

Wildwood Family YMCA

Charleston

7 Days/6 Nights

Departing from:

Start Date: Sunday, September 1, 2024

Wildwood Family YMCA
2641 Highway 109
Wildwood, MO 63040

Bus Arrives: 7:30 AM

Departure Time: 8:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE: Overnight bags are needed for the first and last evenings of this trip.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Diamond Tours, Inc.'s primary concern is always the safety and happiness of our groups.

- 1) Kindly remain in your seats while the coach is moving.
- 2) Your motorcoach driver has been instructed to stop approximately every two and a half (2-1/2) hours. This will give the group an opportunity to use a public restroom.
- 3) Your motorcoach is equipped with a restroom, but in the interest of safety, please use it only in emergency. This is to minimize situations whereby individuals are walking in the aisle while the bus is moving.

Sunday, September 1, 2024

All activities on this itinerary will take place "rain or shine" provided it is safe to do so. Please pack an umbrella or rain poncho.

Approx. 7:30 AM

***Group Leader Note:** Please notify vendors if you will be more than 15 minutes early or late.

****Driver Note:** Please do not follow your GPS in historic Charleston, SC. you will be provided a map of legal bus routes upon arrival.

Depart for Knoxville, TN.
Enjoy Lunch and Dinner on your own and rest stops as needed en route.

8:00 AM

***Note:** Please remember to set your watches AHEAD one hour as you enter a new time zone.

Arrive at the Best Western Cedar Bluff Knoxville
420 N. Peters Road
Knoxville, TN 37922
(865) 539-0058

Approx. 9:00 PM

***Note:** This is a 100% Smoke Free Hotel

***Directions:** Turn Right onto Route 109. Take Route 109 South to I-44. Take I-44 East to I-64. Take I-64 East to I-57. Take I-57 South to I-24. Take I-24 East to I-40. Take I-40 East to Exit #378, Cedar Bluff Road. At the end of the off ramp turn Right onto N. Cedar Bluff Rd. Take N. Cedar Bluff Road South to N. Peters Road and turn Right. Take N. Peters Rd West approximately 3/4 mile to hotel on the Right.

Monday, September 2, 2024

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel.

Approx. 7:30 AM

Depart for Summerville, SC.
Enjoy Lunch on your own and a rest stop as needed en route.

8:30 AM

Arrive at Logan's Roadhouse
211 Azalea Square Blvd.
Summerville, SC 29483
(843)851-8666
Enjoy a pre-paid Dinner.

Approx. 4:45 PM

*Group Leader Note: Please review your pre-order menu and call the restaurant with the selections at least 24 hours prior to your arrival.

*Directions: Take I-40 East to I-26. Take I-26 East to Exit #199A, US-17 ALT and turn Right. Take US-17 ALT/Main St. South to Azalea Square Blvd. and turn Right. The restaurant is on the Left.

Depart for Charleston, SC.

6:15 PM

Arrive at the Holiday Inn Charleston-Riverview
301 Savannah Hwy
Charleston, SC 29407
(843) 556-7100

Approx. 6:45 PM

*Note: This hotel is 100% smoke free

*Directions: Take I-26 East to Exit #221A, US-17. Take US-17/Septima Clark Pkwy. South over the Ashley River Memorial Bridge to the hotel on the Left. (The hotel is the first Left after crossing the Bridge).

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel.

Approx. 8:00 AM

Depart for McLeod Plantation.

9:30 AM

Arrive at McLeod Plantation Historic Site
325 Country Club Dr.
Charleston, SC 29412
(843) 762-9514

Approx. 10:00 AM

Upon arrival, enjoy a walking Guided Tour of the property and learn about Gullah history, the home during the Civil War and the everyday lives of the enslaved. At the conclusion of your Tour, enjoy free time on your own in the McLeod Home, gift shop and on the grounds of the property.

***Directions:** Turn Left onto US-17 South. Take US-17 South to the Left-hand Exit for Folly Beach. Turn Left onto Folly Rd. Blvd/Route 171. Take Route 171 South to Country Club Dr. and turn Left. The Plantation is on the Right.

