



National Quartet Convention—Pigeon Forge

September 27-30, 2021 Monday—Thursday (Thursday is optional)

Since moving to **Pigeon Forge** in 2014, the National Quartet Convention has become a draw to fans of the incredible Southern gospel music from all over the region. The music and artists are great year after year, and we have designed a tour to give you the best deal for lodging, reserved seats to 2-3 great nights of music, plus some special experiences. Founded by **JD Sumner** who was an *American* gospel singer, songwriter, and music promoter noted for his **bass voice**, and his *innovation in the Christian and Gospel music fields* as well as a long-time friend and performer with **Elvis Presley**.

Monday - September 27, 2021

PM - Arrive in the *Smokies* and check into your midrange hotel.

4 pm - **Dinner at a local southern cooking style restaurant** - Applewood Farmhouse, Applewood Farmhouse Grill, or Mama's Farmhouse.

5:30 pm - Reserved seats to the National Quartet Convention at the *LeConte Center Pigeon Forge*



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11 pm - Shows end for the night!

Tuesday - September 28, 2021

AM - **Breakfast included at the hotel.**

Begin your **morning with fellowship and music at a local church**. Coffee and muffins and fellowship will start your day. *So Good Morning and have a blessed day!!*



Have you ever heard a song that moved you to the point where you wanted to tell all of your friends about it? *Well, that's the type of feeling you may experience when listening to gospel music. By its very definition, the term **gospel** means 'good news.'*

Enjoy music that is sure to get your hands clapping and feet tapping!! Songs such as, "Put your Hand in the Hand," "How Great Thou Art", "I Believe", "You will never walk alone", "Go tell it on the Mountain" "Oh Happy Day", "Spirit in the Sky" that is **SURE TO START YOUR DAY!!!**

- G** – Get Up
- O**-Open your Heart
- O**- Open your Mind
- D**- Dedicate your day to God
- M**- Meditate on God's Word
- O** -Optimize your faith and hope
- R** -Rebuke all evils
- N**- Never doubt God's Love
- I**-Inspire Someone
- N**- Nothing should scare you
- G**- Go out with joy



Time on own for light lunch (due to early dinner) at the *Island in Pigeon Forge*.

Take time for shopping and lunch on own.

Plenty of places to dine such as *Mellow Mushroom, Margaritaville, Timberwood grill, Yee Haw Brewing company* PLUS a slew of others. Shopping at over 40 unique shops and boutiques. IF you are looking for a 5 and 10 it is here, if you are looking for moonshine it is here, if you are looking for unique gifts you are in the right spot!!!

From dancing fountains to people watching.....this is the place to be!!!

3:30-5:30pm - "**Dinner on the grounds**" style **barbecue buffet dinner** with local bluegrass performing bluegrass gospel music for the group. **Private event**



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Throughout the evening and before the show guests are free to visit the vestibule areas of the convention center outside the main concert hall that offer shopping opportunities, meeting the stars of the show, purchasing music and so much more.



The LaConte center has added larger viewing screens, as well as elevated and staggered seating to eliminate any viewing issues. They have installed acoustical treatment on the walls.

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Wednesday - September 29, 2021

AM - Breakfast included at the hotel

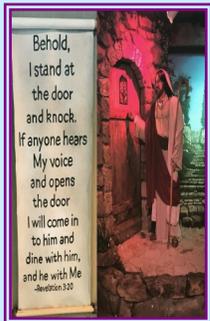
OPTIONS FOR THE DAY:

1) **Smokies Tour** - Your local guide will meet you at the **Sugarlands Visitor Center** and board the coach this morning for a *Smoky Mountain tour*. The *Great Smoky Mountains National Park* is America's most visited national park, and today you will be added to the rest of what makes up about ten million an-



nual visitors. Your local guide will guide you to the top of the mountains and back with an array of history, stories, and legend about the area and the people that inhabited it before the park was formed. Along the way you will see spectacular overlooks and views, and maybe even some wildlife! Make sure to bring your camera and a jacket for this entertaining look at our areas most popular attraction. Following tour lunch and shopping time on own.

2) Christ in the Smokies



Christ in the Smokies Museum and Gardens is one of the nation's foremost inspirational attractions. Featuring incredibly

lifelike scenes telling the Story of *Christ*, utilizing life size figures, dramatic lighting, music and special effects. Everyone will enjoy seeing their favorite *Bible stories* come alive in the **3D Dioramas**.

In the center of *Gatlinburg, Tennessee*, at *Christ in the Smokie Museum & Gardens* (located on the former *Christus Gardens property*) you will have the remarkable experience of walking through a *Biblical world* of 2000 years ago, seeing life-size, lifelike representations of important scenes from the life of **Jesus Christ**. Following, group members can enjoy lunch on own and browse the many shops in downtown Gatlinburg.

3). Admission to Dollywood for the Smoky Mountain Harvest Festival ONLY AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY



Every season brings its own unique charm to **Dollywood**, but few spectacles match the excitement of the theme park's annual *Harvest Festival*. Offering a true feast for the senses, the event brings ornate pumpkin displays, **tasty treats**, and **gospel music** to the park, adding a new dimension to an already exciting getaway. Take a leisurely stroll through the park as you observe the obvious attention to detail present within this autumn spec-

tle. *Pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, and scarecrows* — you'll find it all as you wander from one attraction to the next. Set aside a few moments to pose for photos alongside the displays; there's no better way to commemorate your autumn adventures. Music is always a big deal at *Dollywood*, but it takes on an extra element of importance during the *Harvest Festival*. As fall colors take over, the beautiful sounds of gospel music fill the park. **During this special season, your park admission will include access to a variety of concerts.**

In the past, **Dollywood's Southern Gospel Jubilee** has attracted the likes of *Mark Bishop, Tim Lovelace, Greater Vision, and The McKameys*, among others. Visiting artists primarily perform at *Celebrity Theater* and *The Pines Theater*. Grab a seat if you have the chance or at least make a point of walking by one of these theaters during a performance.

5:00 pm - Dinner at a local restaurant (Bullfish, Timberwood, different from Applewood style)

7:30 pm - Reserved seats to the Smoky Mountain Opry – Feel The Music!



If there's one thing that is appreciated in a variety show, it's actual variety. That's why groups enjoy the *Smoky Mountain Opry* in *Pigeon Forge* so much. It's not a show you can categorize as just one thing, and it's certainly not just more of the same old same old. It's a fantastic variety revue that combines singing, dancing, comedy, and even special effects such as Laser lights, pyrotechnics, video screens, even aerial acts. If it sounds different than what you'd

expect from an opry show in *Pigeon Forge*, you are right. It is. Flat out, the **Smoky Mountain Opry** is one of the best shows that had been on stage in years.

9:30 pm - Show ends, return to the hotel for the evening

Thursday - September 30, 2021

AM - Breakfast included at the hotel

Groups depart for home

OPTION: Smith Morning Variety Show 10:30 am



Start your day with fun at the *Smith Morning Variety Show* at the **Smoky Mountain Opry Theater**. You'll start the day off with pop, gospel and country hits as well as comedy and impersonations!

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