On the Cover

The Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma is a distinctly original one-of-a-kind aviation museum that traces the lineage of the Beechcraft legacy. This 60,000 square foot facility currently houses more than 35 aircraft, in addition to many original historical artifacts and treasures.

There’s More Online

For sample group itineraries, visit industry.tnvacation.com/travel-trade. To learn more about Tennessee attractions and destinations, visit TNVacation.com.
On Aug. 18, 1920 the Tennessee General Assembly passed the ratification for the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving the amendment the 36th – and final – state necessary for ratification. On the day of the historic vote, Rep. Harry T. Burn surprised everyone when he voted “yes” for suffrage. He placed the tie-breaking vote after receiving a letter from his mother encouraging him to “Hurray and vote for suffrage... Be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the ‘rat’ in ratification.” By doing so, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment and women gained the right to vote nationwide.

Author Alex Haley, who spent his youth in Henning, won a Pulitzer Prize for his 1976 novel “Roots.” Visit his boyhood home, the Alex Haley Museum and Interpretive Center, the first state-owned historic site devoted to an African-American in Tennessee.

Greeneville tailor Andrew Johnson held elective office at the local, state and federal levels that included alderman, mayor, state representative, state senator, governor, U.S. congressman, U.S. senator, vice president and president. He never attended school or had a formal education.

Casey Jones was a famous railroad conductor who gave his life to stop his train and saved the lives of his passengers. He was immortalized in the popular “Ballad of Casey Jones” sung by his friend Wallace Saunders, an African-American engine wiper, and has a museum dedicated to him in Jackson, Tennessee.

Clarksville’s Wilma Rudolph was the first American woman to win three gold medals at one Olympics (1960). As a child, she suffered from polio and wore leg braces. You can see Rudolph’s relay baton at the Customs House Museum & Cultural Center in Clarksville.

The Goo Goo Cluster, the world’s first combination candy bar, was invented in Nashville in 1912 by Howell Campbell and Porter Moore. Check out the Goo Goo Shop and Dessert Bar on 3rd Avenue in Downtown Nashville.

The original MGM lion, named Slat but referred to as Volney by zoo staff, lived at the Memphis Zoo. Check out animal exhibits at the Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville zoos.

Famous explorer Meriwether Lewis died under mysterious circumstances at Grinder’s Tavern along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee. Visit the National Monument honoring Lewis that symbolizes a young life cut short along the Natchez Trace near Hohenwald.

Miniature golf was invented in the late 1920s atop Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga by Garnet Carter, who built the Tom Thumb course at the Fairyland Inn. Among those who came to putter around were Babe Ruth and Bobby Jones. Carter’s wife, Frieda, developed what is now known as Rock City Gardens.
LOOK WHAT’S NEW!  
GET TO KNOW TENNESSEE’S EXCITING NEW ATTRACTIONS

Skybridge ▲
Gatlinburg SkyLift Park, an area staple since 1954, has added SkyBridge, the longest pedestrian suspension bridge in North America, measuring nearly 700 feet in length and spanning the valley between ridges on Crockett Mountain.

Ahoy Matey!
Watch pirates battle on deck, in the air and on their full-sized pirate ships in an indoor lagoon at Dolly Parton’s Pirates Voyage in Pigeon Forge. Spectacular acrobatic competitions and original music entertain while guests enjoy a four-course pirate feast.
It's New, Too

Coming soon, just opened or recently renovated:

**I-40 Solar Farm Information and Welcome Center**
The welcome center and solar farm in Stanton greets visitors traveling on I-40. An interactive exhibit, designed by the University of Tennessee, highlights the state's advancements in renewable energy.

**Nashville Zoo**
The Nashville Zoo has welcomed four Juliana pigs to Critter Encounters. These pigs will stay in Critter Encounters so guests can interact with them and will also be trained to take leashed-walks throughout the Zoo. Juliana pigs’ intelligence and easy-going temperament allows the public to interact with a pig.

**Beyond the Lens**
Explore the best of pop culture with interactive games, photo ops and intriguing exhibits at Beyond the Lens in Pigeon Forge.

**Tennessee Aquarium**
The “Island Life” exhibit in Chattanooga takes guests on an island hopping tour around the world to meet incredible creatures like Flashlight Fish, which use their bacteria-infused, light-up cheeks to attract prey.

**Hiwassee River Heritage Center**
Through interpretive panels and displays, the heritage center introduces the stories of early settlers of Charleston, the Cherokee and their forced removal on the Trail of Tears, the Civil War and the eventual destruction of the area. Discover these important stories and more at the interpretive center, designated by the National Park Service as a certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

**Soaky Mountain Waterpark**
The nearly $90 million waterpark in Sevierville will span 50 acres when it opens in summer 2020. Soaky Mountain will feature a first-of-its-kind water coaster, a 35,000-foot wave pool, a kids play-and-spray area and other attractions.

