



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK - NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE RIVER CRUISE

On this 12-day venture to the Great Smoky Mountains, stand amidst expansive forests, wide open plains, and the striking Appalachian Mountains. The river carries the melodies of iconic tracks created in the legendary Muscle Shoals studios, shaping the sound of America. Explore historical battlegrounds where Civil War history was made and small towns that played a part in the space race. Get ready for a full spectrum of experiences, from enjoying country music hits in Nashville to tasting the world's finest whiskey. Explore the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which stretches across the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. Led by your guide, you'll experience America's most visited national park, renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the ancient splendor of its mountains, and the enduring cultural legacy of the Southern Appalachians. Prepare for an adventure filled with new sights and sounds.

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Day 1 Knoxville, TN

Land at Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport and settle into your hotel for an overnight stay. After breakfast, meet your guides and fellow travelers to start your journey through the Great Smoky Mountains National Parks. Knoxville, a city that combines Southern charm with a vibrant arts scene, offers visitors a unique blend of historic architecture and modern innovation. From its lively downtown to scenic river views, Knoxville is the perfect gateway to your national park adventure.

Day 2 Pigeon Forge, TN

Embark on your modern ship in the heart of Nashville, TN, where the skyline and country tunes set the perfect backdrop. Step aboard and feel the blend of classic charm and contemporary comfort. Join us for a lively Welcome Reception, where you'll meet fellow travelers and enjoy a taste of Southern hospitality. We'll toast to you, the crew and an unforgettable voyage through the stunning Smoky Mountains.

Day 3 Great Smoky Mountain National Park

Spend a day on the river watching the scenery of America's Heartland sail by, where the calm waters shimmer and 170,000 acres of protected forest become your backdrop for the day. Enjoy a leisurely day cruising Lake Barkley, where you can admire sweeping views of the Cumberland River from the comfort of your own private balcony. Onboard, our crew has planned a full day of activities. You're welcome to just take it easy up on the sun deck and watch the world go by as well.

Day 4 Great Smoky Mountain National Park

At the meeting point of the Tennessee River and the Ohio River, Paducah has all the nostalgic charm that feels like a journey back in time. Founded by William Clark of Lewis and Clark,

Paducah holds the title of a National Heritage Destination, boasting a thriving community of culinary artisans, painters, potters, and jewelers showcasing their craft. Dubbed "Quilt City," this port city is home to the National Quilt Museum, where intricate quilts are persevered and displayed.

Don't miss the Railroad Museum, sharing relics and memorabilia from America's storied railroad past. Paducah is a haven for history enthusiasts, art aficionados, and anyone seeking a slice of Americana.

Day 5 Chattanooga, TN

Located in Hardin County, Savannah claims the title of the largest town on the Tennessee River and is a hotspot of Southern charm. It's home to the well-kept Shiloh National Military Park, a landmark for Civil War history. Visit the historic district and check out the 42 unique homes, including the Cherry Mansion, which was once General Ulysses S. Grant's command post during the Battle of Shiloh.

Join us on our Taste of Savannah shuttle. Beginning at the Tennessee River Museum, located in downtown Savannah, this museum offers exhibits on the history and culture of the Tennessee River Valley, including Native American artifacts, Civil War relics, and displays on river life. As you learn more about the waters you're traveling, you'll be treated to samples of hand-prepared local fare such as hushpuppies, catfish, and paddlefish caviar. You are in the Catfish Capital of the World after all.

Day 6 Decatur, AL

Florence, one of the four cities comprising "the Shoals," stretches across two counties, neatly divided by the Tennessee

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River. Its downtown, a string of locally owned shops showcasing everything from handcrafted jewelry to eclectic antique collectibles.

Visit the residence of W.C. Handy, revered as the "Father of the Blues," to experience a piece of musical history. Also, explore the Frank Lloyd Wright Rosenbaum House, an architectural gem, and the only Wright structure in the Southeast open to the public, offering a fascinating window into innovative design.

Day 7 Florence, AL

The Old Decatur Historic District exudes the timeless elegance of the South, with streets lined by architectural gems that trace their origins back to the 1800s. Walk through this charming quarter and admire homes that display a spectrum of styles, from the French nuances of the Empire period to the quaint simplicity of Edwardian Cottages. Take time to browse the boutiques and artisan shops along Bank Street and 2nd Avenue.