Depart for the Charleston Visitor's Center.

12:00 PM

Arrive at the Charleston Visitor's Center
375 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403
(800) 774-0006

Approx. 12:30 PM

Enjoy Lunch on your own at one of the nearby restaurants. Visitor information and restrooms are located inside.

***Group Note:** Please meet the Motorcoach in the "Bus Shed" (where you exited) promptly at 2:25 PM for your Guided Tour.

***Driver Note:** If you don't have one already, please pick up your pre-paid parking permit at the Tourism Management Office inside the Visitor's Center.

***Directions:** Turn Right on Route 171/Folly Rd. Blvd. Take Route 171 North to US-17 and turn Right. Take US-17 North and continue on Cannon St. to King St. and turn Right. Turn Left on Ann St. Turn Right on Meeting St. Turn Right on John St. Turn Right into the Bus Shed (Green Sign). After the group has exited the bus and the driver has the permit the driver should turn Right on Ann St. and cross Meeting St. for bus parking along Ann St. or circle the block.

Your Guided Tour of Charleston begins.
Guide's Phone # (800) 553-2055

2:30 PM

***Driver Note:** The Motorcoach must be parked inside the "Bus Shed" where your Tour Guide will be waiting.

Arrive at the Joseph Manigault House
360 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 722-2996
Enjoy a self-guided tour of this Historic Home.

Approx. 3:00 PM

***Group Note:** The Manigault House is not ADA compliant. If any passenger opts not to enter the home, their ticket can be used at the Charleston Museum directly across the street. The ticket can only be used at one attraction. Please return to the Motorcoach by 3:40 PM.

Resume your Guided Tour of Charleston.

3:45 PM

Your Guided Tour of Charleston ends.

5:00 PM

***Driver Note:** At this time, please return your Tour Guide to the Visitor's Center.

Depart for Dinner at your hotel.

5:15 PM

Enjoy Dinner at the Harborview Restaurant
(Located on the Rooftop Terrace of your hotel)
(843) 556-7100
Enjoy a pre-paid Dinner Buffet overlooking the Ashley River Harbor.

Approx. 5:45 PM

***Directions:** From the bus barn, turn Right onto Ann St. Turn Left onto Meeting St. Take Meeting St. North to Spring St. and turn Left. Take Spring St. West to US-17. Take US-17 South across the T. Allen Legare Bridge to the hotel immediately on the Left.

Dinner ends.

7:15 PM

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel.

Approx. 8:00 AM

Depart for City Market.

9:15 AM

Arrive at Charleston's Historic City Market
188 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29405
Enjoy free time and Lunch on your own in the "Cultural Heart of Charleston since 1804."

Approx. 9:45 AM

***Note:** The Market is one block ahead on the Left.

***Note:** Please meet the Motorcoach where you exited (in front of Hyman's on Meeting Street) promptly by 12:55PM.

***Directions:** From the back entrance of the hotel, turn Left onto US-17 North . Take US-17 North over the T. Allen Legare Bridge to the Exit for Lockwood Dr. Take Lockwood Dr. South to the first light. Turn Left onto Calhoun St. Take Calhoun St. East to Meeting St. and turn Right. Take Meeting St. South to 213 Meeting St. (near Hyman's) on the Right. Drop the Group off near the sign that reads "Tour Bus Stop".

***Driver Note:** After the passengers unload, please proceed to a designated Motorcoach parking spot along Concord Street or elsewhere (refer to your map of Historic Charleston).

Depart for the Angel Oak Tree.

1:00 PM

Arrive at the Angel Oak Tree
3688 Angel Oak Rd.
Johns Island, SC 29455
(843) 559-3496

Approx. 1:30 PM

Enjoy a quick photo-op at one of the oldest living trees in the Country. Dating at 400-500 years old, the Angel Oak stands at over 60 ft. tall.

