

American Wine Society presents...

# Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains

October 15 – 23, 2026



For more information contact  
Collette  
**1-800-581-8942**  
please refer to booking#1371773

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**9 Days • 13 Meals:** 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Churchill Downs & Kentucky Derby Museum, Biltmore Estate, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Jim Beam Bourbon Distillery Tour & Tasting, Horse Farm Tour, Museum of Appalachia

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

- Days 1, 2 Seelbach Hilton Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
- Days 3, 4 The Campbell House Lexington, Curio Collection, Lexington, Kentucky
- Days 5, 6 Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- Days 7, 8 Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Thursday, October 15, 2026 Louisville, Kentucky**  
 Welcome to Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, world-class bourbon, and baseball heritage. Settle in for a 2-night stay at your downtown hotel. Today, there are no included activities, so the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps you'll take a stroll down Louisville's historic Main Street, famously known as Whisky Row and Museum Row, lined with a variety of museums, bourbon distilleries, and tasting rooms.

**Day 2: Friday, October 16, 2026 Louisville - Bardstown - Louisville**  
 Kick off your adventure at Churchill Downs, home of the legendary Kentucky Derby. Take an opportunity to meet with a retired jockey to learn about life on the track. Feel the thrill of the "Sport of Kings" as you delve into the racetrack's storied past at the Kentucky Derby Museum. Continue to Bardstown, where history and heritage come alive at My Old Kentucky Home, an estate named for the song it inspired American composer Stephen Foster to write. Tour the stately mansion and walk the plantation grounds, gaining insight into both the family who lived there and the lives of the enslaved people who shaped its story. Later, immerse yourself in the art of bourbon-making with a behind-the-scenes tour at Jim Beam Distillery. Watch the distillation process in action and savor a tasting of this signature spirit. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 3: Saturday, October 17, 2026 Louisville - Lexington**  
 Before departing your hotel, start with a tour of the Seelbach's haunted history, secret passageways and scenes from *The Great Gatsby*. Then, head to Museum Row, where **it's your choice!** Step up to the plate at the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum and its "Spirit of Kentucky" exhibit, the official starting point of the Bourbon Trail™. Then, journey toward Lexington, pausing in the quaint, historic town of Midway. Approaching Lexington, the landscape transforms into a patchwork of rolling bluegrass hills and white-fenced horse farms. A local guide brings Kentucky's equestrian heritage to life as you visit private farms and hear stories of the region's most celebrated residents — its horses. Settle in for a two-night stay in Lexington. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, October 18, 2026 Lexington - Berea - Lexington**  
 Travel to Berea, the historic college town known as the Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky. Meet some local artisans while they demonstrate their crafts. Then, explore Kentucky's musical legacy at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Explore exhibits filled with instruments, memorabilia, and stories that celebrate the state's deep roots in bluegrass, country, and beyond. Tonight, take in the tastes of Kentucky at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 5: Monday, October 19, 2026 Lexington - Gatlinburg, Tennessee**  
 Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest, named for the legendary frontiersman who once carved paths through these wild Appalachian lands. Step into the soul of Appalachia at a living history village that brings the region's culture to life. Begin with a hearty Southern-style lunch — served with a side of live bluegrass music. Then, take time to explore the museum's cabins, barns, and artifacts and hear from a local about the resilient people who've called these mountains home for generations. By late afternoon, arrive in Gatlinburg, gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a two-night stay. The evening is yours to explore — perhaps stroll through downtown or take advantage of provided transportation to Dollywood,\* Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains theme park (reservations and admission are on your own). (B, L)



## Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$4,199; Single \$5,199**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Newark Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**\*\*Air rates are subject to availability at time of booking and not guaranteed**

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

**Limited Availability. All space is on a first come first serve basis.**

*\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

**Day 6: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Gatlinburg** With a local guide, explore Great Smoky Mountains National Park (UNESCO), the United States' most visited national park. During today's drive, stop at various lookouts on the way to Newfound Gap, which boasts views of both Tennessee and North Carolina. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park before continuing to the town of Cherokee. Enjoy some time to browse Native American art and souvenir shops or perhaps visit the Museum of the Cherokee. Later, return to Gatlinburg for a visit to the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery. Sample a variety of moonshine flavors — once an illicit Appalachian tradition, now a celebrated craft. Spend the evening as you wish. (B, L)