Further enrich your experience by visiting Decatur's celebrated museums. The Cook Museum of Natural Science offers a close-up look at the intricacies of our natural environment, while the Carnegie Visual Art Center showcases the creative spirit through rotating exhibitions of fine art. Not far from these cultural treasures, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center awaits with its expansive exhibits on space exploration, connecting the wonders of the universe to the human spirit of inquiry.

Day 8 Savannah, TN

Chattanooga, on the shores of the Tennessee River, boasts a stunning blend of natural beauty and urban charm, with the scenic backdrop of the Appalachian Mountains hugs its skyline.

The city's past comes alive at the historic Bluff View Art District, where cobblestone streets lead to galleries and cafes. Food enthusiasts will delight in the diverse culinary scene, from classic Southern comfort dishes to innovative farm-to-table fare. Visitors can explore vibrant neighborhoods filled with art galleries, boutiques, and museums, all reflecting the city's unique heritage and culture.

Day 9 Paducah, KY

Travel to Pigeon Forge, nestled in the scenic foothills of the Smokies. Upon your arrival, settle into your hotel. Pigeon Forge, known for its quirky attractions, including whimsical museums like the Titanic Museum Attraction, shaped like the famous ship, and WonderWorks, an upside-down building filled with interactive exhibits. The town also hosts Dollywood, the theme park inspired by Dolly Parton herself. Complete with rides, shows, and a glimpse into local culture. Finish your evening with a spectacular dinner show at Dolly Parton's Stampede, where skilled horseback riders and dazzling effects bring stories to life in an arena, all while enjoying a true Southern dinner.

Day 10 Cruising Lake Barkley and the Cumberland River

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The Great Smoky Mountains stretch across the horizon, their peaks shrouded in a misty veil that gives the range its name. The dense forests blanket rolling hills in shades of emerald and gold, interspersed with crystal-clear streams that move through the valleys.

Above the alpine tree line, Clingmans Dome offers one of the most captivating reaching views in the Appalachian Mountains. On your second day in the park, ascend to this man-made observation point for sweeping views of the Smoky Mountains and the expansive landscape beyond.

Visit nearby Gatlinburg, Tennessee, a charming town hiding in a narrow valley just outside the park, that captures all the quirky charm you've come to know along the way.

Day 12 Nashville, TN

End your voyage with one last breakfast onboard. Should you choose to stay, there's so much left to see so take your time to see as much as you can. Knoxville, a city that combines Southern charm with a vibrant arts scene, offers visitors a unique blend of historic architecture and modern innovation. From its lively downtown to scenic river views, Knoxville is the perfect place to end your national park adventure.

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VESSEL TYPE:	Coastal Cruise Ship
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	163
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2017

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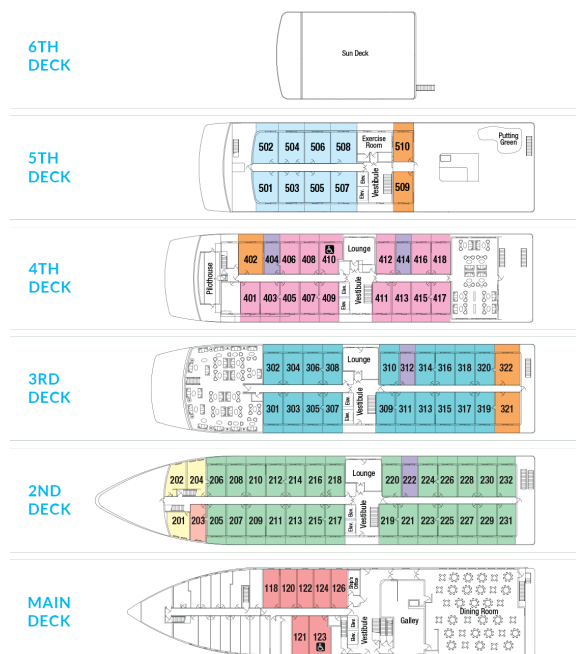
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