**National Museum of African American Music**
Opening in Nashville in summer 2020, the National Museum of African American Music will offer a variety of musical programs that illuminate the rich legacy African Americans have in creating the American Soundtrack. It will be the only museum dedicated to educating, preserving and celebrating more than 50 music genres and styles, from B.B. King to Beyoncé, that were created or inspired by African Americans.

**Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote**
In a temporary exhibition that will span 8,000 square feet, the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville will explore why women wanted the right to vote, how they obtained it, and the key roles Tennesseans played in the national movement. Opening in March 2020, it will run past the 100th anniversary of the vote in August 2020 until March 2021. The exhibition will be made up of artifacts, interactive and immersive displays, graphic imagery and multi-media, complemented by ample programming at the Museum.

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**Motor Museum ▼**

**Edge Motor Museum** in Memphis has opened American Speed, an exhibit featuring sports cars from “post war thru 1974”. Tours highlight significant cultural, political, technological and economic events from the same era. All cars on display are in their original state.

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**Betsy the Giant Anteater**
The **Chattanooga Zoo** has opened a Giant Anteater exhibit, bringing a new species to town. Three Komodo dragons hatched at the Chattanooga Zoo in Aug. 2019. Once the hatchlings have reached the appropriate age and size, they will be placed in the Forest of the World exhibit building. The Zoo has also begun Phase I of the African Expansion, which includes a guest-friendly giraffe barn with an indoor day yard and a 4,000-square-foot outdoor giraffe lawn.
Put It in Writing ▲

Visitors to the **Sequoyah Birthplace Museum** in Vonore learn about the life of Sequoyah, who was a soldier, silversmith, statesman and creator of the Cherokee writing system. At the center of the story is Sequoyah’s single-minded concentration on solving the mystery of the “talking leaves.” He spent years in near-isolation, facing down social derision and tribal suspicion and enduring family rebellion, yet believing that he could create a written language for the Cherokee.

▲ Utopia in Tennessee

Named after Thomas Hughes’ alma mater in England, Rugby was originally conceived as a class-free, agricultural community for younger sons of English gentry and others wishing to start a new life in America. At its peak in the mid-1880s, some 300 people lived in the colony. Today, **Rugby** is both a living community and a public historic site offering visitors a museum, historic building tours, lodging, shopping and a full-service restaurant. Open March through mid-December.

▲ Down on the Farm

Visit **Storytellers Museum & Hideaway Farm**, the place that Johnny Cash owned for over 30 years, in Bon Aqua. Watch rare video footage of the property and learn about its rich history and importance to Johnny Cash, followed by a live music performance. Browse memorabilia from Johnny Cash, Minnie Pearl and others, as well as a car collection including the one-of-a-kind “One Piece at a Time” car.
A Riverboat Town  
Be taken back to an earlier time as you stroll through the T. B. Sutton General Store in Historic Granville. Listen to the Sutton Ole Time Music Hour, a bluegrass concert held every Saturday night, while enjoying a full southern meal. Take time to stop by the Sutton Homestead & Pioneer Village, as well as the Granville Museum and Transportation Museum.

History at Home  
The **Alex Haley Museum and Interpretive Center** in Henning is located in the house where author Alex Haley lived with his grandparents. The front porch was often the place where oral accounts of family history, including stories of Kunta Kinte, the young Mandingo man captured near his West African home, were shared. These stories inspired Haley to write about his ancestry in a book called “Roots: The Saga of An American Family.” At the center, visitors can view memorabilia, family artifacts and Haley’s final resting place.

The World-Famous Sheriff  
Visit the **Buford Pusser Home and Museum** in Adamsville to learn more about the man whose story is told through the “Walking Tall” movies. The home contains original furnishings and memorabilia of the Pusser family. Travel to Selmer to see where this legend worked, at the **McNairy County Courthouse Jail Experience Center**. Buford Pusser jailed over 7,500 criminals during his term as Sheriff.

Famous Scopes Monkey Trial  
In 1925, a single event placed Dayton on the world map—the Scopes Trial. The Butler Act, a then-newly passed Tennessee law, made teaching evolution in public schools illegal. The Scopes Trial resulted from an intentional violation of the Butler Act by Mr. John T. Scopes, a teacher at Rhea Central High School. The interactive **Rhea County Heritage and Scopes Trial Museum** tells the story of what was once referred to nationally as the “trial of the century.”
The State Pen
Historic Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary in Petros officially opened in 1896 in the aftermath of the Coal Creek War and began operations as a convict-lease prison. Through the years, the penitentiary became a maximum security prison housing criminals such as James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassin, before closing in 2009. Today, groups can tour the facility guided by former prison guards. During the tour, groups will watch an 18-minute documentary and explore the penitentiary; groups can also enjoy lunch at the Warden’s Table and taste moonshine distilled on-site.

