



John Hall's ALASKA



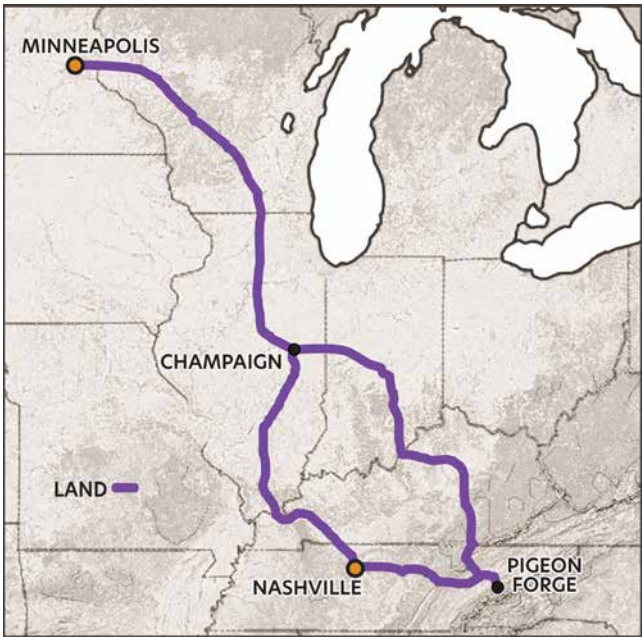
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11 DAYS OF LIGHTS, MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS CHEER

Mystical mountains, twinkling lights, ice sculptures and sugary goodness. The sounds and sights of the holiday season are sure to delight the senses on a journey filled with laughter and friendship. From luxury resorts to world class entertainment, embrace the nostalgia of a tender Tennessee Christmas.



OVERNIGHTS

Airport Hotel	2 Nights Minneapolis, MN
Hampton Inn	2 Nights Champaign, IL
Dollywood's DreamMore Resort®	3 Nights Pigeon Forge, TN
Gaylord Opryland Resort	3 Nights Nashville, TN

INCLUDED MEALS:

18 with full tour; 15 with Champaign arrival and departure.
Breakfast on all tour days; lunch and dinner on many tour days.

ACTIVE RATING: All mobility levels.

GROUP SIZE: Max 42



2023 DEPARTURE & PRICING

TOUR DATE

CC125: DEC 5 - DEC 15
DEC 6 - DEC 14

Minneapolis, MN Start/Finish
Champaign, IL Start/Finish

DOUBLE

\$5,899
\$5,549

SINGLE

\$7,599
\$6,849

Triple & Quad pricing subject
to availability upon request.

Per Person Price Includes: Accommodations; fully-guided service; daily activities, tours, and entrance fees; transportation (within the tour); airport meet and greet; transfers; several meals, one adult beverage with included dinners; baggage handling; corresponding gratuities, taxes, fees, and special Alumni World Adventure memento.

Flights: Arrival and departure airfare is not included. Flights should be booked to arrive anytime on Day 1 and fly home at any time of day on Day 11 from the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport. Guests may alternatively opt to join the tour via the Chicago Midway International Airport on Day 2 and depart on Day 10. If joining the tour on Day 2, flights must arrive no later than 3:00pm. Guests departing from Chicago Midway on Day 10 must have flights departing after 12:00pm.

Additional Savings: \$200 per person when tour payment is made by check. \$500 per person deposit may still be made by credit card.

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1 MINNESOTA ARRIVAL

It's Christmastime and what better way to get the season started than with good friends and fun-filled days! The holiday adventure begins upon arrival into Minneapolis-St. Paul. Spend the day exploring this magical winter wonderland at your leisure. Santa recommends a visit to the nearby Mall of America!

2 MINNESOTA TO CHAMPAIGN, IL

Join your travel companions for breakfast before boarding your luxury John Hall's Alaska motorcoach - and yes, there will be hot cocoa!. Travel through the Midwest before reaching tonight's accommodations in Champaign, IL.

