



# Christmas at the Biltmore Estate & Smoky Mountains

The highlight of this tour will be our day spent at The Biltmore Estate. Wrap yourself in the magic of this most beloved of holiday traditions: Christmas at Biltmore. A daytime visit to the Biltmore is a feast for the senses, featuring fragrant wreaths, glittering garland, and the sparkle of thousands of ornaments from Biltmore House to Antler Hill Village!

**November 14 - 17, 2022**

## Monday, November 14

We will depart from Waterloo & Columbia via luxury motorcoach with restroom. Our first stop is for lunch in Music City at the famous **Loveless Café**. You will love the little biscuits and homemade southern fare. We will enjoy breaks along the way and travers through our first bit of the Smoky Mountains. We give up an hour when we cross into the Eastern Time Zone. We arrive at our home for the next three nights, the **Courtyard by Marriott** in Pigeon Forge, TN. Our dinner will be just across the parking lot at **Harpoon Harry's** and we'll let our driver get a rest after this traveling day! (L,D)

## Tuesday, November 15

Today is our highlight of the trip, **Christmas at the Biltmore Mansion**! Eat a hearty breakfast to get your strength up. Put on your walking shoes and your FitBit. I bet you'll get your 10,000 steps easy today. Want to get your Christmas photo snapped? They are typically doing that in front of the beautiful Christmas tree. Tennessee and North Carolina families have been doing this for years. We will have the availability of the audio tour and you can explore America's largest private home at your own pace. Docents will also be stationed throughout the home. There is an elevator to travel to multiple floors. Next is lunch in the **Stables Café** on the site. It's a wonderful experience and no waiting in line as we have reserved tables. Next we travel over to the newest part of the Estate, **Antler Village**. Taste their estate wine, visit the museum and shop for Christmas. Then we drive back to Pigeon Forge and enjoy an included dinner at the **Apple Barn**! If time permits, we'll refresh at the hotel before heading to the **Country Tonite Christmas Show**. (B,L,D)



## Wednesday, November 16



After another hot breakfast at the hotel, we head for the **Great Smoky Mountain National Park** with our local guide. Bring your National Parks passport to get it stamped or purchase one here. Will we make it to see **Clingmans Dome**? It depends on the weather and the fog. The mountains experience much cooler and precipitous weather than in town. That's the reason we stay on the west side of the mountain range. If I-40 shuts down, it's about a 3 day drive to go around. Part of the Appalachian Range, the Smokies are much older than the Rockies on our west coast. A very different look as they have seen the ice, snow and

rain through the years. Next we stop in **Gatlinburg**, a city with lots of beautiful arts and crafts, a ski lift and more. We enjoy an included lunch before taking you to a tasting at the **Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery!** We return to the hotel for a break and then head out to see the amazing Christmas lights, exquisite shows and holiday shopping galore at **DOLLYWOOD!** You will be provided a voucher to enjoy dinner in the park so you can see the shows you want to see and eat when you feel like it. And what about the rides? Some of them are going and it's a lot of fun to look down at the park with Christmas lights ablaze. **(B,L,D)**



### Thursday, November 17

Today we bid farewell to the Smoky Mountains and head home but not before a stop at the fabulous shops and wine tasting venue, **Stonehaus Winery**. Then we head to the **Wildhorse Saloon** in Nashville, Tennessee for our last meal together. It's a lot of fun visiting with a group! Try out a few moves on the dance floor if the music moves you. If there is time we will enjoy some free time in Nashville before starting our last leg of our journey. **(B,L)**

**Please Note:** Our visits to The Biltmore Estate, downtown Gatlinburg and Dollywood include lots of "3 Sneaker" walking (Steady pace, 1-2 flights of stairs, some inclines) on city sidewalks and possibly uneven surfaces. As always you can walk or rest as much as you want, but please be aware of your ability to walk in these conditions for an extended period of time so for this reason this trip is rated 3 -4 sneakers.

Double Occupancy—\$1,999    Single Occupancy—\$2,371    Triple & Quad Occupancy - \$1,892

### Tour price includes:

- Luxury Motorcoach Transportation
- 3 nights Deluxe Hotel Accommodations at **Courtyard by Marriott** in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- Meals: 10 Meals (3 Breakfasts, 4 Lunch, 3 Dinners)
- Biltmore Mansion, Dollywood and Country Tonite Christmas Show
- Lunch at the Stables located on the Biltmore Estate
- Guided tour of Great Smoky Mountain Nation Park
- Moonshine and wine tasting
- Round-Trip Luggage Handling
- All gratuities to driver, guides, bellmen and wait staff of included meals
- Allianz Group Travel Protection
- Bank Travel Club Leader to attend to your needs and have fun!

*Inclusions and events are subject to venues ability to perform. An event of equal or greater value will be used to replace if necessary.*

\$500 deposit per person (check or authorize a debit from an FNB account) and Booking Form are required to secure your reservation. Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please include any dietary, walking restrictions & accommodation requests on booking form.