**Day 7: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina** Say goodbye to the Smokies and set your sights on Asheville, North Carolina, a city nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The afternoon and evening are

yours to explore a city known for craft breweries, chocolate, and farm-to-table cuisine. This evening, you may choose to join an optional tasting tour that introduces you to Asheville's food scene, sampling local specialties and meeting the makers behind them. (B)

**Day 8: Thursday, October 22, 2026 Asheville** Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself a "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Step into a world of elegance as you tour the sprawling mansion and manicured grounds. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and toast to an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**Day 9: Friday, October 23, 2026 Asheville - Tour Ends** Your tour concludes in Asheville. Proceed to Charlotte, about a 2-hour drive, for your flight home. (B)

### Experience It! Great Smoky Mountain National Park

Boasting 520,000 acres, more than 800 miles of hiking trails, and millions of visitors annually, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the United States. Rising along the Tennessee/North Carolina border, this sprawling park features lush forests and an abundance of wildflowers that bloom year-round. Travel the scenic mountain road and take in the beauty of the high-rising Chimney Tops. Stop at Newfound Gap and see the Rockefeller Memorial that honors the \$5 million donation that made this national park a reality. As you take a minute to gaze out at the horizon, you'll see the magical haze that gives the Great Smoky Mountains their name.

**For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1371773>**

## Important Tour Information:

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

### **Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Alcoholic spirits, specifically bourbon and moonshine, are heavily ingrained into the culture of Kentucky and Tennessee. Our tour reflects this culture and includes several alcohol-focused inclusions. Travelers can always choose to forego any of these inclusions.

\*Dollywood's schedule can vary and is not available until the year of operation of your tour. Based on the typical late release of their schedule, we cannot guarantee that all dates will include the opportunity to visit the park on your own. It is encouraged for you to check the schedule as your departure approaches. The park typically remains open later in the day during the summer months.

Bourbon Trail™ is a trademark of the Kentucky Distillers' Association.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 12:00 p.m.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



## Travel Requirements:

### IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

A Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. State-issued driver's licenses and IDs that are not REAL ID compliant are no longer accepted as valid forms of identification at airports. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the traveler. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Final payment due by July 15, 2026.**

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**For important reservation information visit  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1371773>.  
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1371773

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featuring Louisville, Lexington, Gatlinburg & Asheville

DEPARTURE DATE: October 15, 2026

GROUP NAME: American Wine Society

### Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

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### Asheville, NC

#### Taste of Asheville

**\$109 USD**

Discover Asheville's unique artisanal food scene during a flavor-filled walking tour through the historic downtown area. With up to 4 curated stops, each location showcases a distinct taste of the region, ranging from inventive small plates to craft beverages, centered around locally sourced ingredients. The selection of restaurants and tasting spots may vary by departure, ensuring a fresh experience each time. Designed for food lovers, this tour creates an exciting and immersive dinner experience. Don't miss this opportunity to explore Asheville's culinary charm in one delicious evening. It is advised to book this option in advance as space cannot be guaranteed while on tour. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the option will not run. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.



TRAVEL DATE: 10/15/2026 TERRITORY: E1  
RES#: 1371773

**Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains  
featuring Louisville, Lexington, Gatlinburg &  
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This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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**YOUR INFORMATION:**

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you):** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING WITH:**  Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

**AIR GATEWAY:** Departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$429 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

**ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities**

Please Choose One:

( ) Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory

( ) Frazier History of Kentucky Museum

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Collette



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## AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTIONS

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Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change. Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

**PASSENGERS NAME:** (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on the government issued travel identification) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Taste of Asheville <i>It is advised to book this option in advance as space cannot be guaranteed while on tour. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the option will not run.</i>	109.00



## Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: [TravelOperations@collette.com](mailto:TravelOperations@collette.com)

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations  
180 Middle Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

### TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of our participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

***\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle one)

**Are you traveling with a wheelchair?** Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

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*This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:*

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you traveling with a walker?** Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

*This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:*

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_  
Width \_\_\_\_\_

*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

**Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations?** Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

*Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.*

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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

**Do you understand and accept?** Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

**Are you traveling with an oxygen tank?** Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

*Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Internal Use Only</b></p> <p>Reason: _____</p> <p>Tour: _____ Reservation # _____</p> <p>TS/Group: _____</p> <p>Tour Date: _____</p>
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