

# Tennessee Choo Choo Express

*A nostalgic trip back in time aboard eight historic trains that beckon with their plaintive whistle calls.*

**Day 1:** We'll get acquainted today as we board passengers en-route to Kansas and our first train ride. The Belton Grandview and Kansas City Railroad is a short-line



passenger railroad with a 1950's diesel locomotive. Enjoy dinner (included!) and a 5-mile ride around historic Belton, MO. Overnight Merriam, KS.

**Day 2:** Today will be a full day of travel as we travel east through St. Louis. We will stop by the Arch for a photo opportunity before heading to our overnight destination of Paducah, KY.

**Day 3:** We're up and at 'em this morning headed for Tennessee. We will stop at "The Hermitage" - Home of President Andrew Jackson. Here, costumed interpreters will guide you through the mansion viewing many of the Jackson family's personal belongings and portraits. Next stop, the Chattanooga Choo Choo hotel! Famous in both



history and song, the hotel is a magnificently restored structure that brought back the hustle and bustle to the Terminal Station, so familiar to the old railroad days. Tonight we enjoy a touch of the old south with a wonderful dinner and "Granddaddy's Watch," a moving production based on actual events of the Civil War. Overnight Chattanooga, TN.

**Day 4:** This morning starts off with a short trip to Grand Junction to board the Tennessee Valley Railroad for a trip through the Chickamouga Turn. We will have a short



layover in Chickamouga, GA,

where you can wander through the antique stores and grab a bite to eat before the trip back. Once back at the station, we head over to Ruby Falls, a 145' underground waterfall. Overnight Chattanooga, TN.



**Day 5:** Today begins with a short trip back to Lookout Mountain where we can

meander through the gardens and take the incline tour. Afterwards, we depart for Etowah and the Hiawasee River Gorge train.



The train will travel alongside the Hiawasee River, one of the most scenic rivers in the American South, providing

breathtaking views of the Hiawasee River Gorge, the surrounding mountains and forest. At the famous Hiwassee Loop, the track actually passes over itself during a corkscrew climb up the mountain near Farmer, TN. Overnight Chattanooga, TN.

**Day 6:** This morning finds us headed for Georgia and the Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad. This scenic 4-hour trip winds along the Toccoa River with a stop in Copperhill for lunch and shopping. Overnight Bryson City, NC.

**Day 7:** Our railway excursion continues today with a 4-hour trip on board the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad. Once back in Bryson City, we depart for Knoxville and a trip of a different kind! The Knoxville Dinner Cruise features



great country music and a good ol' fashioned BBQ buffet. Overnight Powell, TN.

**Day 8:** The Big South Fork Scenic Rail is our

destination this morning for a 3.5-hour journey. Overnight Lexington, KY.

**Day 9:** We take the short drive to Versailles, KY, and a ride on the Versailles Bluegrass Railroad & Museum. After our trip, we depart for our overnight in Champaign, IL.



**Day 10:** Our travel today takes us to the Boone Scenic Railroad in Boone, IA, for a fabulous dinner train. Overnight Ankeny, IA

**Day 11:** Our train hopping days are drawing to a

close, and we head for home this morning with fond memories of another great Prairie Coach tour!



September 8-18

2010

11 days - 10 nights

## Tour Highlights:

- ◆ Belton Grandview & KC Railroad w/dinner
- ◆ St Louis Arch
- ◆ "The Hermitage"
- ◆ Buttonwillow Dinner Theater
- ◆ Chickamauga Turn
- ◆ Ruby Falls
- ◆ Hiwasee River Gorge Train
- ◆ Rock Garden & Lookout Mtn
- ◆ Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad
- ◆ Great Smoky Mountain Railroad
- ◆ Louisville Dinner Cruise
- ◆ Big South Fork Scenic Rail
- ◆ Versailles Bluegrass Railroad & Museum
- ◆ Boone Scenic Railroad



## Includes:

- ◆ Motorcoach Transportation
- ◆ Luggage Handling
- ◆ 10 nights lodging
- ◆ 3 Dinners
- ◆ Admittance to listed attractions/ events and train rides
- ◆ Prairie Coach Tour Guide
- ◆ Continental breakfasts (upon availability)
- ◆ Prairie Coach Travel Guarantee

**\$1,789** per person\*  
based on double occupancy.  
Single—add \$525

**Deposit—\$250 per person**



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