Breakfast, Dinner

3 CHAMPAIGN & PIGEON FORGE, TN

Over the river and through the woods! The holiday road trip continues across the Midwest today, crossing the Ohio River on the way to beautiful Tennessee and the majestic Great Smoky Mountains. These misty peaks provide a picturesque backdrop for Pigeon Forge, your home for the next three nights. Soak in the southern hospitality at Dollywood's DreamMore Resort® and enjoy dinner at your leisure in the resort this evening.

Breakfast, Dinner

4 DOLLYWOOD

Embrace the spirit of the season today at Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas. The day is free to explore Dollywood at your leisure. Marvel at the park's towering Christmas trees, festive shows, and over 50 world-class rides. Learn from the masters or create your own unique gift in Craftsman's Valley. Board the Dollywood Express this evening and snuggle up for a train ride through over 6 million twinkling lights. Your inner child is sure to be delighted by the sights, sounds, and of course, the sweets of the season! Dinner may be enjoyed at your leisure this evening.

Breakfast, Dinner

5 THE APPLE BARN & DOLLY PARTON'S STAMPEDE

Travel to neighboring Sevierville for a leisurely visit to The Apple Barn, a farm-to-table family-built operation. Indulge in homemade goodies such as apple butter from the General Store, a tall glass of cider and a pastry at the Cider Bar, or homemade ice cream at The Creamery. Watch the old-fashioned techniques used to create the sweets in the Candy Factory. Pick up some last-minute holiday goodies at the Christmas and Candle Shop or enjoy locally grown and brewed fruit wine and hard cider at The Apple Barn Winery. A scrumptious lunch including homemade apple fritters tops off the visit. This evening, experience Christmas at Dolly Parton's Stampede! Enjoy a delicious dinner as you watch this unforgettable performance, complete with mischievous elves, horses, camels and even snow, in this spectacular holiday extravaganza!

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

6 MUSIC CITY & OPRY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

After a leisurely breakfast, head west towards Nashville, known as Music City and "The Birthplace of Country Music". After lunch, hop on a private trolley for a "Soul of Music City" tour and get a close-up view of this world-class city. A talented guide shares original songs and stories of Nashville's notable landmarks, including Music Row, and other Nashville hot spots. Later this afternoon, stretch your legs as you explore your accommodations for the next three evenings, the Gaylord Opryland Resort. With 9 acres of airy, indoor garden atriums filled with Christmas decorations, the magic of the season is sure to be felt in this Christmas wonderland. This evening, enjoy your favorite Christmas songs at the famous Opry House, as country music artists come together for the Opry Country Christmas show.

Breakfast, Lunch

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Dollywood
- Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas
- The Apple Barn
- Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas Show
- Nashville Trolley Tour
- Opry Country Christmas Show
- Ryman Auditorium Tour
- General Jackson Showboat
- Grand Ole Opry Backstage Tour
- Andrew Jackson's Hermitage
- ICE! at Gaylord Opryland
- Cheekwood Estate & Gardens
- National Quilt Museum



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7 RYMAN AUDITORIUM, GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT & GRAND OLE OPRY

Begin the day with a backstage tour at the Ryman Auditorium - country music's "Mother Church". Explore the star-studded exhibits and step onto the stage where some of the greatest artists have played. Later, board the General Jackson Showboat and enjoy a Christmas show over lunch as the paddle wheeler gets "rollin' down the river" - the Cumberland River. Enjoy stunning views of Nashville from aboard one of the largest showboats ever built. Afterwards, visit the Grand Ole Opry and walk in the footsteps of country music's superstars to get an insider's look at what happens behind the scenes of the show that made country music famous. The evening is yours, perhaps spent taking in an optional show or enjoying a hand-crafted cocktail in a breathtaking setting inside the resort overlooking indoor twin waterfalls.