Crime Museum
Alcatraz East Crime Museum in Pigeon Forge offers visitors an in-depth look at American crime history. Five immersive galleries burrow deep into the studies of criminal intent and profiles, the penal system, victims, crime prevention, forensic science, law enforcement and the Judiciary Branch of the U.S. government.

Homes of Presidents
Listen for lessons in the historic homes across Tennessee. Visit the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site and National Cemetery in Greeneville, which includes his homestead and tailor shop, and learn about his struggle to unite a nation. On his journey to the Executive Mansion, this self-taught man held nearly every political office available - without attending school. Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage in Nashville reveals the fearlessness of the seventh president. To learn more about the 11th president, tour the James K. Polk Home and Museum in Columbia.
The Blue and The Gray

The spirits of the wounded permeate battle sites, telling stories of the Civil War that tore the U.S. apart. **Carnton**, a private home-turned-field hospital, provided land for the Confederate cemetery after the Battle of Franklin. Carnton witnessed the casualties of 14 Confederate generals and sits adjacent to **Eastern Flank Battlefield Park**. Learn about one of the Civil War’s costly struggles at **Shiloh National Military Park** in Shiloh, where cannons blast at living history demonstrations. Trace the movements of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga campaigns from the vantage of **Point Park** in Chattanooga to better understand those important battles. Three other sites you won’t want to miss are **Fort Defiance** in Clarksville, **Fort Donelson National Battlefield** in Dover and **Stones River National Battlefield** in Murfreesboro.
Landmarks of the Past

Learn the history of Tennessee’s Native Americans when visiting Shiloh Indian Mounds near Savannah, Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park near Jackson or Red Clay State Historic Park in Cleveland. Wynnewood State Historic Site in Castalian Springs is the largest log structure in Tennessee and used to be a stagecoach inn. The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail runs across the state of Tennessee, carving a tragic story of the removal of Cherokee Indians from their ancestral homelands. Those Native Americans are honored at Cherokee Removal Memorial Park in Birchwood, which includes a memorial wall, scenic overlook and visitor’s center.

Additional places to see living history in action:

- Carnton
  Franklin
- Carter House
  Franklin
- David Crockett Birthplace State Park
  Limestone
- Fort Loudoun State Historic Park
  Vonore
- Historic Mansker’s Station
  Goodlettsville
- Historic Travellers Rest
  Plantation & Museum
  Nashville
- James White Fort
  Knoxville
- Rocky Mount State Historic Site
  Piney Flats

Story of Appalachia

The Museum of Appalachia, a Smithsonian-Affiliate living history museum in Clinton, tells the stories of the area through the buildings and artifacts left behind. Roam 65 acres that include a recreated Appalachian community. The museum houses collections of folk art, musical instruments, baskets, quilts and Native American artifacts. Be sure to save time for the restaurant, which specializes in Southern Appalachian country cooking, and the gift shop featuring locally-made products.

Village Life

Cannonsburgh, the original name for Murfreesboro, welcomes visitors to a southern-style village, circa 1800-1925. The village includes displays of early American trades, museums, period homes, a large collection of tractors and farm implements, a visitor center and time-period gifts. Take a self-guided tour of this beautiful and historically-accurate village.
Important places in Tennessee’s racial equality story:

More Group-Friendly Civil Rights Sites

- Alex Haley Museum and Interpretive Center
  Henning
- Beck Cultural Exchange Center
  Knoxville
- Bessie Smith Cultural Center
  Chattanooga
- Dunbar Carver Museum
  Brownsville
- McLemore House Museum
  Franklin
- Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum
  Memphis
- Woolworth on 5th
  in downtown Nashville is now a restored restaurant and live music venue that pays homage to the early days of the Civil Rights Movement. In 1960, it was the site of peaceful sit-ins by African-American students who challenged Woolworth and other stores that had segregated lunch counters. While the sit-ins were peaceful, the reactions of some were not. This was the site of civil rights hero John Lewis’ first arrest in his lifelong fight for equality.

Story of a Movement

The National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis is the site where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968. Established in 1991, the museum preserved the balcony where King was shot and the room in which he stayed, and offers state-of-the-art educational exhibits, multimedia presentations and comprehensive collections that take visitors through five centuries of history.

Green McAdoo Cultural Center

One morning in August 1956, a dozen courageous, young African-American students quietly entered the front door of the all-white Clinton High School, making it the first desegregated public high school in the South. The Green McAdoo Cultural Center, on the site of the old segregated school in Clinton, tells the story of the Clinton 12. A re-created 1950s classroom allows you to experience the students’ lives during the Jim Crow era.
**Music to Your Ears and Eyes**

A host of musical history is on view at museums across the state, including Nashville’s **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**, the world’s largest repository of country music artifacts. Learn about the history and legends of the **Grand Ole Opry** with a backstage tour and then experience the show.

