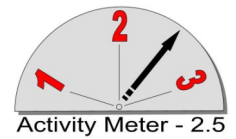




# “Whoa” - What an Adventure! (Kentucky & Tennessee)



8 Days: October 6-13, 2012



*This travel package planned and escorted by Deb Harkness .*

Southern charm, southern fun, southern hospitality! We've included it all. Consider these highlights - the breathtaking fall colors of Smoky Mountain National Park, visiting Pigeon Forge, TN, touring Churchill Downs (home of the Kentucky Derby), and this is only the beginning! Come join us for 8 days of “horsin’ around” as we explore the beautiful fall colors of Kentucky and Tennessee.



October 6 we pick up in our scheduled departure cities as we travel to Collinsville, IL. Tonight we'll have a little relaxation time to get to know our fellow travelers.

October 7 after **breakfast** we head south to **Louisville, KY**. Our first stop is **Jim Beam Distillery** where we'll have a **guided tour** of the Jeremiah Beam historic home. Three generations of Beam distillers have lived here, overlooking the scenic landscape and towering rackhouses filled with barrels of whiskey. We'll see the authentic 1800's copper still, believed to be one of the oldest in America. (Doors to the distillery will open to the general public for the first time ever beginning in 2012, and if this occurs prior to the time of our visit, we will include a distillery tour.) Next we'll visit the **Louisville Slugger Museum**, which showcases the history of baseball. You'll see examples of historic bats, including the bat that Babe Ruth used to hit his last homerun as a Yankee. You'll be in awe at the sight of the world's largest bat, standing 6 stories, and weighing 68,000 pounds. Tonight we'll dine at **Claudia Sander's Dinner House**. Colonel Sanders (founder of KFC chicken) and his wife, Claudia, founded this restaurant in 1959. You'll enjoy the specialty - southern fried chicken – and other favorite Kentucky dishes served with family-style, southern hospitality.



October 8 today we continue our explorations of Louisville. We start our day with a visit to the **Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs**. When we first arrive, we'll savor a **southern-style breakfast** in the exclusive atmosphere of “morning at the track.” While dining in Churchill Downs' trackside kitchen, we'll view the magical process of training world-class Thoroughbreds as we watch their early morning workouts. After our breakfast we're treated to a **guided walk through the barn area** where up to 1400 horses are stabled. We'll visit the Churchill Downs grandstand area and get a good view of what race day is like. At the Kentucky Derby Museum you will have the chance to learn about breeding and training Thoroughbreds on the path to the Kentucky Derby's winner's circle. We'll enjoy **lunch** at a quirky independent restaurant with a national reputation built on great food, wacky décor and wild events. **Lynn's Paradise Café** has garnered its share of national press in newspapers and television throughout the US. It was named "One of the Most Fun Restaurants in America" and has been featured on the Oprah Show and the Today Show. Decide for yourself - is it a great restaurant with unusual art or an unusual art studio with great food? After lunch we bid farewell to Louisville and move on to **Lexington, KY**. This afternoon a **step-on** guide will tell us about the incredible history and beauty of Lexington. We'll go on a behind-the-scenes tour of another Thoroughbred tradition - **Keeneland Race Course**. We'll then journey through rolling miles of bluegrass where you will see gorgeous, hooved residents who make Lexington the unmatched “Horse Capital of the World.” We'll also go behind the gates of one of Kentucky's signature **Thoroughbred farms**. We'll spend the night in Lexington.



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October 9 after **breakfast** we travel to Harrodsburg, KY, home of **Shaker Village**. We'll tour through the living history site, where costumed interpreters chronicle Shaker life. Within the restored community, skilled artisans work at 19th-century trades while historic farming and musical performances bring the past to life. We will have **lunch** today with the residents of Shaker Village. Next, we'll travel to **Cumberland Falls State Park** and explore the beauty of one of Kentucky's top state parks. Cumberland Falls State Park is located in Daniel Boone National Forest, a part of the Appalachian Mountains. Tonight we will be staying at the DuPont Lodge, which is located within the park. Interior details within the lodge are stunning - solid hemlock beams, knotty pine and massive stone fireplaces. This evening enjoy views of the Cumberland River while enjoying **dinner** at the lodge.



October 10 after **breakfast** at the lodge we'll visit **Cumberland Falls**. Known as the "Niagara of the South," Cumberland Falls forms a 125-foot wide curtain that plunges 60 feet into a gorge below, making it the 2nd largest waterfall in North America. Leaving the park, we then travel through the **Cumberland Gap**. The Gap is a pass through the Cumberland Mountains region of the Appalachians. It is also the juncture for 3 U.S. states: Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. Long ago the Gap was used by Native Americans, and also Daniel Boone, to journey into the western frontiers of Kentucky and Tennessee. As we continue our trek through the Southern Appalachians we'll explore the scenic views, cascading waterfalls and lush forests. Our

next stop is **Pigeon Forge, TN**. Tucked in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee, Pigeon Forge has become a favorite destination for families and groups of all ages. After getting checked into our hotel for tonight you'll have the opportunity to explore the town. Pigeon Forge has many unique shops and attractions, something for everyone to enjoy. We'll start the evening out right with **dinner** in a favorite local restaurant. We'll enjoy the best southern cookin' served family style, so everyone gets a taste.

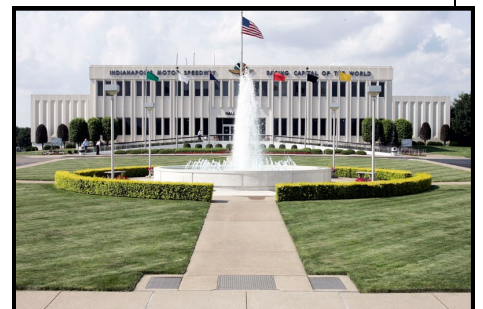


October 11 Pigeon Forge is the gateway to Smoky Mountain National Park. After **breakfast** we will visit the park, escorted by a **step-on guide**. In this magnificent park, ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. Known for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian Mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park - nearly 10 million people a year. After our tour, we will return to Pigeon Forge where you'll have the remainder of the afternoon to explore more of this unique town. This evening we'll enjoy a **dinner show at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede**. Dixie Stampede offers a friendly rivalry between the North and the South that includes food, fun and excitement for all. See incredible

horsemanship while feasting on a 4-course meal. (And did we mention no eating utensils? That's right, it's finger-lickin' good!)

October 12 after **breakfast** today we bid farewell to Pigeon Forge and slowly venture northward. This morning we will travel a portion of the **Blue Ridge Parkway**, known for its stunning overlooks of the Blue Ridge Mountains - full of autumn colors, it should be a spectacular site! We travel to Indianapolis, IN, today for our overnight stay. We'll visit the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its Hall of Fame Museum**. Weather permitting you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a **lap around the Indy 500 track**. Tonight, you and your travel companions can kick back and relax at the hotel, reminiscing about our amazing southern adventure.

October 13 after **breakfast** we continue our journey home with many memories and new friends.



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**Your 8-day “Whoa” – What an Adventure! tour package includes:** Luxury motorcoach transportation, lodging for 7 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners (meals inclusive of tax & gratuity).

\$1355 per person, double occupancy

\$1260 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1672 single room accommodations

**Deposit:** \$140 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

**Balance due:** September 6

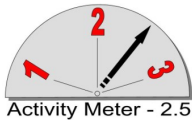
**Cancel by:** September 6 for penalty-free cancellation

**Delayed reservation fee:** After September 6, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or Travel Insurance is available at a group rate for this travel package. Please contact our office for details.

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**Moderate+ itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus options for additional activity/walking**



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