

VIRGINIA IS FOR “HOLIDAY” LOVERS



November 12 - 14, 2020 - 3 Days / 2 Nights - Tour Includes 4 Meals
\$495 PP Double / \$460 PP Triple / \$425 PP Quad / \$640 Single

Day 1: Come away with **Ionosphere Tours** as we depart to experience beautiful **Virginia**. By early afternoon we arrive in **Abingdon**, where we spend the next two nights. This afternoon will be a special treat as we take our seats at the historic **Barter Theater**, to see a new Musical, **“We’ll Meet Again”**. A world premiere from the author of *Civil War Voices*, this play features music from the World War II era. Jewish refugee Henry Stern flees Nazi Germany at the age of five to start a new life with his family in the small town of Opelika, AL. Many years later, Henry makes an amazing discovery that gives new insights and meaning to his life’s journey. A story filled with joy, sorrow and resilience, this new musical reminds us to embrace and celebrate life. Following the performance, we will enjoy an **included dinner** at the Historic **Martha Washington Inn**, that combines Southern charm with modern elegance. It was built in 1832 as a private residence for just under \$15,000 dollars. In 1935, The Martha Washington opened as a hotel and throughout the years has hosted many illustrious guests. It stands as a gateway to the past, providing the elegance of period antiques and furnishings. Following dinner we will check into our hotel in Abingdon. (D)



Day 2: Following our included breakfast this morning, we will welcome our local Abingdon guide onboard our bus for a **guided tour** of the City. We’ll make a stop at **Abingdon Olive Oil Company**, a tasting gallery and shop featuring over 52 varieties of the freshest organic, extra virgin, and naturally fused and infused **olive oils** from around the world. We’ll make a stop at **White’s Mill and Mercantile**, a 150-year-old flour and grist mill located 3.5 miles from Abingdon and one of the only water-powered mills in existence in Southwest Virginia. We can enjoy an RC Cola and Moonpie at this Virginia Historic Landmark. Our visit to Abingdon would not be complete without a visit to the architecturally stunning **Southwest VA Cultural Center and Marketplace**, the gateway to Southwest Virginia craft, music, food and local culture. We can shop crafts by local artisans, considered to be the best of the best, and the most complete collection of Crooked Road old time, bluegrass and gospel music. By late afternoon we depart for Wytheville, VA and the **Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater**, where we will have a delicious **included four-course holiday feast**. Now we are completely immersed in the Christmas season as we enjoy the **Holiday Spectacular**, which is stuffed with all the Christmas songs we know and love, as well as dazzling dance numbers and beautiful costumes. This fun-filled holiday production also features a breathtaking nativity which is sure to put all of us in the Christmas spirit. We return to Abingdon for overnight again. (B,D)



Day 3: - Following breakfast we will depart Abingdon and take the short drive to **Bristol**, where we’ll get to enjoy the best of both **Tennessee** and **Virginia**. Bristol divides the two states with the state line running right through the middle of downtown. Both sides of State Street feature locally owned and operated boutique establishments which include women’s and men’s specialty stores, a country décor business, restaurants, ice cream shops, gift stores, art galleries, antiques and even an olive oil store. We will enjoy a guided tour of the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. This amazing museum tells the story of the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings, explores how evolving sound technology shaped their success, and highlights how this rich musical heritage lives on in today’s music. We’ll have ample time afterwards to explore the many multimedia aspects of the museum and to visit the Special Exhibits Gallery. Rotating exhibitions from guest curators and other institutions, including the Smithsonian, are featured throughout the year in the Special Exhibits Gallery. We’ll have lunch on our own in the Bristol area before we depart for home. This will certainly be a trip we will never forget. The sights and sounds we experienced in Virginia, just couldn’t be beat! (B)



Payment Requirements:

\$100.00 Deposit Per Person due with reservation

Plus cost of travel protection, if desired

(travel protection offers insurance benefits & non-insurance services)

cost per person is: \$47 Double, Triple, Quad- \$70 Single

Final Payment Due by September 25, 2020

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