Breakfast, Lunch

8 THE HERMITAGE, ICE! & CHEEKWOOD ESTATE

After a leisurely breakfast, spend the morning exploring "The Hermitage", the historic mansion and home of the 7th US President Andrew Jackson and his wife Rachel. This museum and National Historic Landmark sits on 1,000+ acres and has been beautifully preserved and restored. Original furniture and family possessions provide a glimpse of what life was like for the Jackson family. This afternoon is free for relaxing and exploring the Gaylord Opryland Resort with two included activities to enjoy at leisure. Float down the ¼ mile river that winds through the resort's atrium on a riverboat. Experience ICE!, an incredible sculpture wonderland carved by expert artisans. Using over 2 million pounds of colorful ice, this 19,000 square foot immersive walk-through winter experience will surely take your breath away. End the day at Cheekwood Estate & Gardens to view the spectacular light show and decorated mansion.

Breakfast, Dinner

9 NASHVILLE, PADUCAH & CHAMPAIGN

Bid farewell to Music City this morning and begin the journey north, with a stop along the way at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY. This quilter's paradise is home to quilts from some of the best contemporary quilters from around the world. The ever-changing exhibitions celebrate both traditional and non-traditional quilt making methods. End the day's journey in Champaign, IL for an overnight.

Breakfast

10 CHAMPAIGN TO MINNESOTA

Continue the journey north to Minnesota. Guests may choose to depart the tour this afternoon and fly home from Chicago-Midway International Airport. Flights must depart after 12:00pm. Guests continuing on to Minnesota will overnight near the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport.

Breakfast

11 FLY HOME FROM MINNEAPOLIS

Enjoy breakfast at leisure before transferring to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport for your homebound flight.

Breakfast



GENERAL INFORMATION

SUGGESTED PACKING

The dress code is 100% casual. You can expect temperatures to range from 30-55 degrees in Tennessee, with cooler temperatures expected in tour arrival and departure cities. Comfortable walking shoes, sunblock and sunglasses are recommended for outdoor activities. Jackets, mittens and hats are recommended for evening holiday light viewing outdoors.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Let us know of any medical condition, physical disability, dietary limitation, or other special need at the time of booking. To the extent possible, we seek to accommodate anyone with a disability. Certain facilities may not be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Although we are unable to guarantee all special meal requests can be met, we will request where appropriate. If you encounter changes to your medical needs such as dietary restrictions or use of a mobility device such as a wheelchair, scooter, or walker please advise us as soon as possible.

LUGGAGE HANDLING

One piece of luggage per guest will be delivered to your room while traveling between hotels. Airlines stipulate that checked luggage should not exceed 50 pounds. Carry-ons should be manageable and fit in the overhead storage compartments of airplanes and motorcoaches. Gratuities for luggage handling are included with our packages.

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RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS

To confirm your reservation, please send a deposit of \$500.00 USD per person within ten days of making your reservation. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office: 800.325.2270. Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express, and personal checks are acceptable forms of deposit payment.

A discount of \$200 USD per person will be extended for those paying their tour balance by cash or check.

FINAL PAYMENTS

Final payment must reach John Hall's Alaska no later than 90 days prior to tour departure date. A final payment reminder will be sent two weeks before the due date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released. Re-booking will be subject to availability. Guests will be charged \$35 USD per check that is submitted with insufficient funds.

If you intend to take out trip insurance, we recommend doing so before making your final payment.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS

If a cancellation is made in writing at least 90 days prior to departure, a full refund will be made, minus a **4% fee on any monies originally paid by credit card**. For cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure, the following per person charges apply:

91+ days - full refund
90-60 days - 50% of total fare
59-0 days - 100% of total fare

TIPPING/GRATUITIES

All gratuities have been included in the price of your package with the exception of your John Hall's Alaska tour representatives. This includes all waitering staff for meals included with the tour package, local drivers and guides, and luggage handling gratuities while on tour. Gratuities for your tour representatives are offered at the discretion of the guest and should be based on service and experience received. We suggest \$7-\$10 per guest per day, per John Hall's Alaska tour representative.

