

Moonshine, Mountains and Music



Eastern Kentucky- April through November

On this tour, you will experience rural Kentucky where music is King, Moonshine is Queen and relaxation and fun are the hidden jewels.

We will customize your tour with spectacular views, history, music, a little bit of moonshine and lots of entertainment! Elk-viewing can be added to your tour during the months of April, September, October and November.

Your journey begins with a stay at **Jenny Wiley Resort** where you will experience the secluded beauty of the 49-room **May Lodge**; all rooms have a balcony overlooking **Dewey Lake** and surrounded by towering pines and peaceful mountains. Upon arrival to the scenic lodge, imagine being greeted with wine and cheese and learning the story of a legendary pioneer woman born in 1760 by the name of **Jenny Wiley from a re-enactor.**

Enjoy a **Moonshine Hide-Away & Tour** and a demonstration of the process old timers used to brew that famous mountain “White Lightin”, directed by some typical mountain shine (actually, nonalcoholic, water only). After a time, the local park Naturalist poses as a policeman and questions the illegal operation. He tests a sample, (water) then agrees it must be the water that that created country music stars like Loretta Lynn and all the others. Finally, the Shiners take up their instruments and sing a couple of Moon Shine with plenty foot-stompin’ dancing. **Enjoy a complete Bar-B-Q, dinner and Moonshine tasting and more evening music supplied by the Moonshine Band**



Guests will enjoy a stop at Webb’s Grocery, owned by Loretta’s brother, Herman. It is still a grocery store dating back to 1910. There are souvenir shirts and caps here to purchase and you will enjoy a **snack of a RC Cola and a moon pie** that is included. **Board shuttle here to Loretta Lynn’s Home Place**



Loretta Lynn’s Butcher Hollow Home Place, located just a few miles north of Prestonsburg, is the highlight of the tour. The 2-mile road to the home place is narrow and windy so we board smaller mini buses and hear the story of Loretta and her sister Crystal Gayle. At the house, Herman gives a first-hand account of his two sisters and details of what it was like living there 60 years ago.

Musical entertainment is a definite highlight on this tour. Whether it be your “Eggs with Elvis” breakfast or chance to stomp your feet to “Front Porch Pickin’” music”, you will enjoy all the starving artists this tour offers. There are singers, songwriters, guitarists and a bluegrass band of family members that all will delight you with music throughout your tour. You are sure to have a pep in your step and a happy beat in your heart each day!



Other Options to include in your tour:

Mountain Home Place – The setting is a glance back in time to the mid 1800’s to a typical rural farm in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Visitors first view a short documentary narrated by Richard Thomas, aka “John Boy” of this early mountain life. Then characters in period dress present stories of the log house, barn, and blacksmith shop, and of the church and school. The Home Place is becoming a favorite stop for home grown produce and photo op’s with the farm animals. You can enhance the experience by adding lunch and entertainment.



Tour Mayo Methodist Church - This church was built by local coal baron John C.C. Mayo. It has massive cut sandstone walls, brilliant Italian made stain glass windows, engineered oak support beams, and a Pichner pipe organ given to Mayo by Andrew Carnegie. This unique structure is on the National Historic Register. **Guests will enjoy organ music.**

US 23 Country Music Highway Museum - was named by the 1992 Kentucky General Assembly in honor of these Country Music Superstars. This museum in Paintsville, Kentucky is dedicated to the country music entertainers who were born or lived near U.S. Route 23 in eastern Kentucky. **Entertainers exhibited within the museum** include Billy Ray Cyrus, The Judds, Tom T. Hall, Ricky Skaggs, Hylo Brown, Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Rebecca Lynn Howard, Keith Whitley, Dwight Yoakum, Patty Loveless, Gary Stewart and Chris Stapleton.

Middle Creek National Battlefield – On January 10th 1862, Union and Southern Forces met here to seek military control of this strategic gateway from Virginia. Two thousand soldiers engaged in a 24-hour struggle with gun firing and cannons blazing to what led to Union Col. James Garfield claiming victory and later becoming President of the United States. **The sounds of the bugle will stop you in your tracks.**



Van Lear Coal Mining Museum - The Coal Miners' Museum is located in the building that originally housed the headquarters of the Consolidation Coal Company. Displays include coal mining tools, a restored "company" doctor's office, a post office, a 1950's snack bar, a diorama of the town as it was in the 1930's, the old town jail, , and much more. **You can even add a “miner’s lunch” to this experience.**



Tour Historic May House - This historic landmark is the oldest brick house in the area. The Samuel May Family built the Federal style two story house in 1817 and was used as a recruiting station for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Clay material from the site were converted into the bricks, each bonded together by a mixture of river sand and minute river shells serving as an aggregate. Floor and ceiling joists, floors, rafters, and shake roof were all produced by a local saw mill. The house is furnished with period

furniture and display relics. Guests will have the **opportunity to meet a re-enactor of Ms. May and enjoy tea and cookies included.**

East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium - features an “out-of this world” experience for all ages. Outer space comes alive at the laser light shows set to music. The Center features a gift shop and rotating hands-on science projects displayed in the lobby.

Wayland – is a small coal town where hospitality reigns. Guests will be greeted by the Mayor, educated by a former miner and will step back in to American Graffiti. You will swoon to the tunes on the jukebox as you dine 50’s style.



Ohio Travel Treasures can customize your entire tour based upon your time and location with stops included that will be based upon your departure point. Call us at 1-800-582-5997 or 513-923-9112 or email Diane Sphar at

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