lunch break (your expense).
- All passengers then will be returned to their original pick-up point.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Tour itineraries are a guideline and may need to be adjusted by CTC or your tour manager and all times are impacted but unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, changes to concert or sporting event times, emergencies, global pandemics, or "Acts of God." Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable for any lost time due to unforeseen events as described above or other such events not listed deemed unforeseen and potentially causing similar outcomes.
- **U.S. Customs & Immigration requires **everyone** entering the U.S. to have a **valid passport**. They have

the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with them to clarify your status BEFORE departing. We are not responsible for decisions by U.S. Customs & Immigration, including any expenses associated with being denied entry at the border.

- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any delays of transportation, schedule changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet that may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind or credits, for these potential or actual additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchase in advance.
- Prescription medication must be in original container and with you IN the main coach (not in bag compartment).
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person for this trip.

Hotel Contact Information:

- > May 27 Courtyard by Marriott, 100 Southborough Dr., South Portland, ME Ph: (207) 253-5005
- May 28 Best Western Plus Intercourse Village Inn & Suites, 3610 E Newport Rd, Intercourse, PA 17534: (717) 768-3636
- > May 29 Springhill Suites by Marriott 280 Market St, Winchester, VA 22603, Ph: (540) 431-3330
- > May 30, 31 & June 1 Residence Inn Pigeon Forge, 2959 Teaster Ln, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863, Ph: (865) 277-0411
- > June 2, 3 & 4 Drury Plaza Hotel Nashville Downtown, 300 Korean Veterans Blvd, Nashville, TN 37201, Ph: (615) 259-7881
- > June 5 Hyatt Place, 1884 Evelyn Byrd Aven, Harrisonburg, VA Ph: (540) 417-1234
- > June 6 Hampton Inn & Suites 351 Pitkin St, East Hartford, CT Ph:(860) 282-2500
- > June 7 TownePlace Suites, Bangor ME. 240 Sylvan Rd, Ph: (207) 262-4000
- Remove all personal belongings when departing the bus. We are not responsible for lost items.
- REMEMBER: Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/checkout procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at events, hotels, ferry terminals, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or their experience to the fullest. Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price. Tipping is your way of saying "Thank You," for a job well done. Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:
 - Collins Tours Manager Ranging from \$6.00-\$8.00 per person, per day
 - Bus driver-\$5.00-\$7.00 per person, per day.
 - Private city tour guides- \$3.00 per person, per day



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