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**Stories of Songs**

The **Birthplace of Country Music Museum** in Bristol honors the 1927 Bristol Sessions, which were, according to Johnny Cash, “the single-most important event in the history of country music.” Don’t miss the **Songbirds Guitar Museum** in Chattanooga, which boasts an instrument collection valued at more than $200 million.

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**Soul Music’s Legacy**

The **Stax Museum of American Soul Music** in Memphis is the world’s only museum dedicated to preserving and promoting the legacy of American soul music. Located on the original site of the Stax Records studio, the Stax Museum pays tribute to the artists who recorded there and other American soul legends.
**On Stage**

Join in the fun at some of the state’s best music festivals.

- **Big Ears Festival**
  Knoxville, March

- **Rhythm ‘N’ Blooms**
  Knoxville, April

- **Beale Street Music Festival**
  Memphis, May

- **Exit 56 Blues Fest**
  Brownsville, May

- **Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival**
  Manchester, June

- **CMA Music Festival**
  Nashville, June

- **Riverbend Festival**
  Chattanooga, June

- **Fire on the Water Festival**
  Gallatin, August

- **AMERICANAFEST**
  Nashville, September

- **Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion**
  Bristol, September

- **Cooper-Young Festival**
  Memphis, September

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**Rock Legends**

The **Tina Turner Museum at Flagg Grove School**, located at the West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center in Brownsville, includes memorabilia from superstar Tina Turner and her final tour. The **Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum** tells of musical pioneers and legends from all backgrounds who overcame obstacles to create a musical sound that changed the world.

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**Music of Jackson**

The **Legends of Tennessee Music Museum at the Carnegie** in Jackson honors the pioneers who played in honkytonks of Jackson with a rich mixture of country music, blues and moonshine and created the setting for the first rock music ever heard. It was written and played in Jackson, before it was recorded in Memphis. The museum also tells about world-famous brands Hard Rock Café and House of Blues and their West Tennessee connection.


**STUDENT PERFORMANCE VENUES**

### EAST

**Bristol**
- Birthplace of Country Music Museum
- Bristol Motor Speedway
- Paramount Center for the Arts

**Carter County**
- Bonnie Kate Theater
- Covered Bridge Park
- Milligan College

**Chattanooga**
- Creative Discovery Museum
- Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- Chattanooga Zoo
- Glenn Miller Formal Gardens at the Chattanooga Choo Choo
- Hamilton Place Mall Stage
- Lake Winnepesaukah Amusement Park Stage
- Miller Park Stage at City Center
- Northshore’s Coolidge Park
- Ross’s Landing Plaza at the Tennessee Aquarium
- Ruby Falls Cave Room
- Southern Belle Riverboat
- Tennessee Aquarium

**Cleveland**
- Bradley County Courthouse Plaza
- Cleveland State Community College Theater
- First Street Square
- Greenway Park
- Lee University

**Elizabethton**
- Bonnie Kate Theater
- Covered Bridge Park
- Milligan College

**Gatlinburg**
- Anakeesta
- Ober Gatlinburg
- Ole Red Gatlinburg
- Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies

**Greeneville**
- Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium
- Capitol Theatre
- Catalyst Coffee Company
- Niswonger Performing Arts Center
- Walters State Community College

**Jonesborough**
- Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center
- International Storytelling Center
- McKinney Center for the Arts

**Knoxville**
- Bijou Theatre
- Knoxville Civic Auditorium & Coliseum
- Knoxville Convention Center
- Market Square
- Tennessee Theatre
- University of Tennessee West Town Mall
- World’s Fair Park Amphitheater

**Lenoir City**
- The Venue at Lenoir City
- War Memorial

**Loudon**
- Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Center & Amphitheater
- The Lyric Theatre

**Monteagle**
- DuBose Conference Center

**Pigeon Forge**
- Alcatraz East Crime Museum
- Country Tonite Theatre
- Dolly Parton’s Pirates Voyage
- Dolly Parton’s Stampede
- Dollywood
- Foxfire Mountain Adventure Park
- Hard Rock Café
- Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Feud
- Smoky Mountain Opry
- The Island in Pigeon Forge
- Titanic Museum Attraction
- WonderWorks

**Sevierville**
- Historic Downtown Sevierville
- NASCAR SpeedPark
- Smokies Stadium
- Tanger Outlets

**Sweetwater**
- Main Street Gazebo
- Duck Park Stage

**Tellico Plains**
- Downtown Gazebo

**Vonore**
- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

### MIDDLE

**Baxter**
- Baxter Depot

**Cookeville**
- Cookeville Performing Arts Center
- Dogwood Park
- Leslie Town Centre
- Tennessee Tech University

**Eagleville**
- Lucky Ladd Farms

**Goodlettsville**
- Historic Mansker’s Station
- RiverGate Mall Stage

**Hendersonville**
- Center Stage Plaza at the Streets of Indian Lake
Lebanon
Capitol Theatre
Cumberland University
Fiddlers Grove Historic Village

