

Fall Color Facts

Why are fall colors so remarkable in the Smokies? Most likely, due to the parks amazing diversity of trees—some 100 species of trees live in the Smokies and the majority are deciduous (the kind that lose their leaves).

When do the colors appear? The park usually experiences an autumn leaf season of several weeks. However, the timing of fall color change depends upon so many variables that the exact dates of "peak" season are impossible to predict.

At higher elevations, color displays start as early as mid-September. From early to mid-October, fall colors develop above 4,000 feet. The fall color display usually reaches peak at mid and lower elevations between mid-October and early November.

Why do leaves change color? The changing of colors is a sign that trees are getting ready for winter. Throughout spring and summer, most of the food necessary for a tree's growth is made in the leaves. As the days get shorter, the leaves stop making food and therefore, change color.

Some consider it the most incredible time of the year. Gorgeous colors appear as the chemistry of our leaves change; their "true" colors of bright golds, reds, yellows, and browns appear as the green disappears.

How do colors change? As summer ends, the green pigments in leaves deteriorate, giving other colors a chance to shine. Reds and purples come are formed when sugars in leaves break down in bright autumn sunlight. In addition, the more sugar that accumulates in a leaf; the brighter red the leaves turn. Color of the leaves varies from tree to tree. Leaves directly exposed the sun may turn red, while those on the same tree in a shady side, may be yellow. Temperatures also play a part; when autumn is warm and rainy, leaves may have less red coloration.



Weather

Clear skies and cooler weather signal the onset of the fall color season. Warm days alternate with cool nights. Daytime highs are usually in the 70s, with cooler temperatures in higher elevations. This is the driest period of the year with only occasional rain showers.



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Fall Colors in the Smokies



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Highlights:

The Dancing Horses Theatre

Experience the pageantry of a whimsical performance at a one of a kind show. The dancing horses will take you on a magical journey as they perform. We will stay in the heart of downtown, just steps away from beautiful Lake Geneva, WI.

Lexington, Kentucky

Located in the heart of the Bluegrass Region, Lexington is known as the “Horse Capital of the World.” The city is surrounded by green rolling hills and perfectly manicured pastures of more than 450 horse farms. This region also gave birth to Bourbon, the U.S.' only native spirit. Here we will spend two nights; tour horse farms and a bourbon distillery.

Kentucky's Country Music Capital

The Renfro Valley has hosted traditional country music shows since 1939. These shows gave entertainers such as Hank Snow, Hank Williams, Red Foley, and Homer and Jethro the spotlight early in their careers. Learn about this history and enjoy a music Jamboree at the Old Barn!

Big South Fork Scenic Railway

Ride the Kentucky & Tennessee Railway into the Daniel Boone National Forest; full of spectacular scenery, lush vegetation, and mountain streams. The history and charm of Appalachia will transport you back in time. We will also stop at the Blue Heron Mining Camp, an abandoned coal mining town, which ceased operations in 1962.

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Located just 5 miles north of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Pigeon Forge is a tourist destination that caters primarily to Southern culture and country music fans. We will spend two nights here and you will have some free time here to take in some “southern hospitality” and maybe do some shopping!



Biltmore House & Gardens

This luxurious family home of George and Edith Vanderbilt is as magnificent today as it was more than a century ago. Tour three floors and the basement; this home boasts a Banquet Hall with a 70-foot ceiling, 65 fireplaces, an indoor pool, and a bowling alley. Almost all of the priceless objects that you see in the house are original. Biltmore is the largest privately owned house in the United States.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

The park encompasses over one-half million acres and is the most visited national park in the United States. Our scenic drive through a portion of the park will showcase nature's true beauty.

Tennessee Riverboat

While cruising the Tennessee you will enjoy one of the most breathtaking views in Knoxville. Not only will you see some of the history of the river, you will most certainly be relaxed by the river's beauty.

Nashville, Tennessee

Nashville is the "home of country music" and has become a major music recording and production center. We will spend one night here and enjoy an evening of entertainment and country cookin' at the Night Life Dinner Theatre.

Nashville Night Life Dinner Theatre

The best location to visit if you love country music and country cookin'! The 300+ seat theater with a state of the art sound and light system is the perfect environment for an unforgettable night out on the town!

Wetherby Cranberry Company

A family farm located in Warrens, Wisconsin proudly growing cranberries for over 100 years. Tour the bogs and packing facilities—and see why they were the recipient of the Master Agriculturist award in 2014.

Package includes:

- Eight nights lodging with luggage handling
- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Dancing Horses dinner show
- Guided tour of Lexington showcasing horse farms and a bourbon distillery
- Tour of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame
- Jamboree at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Complex
- Scenic train ride with lunch
- Biltmore House tour
- Scenic drive in Great Smoky National Park
- Tennessee Riverboat lunch cruise
- Dinner show at Nashville Night Life Theatre
- Our last night we will stay at Ho-Chunk Casino. You will receive \$15 free slot play.
- Tour of Wetherby Cranberry Farm's bogs and packing facilities.

Price per person:

Quad occ: \$1195* | **Triple occ:** \$1275*
Double occ: \$1425* | **Single occ:** \$1895*

To sign up, send deposit of \$200* per person and the registration. Balance is due by October 15. If you prefer to pay by credit card, a 5% convenience fee will be added to your transaction. To pay by credit card, please call toll free at 1-877-250-8857.

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