## University of Rhode Island OLLI presents...

# Nashville & the Smoky Mountains Holiday

November 28 – December 5, 2026



For more information contact Collette

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8 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Grand Ole Opry Show, Historic RCA Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Gaylord Opryland Resort Dinner & Holiday Show, Dollywood, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Asheville, Biltmore Estate

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Days 1 – 3 Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee

Days 4, 5 Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg,

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Days 6, 7 Cambria Hotel Downtown Asheville,

Asheville, North Carolina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, November 28, 2026 Nashville, Tennessee Step back in time on a holiday getaway that opens in the "Music Capital of the World" – Nashville – and the glorious Gaylord Opryland Resort. This impressive property is a year-round wonderland, but during the holidays, it truly sparkles even brighter! There are no included activities today, spend the afternoon exploring the resort at your leisure.

Day 2: Sunday, November 29, 2026 Nashville A local guide will share the history and lore of Music City during a sightseeing tour where you will view the State Capitol, Music Row and the Parthenon — a full replica of the Athenian original! Gather for a welcome dinner, then later this evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.\* What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. (B, D)

Day 3: Monday, November 30, 2026 Nashville Today, a tour of RCA Studio B gives you an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charlie Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio – you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Later, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. The museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments are artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits relaying the vibrant history of country music and its artists. This evening, gather for a spectacular dinner and holiday show at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Then, it's your choice! Embark on a cozy horse-drawn carriage ride -OR- take in your resort's amazing lights and holiday décor on a relaxing indoor river cruise. (B, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, December 1, 2026 Nashville - Gatlinburg This morning we travel east to Gatlinburg, a lively mountain resort, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and your home for a two-night stay. Today, it's a Smoky Mountains Christmas at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge. Spectacular light displays and a lineup of shows celebrating the spirit of the holiday season make this a night to remember. (B)

Day 5: Wednesday, December 2, 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. The park contains one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth and the largest deciduous forest in the eastern United States. Stop at various lookouts on your way to Newfound Gap, which boasts views of both Tennessee and North Carolina. 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. This evening, dinner is included at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, December 3, 2026 Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina Say goodbye to the Smokies and set your sights on Asheville, North Carolina — a city that sparkles during the holiday season. 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 7: Friday, December 4, 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 — adorned with glittering lights, towering trees, and lavish holiday decorations that bring the Gilded Age to life in a warm, festive glow. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)







& Save \$250

## **Book Now & Save \$250 Per Person:**

Double \$4,249; **Double \$3,999**\* Single \$5,249 **Single \$4,999** 

For bookings made after May 28, 2026 call for rates.

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Logan Intl Airport or T F Green Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from BOS

**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 8: Saturday, December 5, 2026 Asheville - Tour Ends Your tour concludes in Asheville. Proceed to Charlotte, about a two-hour drive, for your flight home. As you venture home, take the holiday spirit and the warmth of America's Southeast with you. (B)

### **Experience It! Holidays at The Gaylord Opryland Resort**

Step into Gaylord Opryland Resort's winter wonderland and immerse yourself in the magic of the holidays. It is truly a feast for the eyes! Look upon colossal Christmas trees placed throughout the resort and decorated by an array of celebrities and famous country artists. Feel like a child again as you delight in larger-than-life toy soldiers and a variety of colorful decorations that adorn this already enchanting resort. See the magical display of lights throughout the grounds of the resort lit by a staggering 2 million lights. Browse the dozens of merchants showcasing a variety of crafts. Pause for a while at a café for a cup of hot chocolate and take in the captivating scenery including a full-size ice rink!

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1399973

#### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until May 28, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

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 time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*The Grand Ole Opry may move to the Ryman Auditorium during the months of November and December.

\*\*Your tour of Smoky Mountain National Park will be replaced by another tour if weather prevents entrance into the park.

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

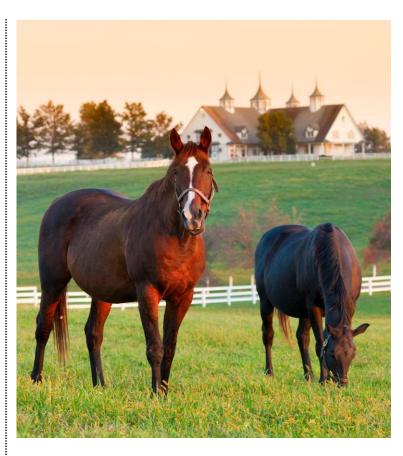
For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

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, flights into Nashville must arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. and 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

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of May 21, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 30, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until May 28, 2026.

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For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1399973.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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featuring Gatlinburg & Asheville

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## **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.

### 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 four 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 spots 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.



## Special Needs Form

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

Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>

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 tour 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"	
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Tour Managers and drivers do	not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying
wheelchairs or walkers. Moto	orized scooters are not permitted on tour.
Are you requesting any h	notel room accommodations? Yes No
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	or more of the following is required in the washroom.
	Yes No
Grab bars	Yes No
Raised toilet seat	Yes No
Please provide any details in r	reference to the nature of your request.

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"

I have read and understand the above:

- 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.