***Note:** Due to inclement weather and Covid-19 Park hours are subject to sudden and unannounced changes.

***Directions:** Continue North on Bay St. approx. 1/2 mile to Calhoun St. Turn Left onto Calhoun St. Take Calhoun St. West approx. 1.5 miles to the Lockwood Dr. Exit. Take Lockwood Dr. North to US-17 Southbound and turn Left. Take US-17 South to the Folly Beach Exit and merge Left. Turn Right onto Route 700. Take Route 700 West approx. 6.5 miles to Bohicket Rd. and turn Left (sign for Kiawah Island). Take Bohicket Rd. South approx. 1/2 mile to Angel Oak Rd. (sign for Angel Oak Tree) and turn Right. The park is on the Right.

***Driver Note:** Please allow the passengers to disembark the motorcoach on the outside of the fence. Please do not attempt to drive into the park. You may park the motorcoach on the side of the road outside of the park.

***Note:** During inclement weather, the park may close without advanced notice.

Depart for the Charleston Tea Garden.

2:00 PM

Arrive at the Charleston Tea Garden
6617 Maybank Highway
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487
(843) 559-0383

Approx. 2:15 PM

Enjoy a self-guided Tour of the Factory and Guided Trolley Tour of the Plantation. Afterwards, enjoy free time in the gift shop and tea bar.

***Directions:** Turn Left onto Route 700/Maybank Hwy. Take Maybank Hwy. West approx. 10 miles to the entrance on the Left (approx. 1/2 mile past the Little Rock Baptist Church).

Depart for your hotel.
Enjoy time to relax and freshen up before Dinner.

4:00 PM

Depart for Dinner.

6:15 PM

Arrive at O'Charley's Restaurant
2126 Henry Tecklenburg Dr.
Charleston, SC 29414
(843) 763-9568
Enjoy a prepaid Dinner.

Approx. 6:45 PM

***Group Leader Note:** Please review your pre-order menu and call the restaurant with the selections at least 24 hours prior to your arrival.

***Directions:** Turn Left onto US-17 South. Take US-17 South to I-526. Take I-526 East to Exit #11B, Paul Cantrell Blvd. Take Paul Cantrell Blvd. North to Magwood Dr. and turn Left. The restaurant is on the Right.

Depart for your hotel.

8:15 PM

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel.

Approx. 8:00 AM

Depart for Middleton Place.

9:30 AM

Arrive at Middleton Place
4300 Ashley River Road
Charleston, SC 29414
(843) 556-6020

Approx. 10:15 AM

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the oldest landscaped Gardens in America. Admission includes entry to the formal gardens and historic animal breeds in the plantation stable yards.

***Note:** Admission for the "House Museum Tour" can be purchased on site or online for an additional cost pending availability.

***Directions:** From the back entrance of the hotel, turn Left onto US-17 South. Take the Exit for Route 61 on the Right. Take Route 61/Ashley River Rd. North approximately 13.4 miles to Middleton Place Rd. and turn Right. Mortorcoach Parking is available behind the Garden Market and Nursery.

Depart for SpiritLine Cruises.
Enjoy Lunch on your own en route.

12:15 PM

*Note: The Inn at Middleton Place is open daily for Lunch. Reservations are recommended but not required. Citadel Mall is located at 2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. & has a Food Court that is open for Lunch if your Group would like to eat there.

*Directions to Citadel Mall: Turn Left onto Route 61. Take Route 61 South approx. 9 miles to Tobias Gadson Blvd. and turn Right. Take Tobias Gadson Blvd. South and continue onto Orleans Rd. to the Mall on the Right.

*Driver Note: Please allow passengers to exit the Motorcoach at the Food Court entrance to the Left of Target.

Arrive at SpiritLine Cruises
40 Patriots Point Rd.
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 722-2628
Boarding Begins - 2:45 PM
Boat Sails - 3:00 PM

Approx. 2:30 PM

*Directions: Turn Left onto Route 61. Take Route 61/Ashley River Rd. South to Bee's Ferry Rd. and turn Right. Take Bee's Ferry Rd. South to Glenn McConnell Pkwy. and turn Left. Take Glenn McConnell Pkwy. East to I-526. Take I-526 East to I-26. Take I-26 East to South Carolina Exit #220, US-17. Take US-17 North toward Mount Pleasant over the Arthur Ravenal Bridge. Follow signs toward Coleman Blvd./Route 703 and bear Right. Take Coleman Blvd. East to Patriots Point Rd. and turn Right. The parking lot is ahead on the Right.