Final payment is due no later than **October 3, 2022** and no refunds will be given after that time. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after the final payment is received, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request refund.

**Presented by First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club**

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# Classic 55 Club Travel General Information



## **Travel Protection:**

First National Bank of Waterloo has always believed the importance of Trip Protection Plans. Tour price represents cost with trip protection.

## **Final Payment:**

Final payments are due 45 - 60 days prior to departure depending on the trip, please consult the trip brochure to review specific tour details.

## **Methods of Payment:**

We accept cash, check or debit from a First National Bank of Waterloo account. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

## **Cancellations:**

Our cancellation fees vary according to the type of tour. Your deposit is refundable up to the final payment due date unless previously noted. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after final payment, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request refund.

## **Tour Inclusions:**

Classic 55 Club tour cost includes all attractions, lodging, motor coach transportation, meals as noted and gratuities for all included events or services that are provided. If the trip includes airfare the cost of the ticket is included unless otherwise noted. Some airlines charge for checked baggage, which is not included in the tour price unless noted.

## **Classic 55 Club Coordinator:**

Our Club Coordinator or bank representative will be with for the duration of the trip. The representative is an additional benefit of traveling with the Classic 55 Club as they are your contact prior to the trip and are there to make sure the trip runs smoothly from start to finish.

## **Motor Coach Pick Up Locations:**

All pick up points allow parking for your vehicle. Please park in the specified area of the parking lot as to not disrupt usual business. Neither First National Bank of Waterloo nor the parking lot owners assume responsibility for incidents occurring to parked cars.

The motor coach usually originates from the Waterloo VFW, 406 Veteran's Drive. Please park in the rocked area of the VFW parking lot. Columbia pick up is at the Schnuck's Marketplace, 1000 Columbia Center, park towards the road, near the Post Office. The motor coach will pull up to the sidewalk of the post office. Please bring your luggage to the motor coach to be loaded.

## **Seating on the motor coach:**

At this time, seating is assigned based on a first-come-first-served basis. We are currently not filling the motor coach to capacity. Special seating requests are honored on the basis of medical need and availability.

## **Single Travelers requesting roommates:**

If you would like to travel with The Classic 55 Club, but do not have a roommate for a specific trip, let the coordinator know when you complete the reservation process and they can provide you with the names of other travelers of the same sex who are also looking for a roommate. If there is mutual agreement to room together, you will be charged the double rate. Of course, if you prefer to travel individually, you can still register for single occupancy.

## **Trip Registration after Final Payment:**

Often times there is room for additional travels after the final payment date. Feel free to contact the coordinator to see if you can be added to a tour that isn't sold out. Please be aware that additional charges may apply when booking after the final payment date. We are happy to advise you of such changes before you finalize your reservation.

## **Pictures:**

By signing up for and participating in our tour, you are agreeing to have any pictures taken on tour published by First National Bank of Waterloo, printed or online (social media & our website). If you do not wish to have your picture used by us, please notify us prior to traveling.

Keep this document for your records

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# First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club Booking Form & Procedures



Return this form to our nearest banking center or mail to FNB, PO Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298 with deposit and necessary documents to secure your reservation. Reservations are not guaranteed until deposit and form are received.

Tour Name		Tour Dates	
<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION – Travelers from same household or same payment source</b>			
<b>Traveler #1 Name (as it appears on valid ID)</b>			
Name preferred on tour		Birthdate	
Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address	Home phone	Cell phone	
Correspondence Preference	Mail	Email	Text
<b>Traveler # 2 Name (as it appears on valid ID)</b>			
Name preferred on tour		Birthdate	
Email Address	Home phone	Cell phone	
Correspondence Preference	Mail	Email	Text
<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL TRIPS</b>			
Emergency Information Form	Copy of a valid driver's license, state issued identification card OR a passport	Copy of current COVID vaccination card(REQUIRED)	
<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS</b>			
Debit FNB		Check Enclosed (payable to First National Bank of Waterloo)	
I authorize FNB Waterloo to debit my account ending in _____ immediately for listed deposit(s). Remaining balance will be debited on final payment due date listed in the brochure unless other arrangements are made.			
X _____			
<b>MOTORCOACH</b>			
Preferred Pick up location	Waterloo	Columbia	
Motor coach seating preference	Front due to medical	Close to the front	Rear No preference
<b>ACCOMMODATIONS</b>			
Room Occupancy	Double	Single	Triple/Quad
Roommate(s)			
Room Preferences & requests	Preference		Requests
	1 bed	2 beds	Close to Elevator First Floor Room Grab bars in bathroom
We cannot guarantee these room requests			
The above travelers are healthy and able to travel at this time			Yes No
<b>BANK USE ONLY:</b>			
Deposit: Date _____ Method _____ Amount _____ Balance Due _____			
Final Payment: Date _____ Method _____ Amount _____			

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