Livingston
Central Park

Manchester
Manchester Arts Center
Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center
Rotary Park Amphitheater

Monterey
Whitaker Park

Murfreesboro
Barfield Crescent Park
Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center
Cannonsburgh Village Center for the Arts
Civic Plaza
Discovery Center at Murfree Spring
Fountains at Gateway
Gateway Island and Trail
McFadden Community Center
Middle Tennessee State University
Oaklands Mansion
Old Fort Park
Patterson Park
Sports*Com
St. Clair Street Senior Center
Stones River National Battlefield

The Avenue
The Grove at Williamson Place

Nashville
Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage
Belle Meade Plantation
Chaffin’s Barn Dinner Theatre
Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
General Jackson Showboat
Grand Ole Opry
Nashville Shores
Nashville Sounds
Nashville Visitor Information Center
Nashville Zoo
Opry Mills
Ryman Auditorium
Schmermerson Symphony Center
Tennessee State Museum

Smyrna
Carpe Artista
Historic Sam Davis Home and Plantation

Winchester
City Park Stage
Downtown Stage
The Livery

Counce
Pickwick Landing State Park

Hohenwald
The Strand Theatre
Wilhelm Tell Platz Bandstand

Jackson
Brooks Shaw’s Old Country Store
Jackson’s AMP at the West Tennessee Farmers’ Market
Jackson Downtown Development Corporation’s Fox Lot
Jackson State Community College
Lane College
Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center
Southern Legends of Music at the Carnegie Union University
University of Memphis at Lambuth

Memphis
America’s Incredible Pizza
AutoZone Park
Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid
Beale Street Landing
Cannon Center for the Performing Arts
FedEx Forum

Graceland
Halloran Centre for Performing Arts & Education
Handy Park
Hattiloo Theatre
Hard Rock Café
Levitt Shell
Memphis River Parks
Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum
Memphis Zoo
National Civil Rights Museum
Overton Square
Pink Palace Museum
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Stax Museum of American Soul Music
The Guest House at Graceland
University of Memphis

Savannah
Historic Savannah Theatre
Savannah Farmers Market

Shiloh
Shiloh National Military Park

Union City
Discovery Park of America
Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to visit us today and learn more about Bush Brothers & Company. Our menu features a number of our famous BUSH’S BEST products.

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Thank you.

Jim Ethier
Chairman Emeritus
Bush Brothers & Company

Southern Cooking

Enjoy the tasty home cooking of Bush’s Family Cafe at Bush’s Visitor Center, just outside of Dandridge. Save room for dessert because the pinto bean pie is a must. Try to discover the “Secret Family Recipe” during a video tour of the manufacturing plant, then walk through 110 years of history in Bush’s Family Museum.

Family-Style

Dine on authentic Southern dishes served family-style at Miss Mary Bobo’s Boarding House Restaurant in Lynchburg. Hosts share stories about the restaurant, the historic characters of Lynchburg and tales about the Jack Daniel Distillery down the road. Every dish on Miss Bobo’s menu—from fried okra and collard greens, to baked whiskey apples—is homemade and heartfelt.
**Music and a Meal**

**Lafayette’s Music Room** is in Memphis’ revitalized Overton Square neighborhood. It offers a variety of Southern-inspired dishes like po-boys, shrimp and grits and wood-fired pizzas, along with made-from-scratch desserts like Grannie’s Chocolate Chess Pie. Groups can enjoy live music seven nights a week.

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**Fresh-made Pizza**

At **Rock’n Dough Pizza and Brewery** in Jackson and Memphis, the food philosophy is “fresh and local,” which means the dough and sauce are made daily. Cheese is shredded and meat is smoked on-site as well. Other ingredients are sourced from local farms and local companies whenever possible.
Hungry for More

Tasty food festivals:

**West Tennessee Strawberry Festival**
Humboldt, May

**World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest**
Memphis, May

**RC-MoonPie Festival**
Bell Buckle, June

**Southern Fried & Sweet Tea Festival**
McKenzie, August

**Tomato Art Fest**
Nashville, August

**Bloomin’ Barbeque & Bluegrass**
Sevierville, May

**Music City Food & Wine Festival**
Nashville, September

**Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue**
Lynchburg, October

**National Banana Pudding Festival**
Centerville, September

**Unicoi County Apple Festival**
Erwin, October

**Grains & Grits Festival**
Townsend, November

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**Tomato Festival**

Grainger County is famous for growing some of the best tomatoes in the country, and every year people come together in the summer for the **Grainger County Tomato Festival** in Rutledge to celebrate the area’s beloved fruit, as well as the artists, craftsmen and musicians who call this place home.

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**Catfish Fry**

Eat your weight in catfish at the **World’s Biggest Fish Fry**, held annually in Paris in April, where more than 12,500 pounds of catfish is fried up and served with sides. Enjoy the grand parade, carnival, rodeos and even catfish races all week.

