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Discover the American charm of the Bluegrass Country and Smoky Mountains with Collette

America's well-known southern charm and hospitality is brought to life through Collette's latest tour, 'Bluegrass Country and the Smoky Mountains'. The nine-day venture takes travellers through the heart of Appalachia where they will experience the best of what Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina has to offer.

Starting in Louisville, Kentucky -known for thoroughbreds, bourbon and baseball - travellers will experience a visit to a private horse farm in Lexington and Churchill Downs, the thoroughbred racetrack which famously hosts the annual Kentucky Derby.

The journey continues through unbeatable scenery to the most visited national park in the US, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site containing one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth and the largest deciduous forest in the eastern United States. It's here guests explore the park, visit lookouts and be entertained at Dolly Parton's Stampede & Dinner Show. The stunning sites continue as travellers head to the famous Biltmore Estate, known as "a little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and enjoy a wine-tasting at the historic Biltmore Winery.

Other highlights include a visit to Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously operating Bourbon distillery in America, and a tour and tasting at the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery.

The tour gives guests the opportunity to be transported back in time to experience America's famous southern hospitality and culture as well as its renowned celebrations and icons that define America's South today (such as the Kentucky Derby and Dolly Parton).

Collette has been crafting fine tours for a century now with their centennial celebrations commencing this year. This new tour is an exciting addition to Collette's range of extensive North American tours and complements its very popular America's Music Cities' tours.

"Over the last 100 years, we've learned a lot about what works on tour and we're excited to add this new tour to Collette's offerings," said James Hewlett, Head of Marketing, Collette Australia.

'The Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains' tour starts from \$3,349 per person for nine days, includes 12 meals and centrally located accommodation. For bookings or further information visit <https://www.gocollette.com/en-au/tours/north-america/usa/bluegrass-smoky-mountains>



**Rate is per person, land only, double occupancy, tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date.*

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About Collette

Touring for today's traveller...

Featuring award-winning tour managers, and superior accommodation, Collette has been a pioneer in guided touring since 1918. With classic tours, small groups, river cruises and 'spotlight' city stays, there are over 150 tours which go to more than 55 countries offering customers exceptional choice, value and superior 4- star+ quality. Collette is a third-generation, family-owned worldwide tour operator. With headquarters in Rhode Island, Collette's Sydney office (opened in 2014) adds to the company's global presence which includes offices in Vancouver, Toronto and London. Renowned for connecting guests with cultural experiences which go far beyond those of an ordinary holiday, Collette prides itself on providing real value to its guests and agent partners. Expert tour managers, an industry-leading travel protection plan and inclusive touring are just part of the top-quality Collette experience.