Enjoy a narrated Harbor Cruise.
Relax and take in the sights with up-close views of the USS Yorktown and Fort Sumter.

3:00 PM

Your Harbor Cruise ends.

4:30 PM

Depart for Dinner.

4:45 PM

Arrive at Page's Okra Grill
302 Coleman Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 881-3333 Manager- (843) 606-0127
Enjoy a prepaid Dinner.

Approx. 5:15 PM

*Group Leader Note: Please review your pre-order menu and call (email or text) the Manager with the selections at least 24 hours prior to your arrival.

*Directions: Turn Left onto Patriots Point Rd. Take Patriots Point Rd. North to Coleman Blvd. and turn Right. Take Coleman Blvd. East to Mill St. and turn Left. Turn Right onto Lucas St. Take Lucas St. South to the restaurant on the Right.

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Depart for your hotel.

6:45 PM
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Friday, September 6, 2024

Please have luggage ready for pick up in your room by:

7:15 AM
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Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel.

Approx. 7:30 AM
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Depart for Columbia, SC.

8:30 AM
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Arrive at the South Carolina State Museum
301 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-4999

Approx. 10:30 AM

Enjoy a Self-Guided Tour of the Museum. After visiting the Museum, enjoy free time and Lunch on your own in the historic entertainment district along Gervais St. Shopping and local eateries, including Mellow Mushroom, Jason's Deli, and Panera Bread are located on Gervais and Lincoln St.

***Group Leader Note:** For more information and area maps, please stop by the Visitors Center at 1120 Lincoln St. (next to Longhorn Steakhouse) or call (803) 545-0002.

***Directions:** From the front entrance of the hotel, turn Left onto US-17 North. Take US-17/Septima Clark Pkwy. North over the T Allen Legare Bridge to I-26. Take I-26 West to I-126. Take I-126 East to the Huger Street Exit. Go 4 traffic lights to Gervais St and turn Right. The museum entrance is 1/2 block ahead on the Right just before the bridge. The drop off and pick up area is on the West side of the complex near the parking garage. Bus parking is available adjacent to Huger Street.

Depart for Knoxville, TN.
Enjoy Dinner on your own en route.

1:30 PM

Arrive at the Best Western Cedar Bluff Knoxville
420 N. Peters Road
Knoxville, TN 37922
(865) 539-0058

Approx. 7:30 PM

***Note:** This is a 100% Smoke Free Hotel

***Directions:** Turn Right onto Gervais St. Take Gervais St. (US-1) South to I-26. Take I-26 West to I-40. Take I-40 West to Exit #378 A-B, Cedar Bluff Road. Bear Left for #378A, Cedar Bluff Rd S. At the end of the off ramp turn Left onto Cedar Bluff Rd. Take Cedar Bluff Road South to N. Peters Rd. and turn Right. Take N. Peters Rd West approximately 3/4 mile to the hotel on the Right.

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at your hotel.

Approx. 8:00 AM

Depart for Home.
Enjoy Lunch and Dinner on your own and rest stops as needed en route.

8:30 AM

*Note: Please remember to set your watches BACK one hour as you enter a new time zone.

Arrive at Wildwood Family YMCA
2641 Highway 109
Wildwood, MO 63040

Approx. 7:45 PM

*Directions: Take I-40 West to I-24. Take I-24 West to I-57. Take I-57 North to I-64. Take I-64 West to I-44. Take I-44 West to Exit #264, Route 109 and turn Right. Take Route 109 North to the YMCA on the Left.

**YOUR ENTIRE TEAM AT DIAMOND TOURS HOPES YOU ENJOYED YOUR TRIP.
PLEASE TRAVEL WITH US AGAIN!**