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Thousands flock to South Pittsburg in April to taste some of the best cornbread creations at the **National Cornbread Festival**. Mosey down Cornbread Alley and sample various cornbread recipes. Play games, ride carnival rides, enjoy live music and shop arts and crafts from area vendors.
Cultural Celebrations

Dollywood’s month-long performance series, Festival of Nations, presents culinary delights and costumed exotic entertainment in celebration of international cultures each spring. Travel the globe through captivating onstage performances before sampling delicious international cuisine right in Pigeon Forge.

Native History

Approximately 20,000 Native Americans call Tennessee home, which is why the Native American Indian Association continuously prioritizes public education and shares these precious cultures through festivals such as October’s Indian Education Powwow and Fall Festival at Long Hunter State Park in Hermitage. Jefferson City hosts the annual Spirit of Nations Powwow every August. Both events feature traditional native foods, interactive storytelling, Native American relics, clothing and crafts. Red Clay State Historic Park in Cleveland also stages Native American events each year.

International Folkfest

During an educational and enlightening week of original sounds, International Folkfest, held annually in June in Murfreesboro, aggregates the best of historical and present-day folk, in both music and dance. The citywide celebration welcomes the community and visitors of all ages by presenting synchronized dance and song in schools, libraries, courthouses, and parks.
A Thousand Spotlights

Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville is one of the 10 largest theaters in rural America and attracts over 100,000 visitors annually. The Playhouse has long been recognized for its commitment to the highest standards of artistic excellence in all elements of the nearly 500 performances and 1,600 classes in theatre, music and dance held annually.

DownHome Pickin’

Situated in a small-town music store, Grandpa’s Opry is a delight for all who visit Westmoreland. Enjoy a live performance of country and down-home pickin’ music as local talent takes the stage of Grandpa’s and the audience is captivated. It’s a true testament to the musical roots of Tennessee.

Channel the Flannel

Watch world champion lumberjacks compete in many events, including axe throwing, speed climbing and log rolling at Paula Deen’s Lumberjack Feud Show in Pigeon Forge. Enjoy the show any time of year from the comfort of the outdoor, climate-controlled grandstand.
Discover what makes Tennessee Whiskey stand out from the crowd while touring George Dickel Distillery in Tullahoma, Jack Daniel Distillery in Lynchburg or one of the many other distilleries across the state. Don't forget the ‘shine! Stop by “The Holler” in downtown Gatlinburg for a taste of Ole Smoky Moonshine. Groups can also enjoy Ole Smoky locations in Nashville and Pigeon Forge.

More Sips
Taste the craftsmanship of these group-friendly distilleries:

- Chattanooga Whiskey
- Experimental Distillery
- Full Throttle S’loonshine Distillery
- Leiper’s Fork Distillery
- Nelson’s Green Brier Distillery
- Old Dominick Distillery
- Old Forge Distillery
- Old Glory Distilling Co.
- Samuel T. Bryant Distillery
- Sevier Distilling Co.
- Sugarlands Distilling Company
- Thunder Road Distillery

CHECK OUT THE TENNESSEE WHISKEY TRAIL AT WWW.TNWHISKEYTRAIL.COM
**Atomic Age**

The **American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE)** tells the story of America undertaking the atomic age. The technical marvels that came from Oak Ridge and the Manhattan Project during WWII changed history. AMSE’s exhibits highlight the historic roots that led to today’s smartphone technology, 3D printing, national security and supercomputing, not to mention life-saving cancer treatments.

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**Natural History ▼**

A rare 38-foot T-Rex welcomes guests to an interactive, dynamic museum called the **Earth Experience, the Middle Tennessee Museum of Natural History** in Murfreesboro. See a working paleontology laboratory and observe real dinosaur bones being cleaned and repaired.

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**Out of This World**

Have an up-close-and-personal encounter with an asteroid at **Discovery Park of America** in Union City in the Science Space & Technology Gallery. Take time to check out the Energy Gallery, as well as STEM Landing, which allows guests to explore the different ways that science, technology, engineering and mathematics help shape today’s world.
Where the Buffalo Roam ▲

Shelby Farms Park in Memphis is one of the largest urban parks in the United States. The park offers various outdoor activities and guided tours with programs that can be customized to accommodate all abilities. Topics range from buffalo to food systems to ecosystems and many more.

▲ Secret City

Oak Ridge was an instrumental part of developing the atomic bomb during WWII. Known as the “Secret City,” Oak Ridge was not on any maps. Today, it is one of three sites that make up Manhattan Project National Historical Park. U.S. citizens can take a guided bus tour of secret WWII sites from March to November.

More STEM Tours

Additional learning opportunities.

- Adventure Science Center
  Nashville
- Bay’s Mountain Park & Planetarium
  Kingsport
- Beechcraft Heritage Museum
  Tullahoma
- Gray Fossil Site and Museum
  Gray
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
  Gatlinburg
- International Towing and Recovery Museum
  Chattanooga
- Lane Motor Museum
  Nashville
- Nissan Factory Tour
  Smyrna
- TechTown
  Chattanooga
- Tennessee Museum of Aviation
  Sevierville
And Then There Was a Lake ▼

Reelfoot Lake State Park in Tiptonville is one of Tennessee’s only natural lakes. It was created by earthquakes in 1811-1812 when the Mississippi River flowed backward. Today Reelfoot Lake is a flooded cypress tree forest, allowing for a unique variety of sights and experiences. Enjoy a diverse selection of tours year-round, including boat tours of the lake during the summer months or bald eagle bus tours during January and February.

▼ Works of Wonder

Featuring over 100 hands-on exhibits, WonderWorks in Pigeon Forge provides a unique setting for students to learn about physical sciences, including earth science, physics and astronomy. Design and ride a roller-coaster, analyze fingerprint ridge patterns and feel hurricane force winds. Materials for teachers, including lesson plans, are available upon request.

△ More Than A Flower

Take a wildflower hike through cedar glades (open, grassy and rocky areas with thin soil that are found primarily in three counties in Middle Tennessee) at Long Hunter State Park in Hermitage. A botany-expert ranger serves as a guide through the glades full of blooms from March to October and points out rare plants that are found nowhere else on earth. Other locations with botany experts include Warrior’s Path State Park in Kingsport, Fall Creek Falls State Park in Sparta and Edgar Evins State Park in Silver Point.
Adrenaline-Inducing Adventures
The excitement never stops:

- Anakeesta | Gatlinburg
- ArborTrek Canopy Adventures | Spencer
- Crave Golf Club | Pigeon Forge
- Foxfire Mountain Adventure Park | Sevierville
- Goats on the Roof Coaster | Pigeon Forge
- High Point Climbing and Fitness | Chattanooga & Memphis
- Navitat | Knoxville
- Ober Gatlinburg | Gatlinburg
- Ocoee Zip | Benton
- Off the Grid Mountain Adventures | Elizabethton
- Outdoor Gravity Park | Pigeon Forge
- Paula Deen’s Lumberjack Adventure Park | Pigeon Forge
- Sevi Air | Sevierville
- Soar Adventure Tower | Franklin
- Topgolf | Nashville
- TopJump Trampoline Park and Extreme Arena | Pigeon Forge
- The Great Smoky Mountain Wheel at the Island | Pigeon Forge
- Treetop Adventure Park at Nashville Shores | Hermitage

Olympic Waves
The Ocoee River in Tennessee served as a venue for the whitewater events of the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympic Games and has become a highlight for those with an adventurous heart. Several outfitters are available to assist groups on a guided experience not easily forgotten. White water rafting is also available on the Pigeon and Nolichucky rivers.

Visit Dolly Parton’s theme park, Dollywood, for thrilling rides like the FireChaser Express, the nation’s first dual-launch family coaster; the wooden coaster Thunderhead; and Wild Eagle, the U.S.’s first wing coaster. The park also features award-winning shows and tasty treats.

Snow 365
Pigeon Forge Snow is the first indoor snow tubing facility in the U.S. and hosts a year-round winter wonderland.

Need for Speed
Experience the thrill of speed at the world’s fastest half-mile. Dubbed “The Last Great Colosseum,” Bristol Motor Speedway hosts two NASCAR race weekends each year. Track tours are available all year.
Above and Below

More places to explore:

Appalachian Caverns
Bristol

Bristol Caverns
Bristol

Cumberland Caverns
Sevierville

Forbidden Caverns
McMinnville

Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Gatlinburg

Incline Railway
Chattanooga

Point Park
Chattanooga

Ruby Falls
Chattanooga

The Caverns
Pelham

Tuckaleechee Caverns
Townsend

A New Perspective ▼

Take a ride 28 stories to the top of The Pyramid to enjoy views of Memphis and the Mississippi River on two outdoor glass observation decks.

▼ Head in the Clouds

The Sunsphere, in Knoxville, is a 266-foot high, gold-colored glass sphere that served as the symbol of the 1982 World’s Fair. It offers a 360-degree view of downtown Knoxville, the Tennessee River, the University of Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Cave of Wonders

With 8,500 caves to explore, caving in Tennessee is an unbeatable adventure. Ride a glass-bottom boat at The Lost Sea in Sweetwater, home to the largest underground lake in the country.
△ Animals at the Arboretum

In Chattanooga, visitors can fully appreciate the diversity of the region’s landscapes by exploring meadows, glades, forests and even a bamboo patch, all within a stone’s throw of one another at Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center. View more than 50 native animals, including the world’s most endangered member of the dog family, the red wolf. Other features include sensory gardens, historic structures and education opportunities.

Creative Space ▼

The Frist Art Museum in Nashville offers ever-changing, world-class exhibitions that can be experienced through docent-guided or self-guided tours. Groups can also enjoy a tour of the Frist Art Museum’s historic 1934 art deco building, constructed in 1934 as the city’s central post office.

Frolick through Flowers ▲

The University of Tennessee Gardens, Jackson is home to display gardens that showcase new plants, as well as time-tested classics, peppered with eclectic garden art. The grounds are open daily from sunrise to sunset and admission and tours are free.

Beauty Everywhere

Iconic art and gorgeous gardens:

- Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park
  Nashville
- Cheekwood Estate & Gardens
  Nashville
- Dixon Gallery & Gardens
  Memphis
- Falcon Rest Mansion & Gardens
  McMinnville
- Gaylord Opryland Resort
  Nashville
- Hunter Museum of American Art
  Chattanooga
- Ijams Nature Center
  Knoxville
- Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum
  Knoxville
- Memphis Botanic Garden
  Memphis
- Memphis Brooks Museum of Art
  Memphis
- Metal Museum
  Memphis
- University of Tennessee Gardens
  Crossville & Knoxville
- West Tennessee Regional Art Center
  Humboldt
Agricultural Additions

Check out these critters and crops:

- Lucky Ladd Farms
  - Eagleville

- MacGregor Stables
  - Murfreesboro

- Mayfield Dairy Farms
  - Athens

- Middle Tennessee State University Dairy Farm
  - Murfreesboro

- Myers Farm
  - Bulls Gap

- Tennessee Agricultural Museum
  - Nashville

- The Cotton Museum
  - Memphis

Pick-Your-Own Fun

Agricenter International, a 1,000-acre farm in Memphis, is a non-profit dedicated to advancing the knowledge and understanding of agriculture. Enjoy seasonal tourism offerings including strawberry picking, fishing lakes, sunflowers, a corn maze and a farmers market. Specialty Ag tours are offered if booked in advance.

Don’t be Stubborn

Reese Brothers Mule Farm in Gallatin is the largest mule supplier in the nation. There are more than 100 mules on the farm at any time. Group tours include a demonstration of how a pack mule carries supplies, as well as the opportunity to interact with the mules.

Tennessee’s Green Thumb

Through displays of equipment, photos, paintings and an array of historical artifacts, the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum in Milan offers visitors a journey through time and the rich cultural heritage of agriculture and agrarian life in West Tennessee. Admission is free and guided tours are available.
Under the Sea ▶
Dive into two worlds of wonder and excitement at the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga. Come face-to-face with enormous Arapaima giant catfish, alligators, lemurs and butterflies. Discover dazzling reef fish, mysterious Flashlight Fish, and terrestrial creatures like the colorful Panther Chameleon in the new Island Life gallery.

Go Wild
Roar, soar and explore:
- Chattanooga Zoo
- Memphis Zoo
- Nashville Zoo at Grassmere
- Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies
- The Peabody
- Zoo Knoxville

▲ Polly Want A Cracker?
At Parrot Mountain and Gardens in Pigeon Forge, meander down landscaped, paved pathways lined with tropical birds on open perches to uniquely designed parrot house cottages. Enter the secret garden to see toucans, a silvery-cheeked hornbill, magpies and more flying freely. Hand feed birds and visit the nursery, where guests can pet the babies and see them at all stages of development.

Meet the Herd ▶
At Tennessee Safari Park in Alamo, visitors have the opportunity to pet and feed over 80 species of animals. This drive-through zoo is known for its friendly and enthusiastic exotic animals, including giraffes, zebras, bison and tapirs. Enjoy a safari ride on a modified bus, guided by an experienced staff member and get even closer to the critters!
Each holiday season, **Bristol Motor Speedway** turns into **Speedway in Lights**. Visitors enjoy more than 2 million holiday lights over a 4-mile driving route throughout Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway. The route ends with a lap on the track and a Christmas village in the infield. Proceeds benefit local children’s charities.

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Join young Clara as she takes audiences on a journey through a spectacular dreamland with her magical nutcracker, given to her by her Uncle Drosselmeyer. Weaving the awe-inspiring wonder of the classic tale with the city’s glittering past, Nashville’s Nutcracker is a beloved holiday tradition guaranteed to delight both the young and young-at-heart.

Group Friendly Events

Amy Grant & Vince Gill, Christmas at the Ryman | Nashville
Christmas in the Park | Cookeville
Dickens of a Christmas | Franklin
Gaylord Opryland’s A Country Christmas and ICE! | Nashville
Holiday LIGHTS at Cheekwood | Nashville
The Dancing Lights of Christmas | Lebanon

Check out the Let it Glow Christmas Light Show at Discovery Park of America in Union City this holiday season. Drive through thousands of dazzling lights while listening to a custom radio station. On select days, visitors can walk through a portion of the lights while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies.

Group Friendly Events

Christmas at Graceland | Memphis
Christmas on Main | Savannah
Shadrack’s Christmas Wonderland | Jackson
Starry Nights at Shelby Farms Park | Memphis