



## Crooked Road Music Trail Eastern Loop

# Songs of The Shenandoah & Bluegrass from The Blue Ridge

5 Nights / 6 Days

### **Day One - Distillery Tasting & Tour and Live Local Bluegrass**

Enjoy a **Taste Tour** of **Dueling Barrels Brewery and Distillery** where handcrafted beverages are a toast to the proud spirit of the mountains and the passionate people who shape the region. Stories that move mountains live here, including the legendary Hatfields and McCoys feud, the dawn of Bluegrass music and starry nights spent making moonshine along the Tug Fork stream. Dueling Barrels invites you to explore this rich history and culture through the lens of brewing and distilling. Check-in to your hotel and enjoy **dinner included** in the Ballroom on the top floor with local, live **Bluegrass/Country music**. (Meals: D)

### **Day Two - Loretta Lynn Birthplace, Hatfield & McCoy Tour, and Ralph Stanley Museum**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart with **GUIDE** and visit the birthplace of **Loretta Lynn, Butcher Holler**. Nestled between two fog-shrouded mountains up a "holler" just two miles southeast of the coal mining camp of Van Lear, the region that inspired country music star Loretta Lynn to write some of her most famous songs, most notably "Coal Miner's Daughter." Depart with a **Coal Miner's Sack Lunch**. Continue on to your **Hatfield and McCoy Tour**. Pike County is home to most of the significant Hatfield and McCoy feud sites. Visit **Big Sandy Heritage-History Center Museum**, which portrays the history and culture of Eastern Kentucky. It has the largest collection of Hatfield and McCoy Feud and Big Sandy Valley Civil War artifacts. Visit the **Ralph Stanley Museum**, a monument to Dr. Ralph Edmond Stanley, an American bluegrass artist, known for his distinctive singing and banjo playing. Check-in to your hotel for the evening featuring historic gems, local artisans in all mediums, and abundant outdoor recreation. Enjoy **dinner included**. (Meals: B, D)

### **Day Three - Big Stone Gap, June Toliver House, & Live Local Bluegrass**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to departing for **Big Stone Gap**. Meet your **GUIDE** and tour the **Harry Meador Coal Museum**. Coal is to Big Stone Gap and the entire Appalachian region what automobiles are to Detroit, corn is to Kansas and oil is to Texas. Learn about the filming of the movie, "**Big Stone Gap**" featuring Ashley Judd, Patrick Wilson, and Whoopi Goldberg as you drive by the home of the book's author and director of the film, **Adriana Trigiani**. Visit the National Historic Landmark, the **Southwest Virginia Museum**, a 1890s Victorian stone mansion with original oak interior. The museum's collection includes more than 25,000 pieces and state of the art exhibits telling the story of the exploration and development of Southwest Virginia from the pioneer era of the 1700s to the mining "boom and bust" era of the late 1800s. Enjoy **lunch included** at the **John Fox Jr. Museum**. The museum was the home of John Fox, Jr., a famous mountain author of many novels and short stories. Most well-known are "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come". Visit the **June Tolliver House and gift shop**. The first floor of the house displays antiques dating back from the turn of the century. Throughout its rooms are paintings donated by local artists, the majority of which are actors/actresses who, over the past 45 years, have held a starring role in the Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama. Depart for your hotel, rest, and refresh before **dinner included**. This evening, visit the **Historic Lays Hardware Center for the Arts for Live Local Bluegrass!** The Crooked Road comes to Coeburn every Friday night at the Historic Lays Building in downtown. Local groups entertain and provide music to "shake a leg" to on the dance floor, as well as Flat Foot Dancing. (Meals: B, L, D)



### Day Four - Natural Tunnel State Park & Birthplace of Country Music Museum

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Travel the **Daniel Boone Trail** to the **Natural Tunnel State Park**. One of the nation's most historic routes, the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail was blazed by the legendary frontiersman in 1775 from Long Island of the Holston at what is now Kingsport, TN, through the Cumberland Gap of Virginia and into Kentucky. Stop at the **Wilderness Road Blockhouse**, an important landmark for frontier travelers and served as the gathering place for hundreds of pioneers traveling the Wilderness Road to Kentucky between 1775 and 1800. Stop at the popular **Gate City Family Bakery** for a special treat with coffee or tea. Enjoy **lunch included** with a homemade cupcake or cookie! Arrive for a tour at the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, tells the story of the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings by the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, Ernest V. Stoneman, and others. The museum explores how this rich musical heritage lives on in today's music, and how music from this region continues to influence music around the world. Check-in to your hotel for the evening and enjoy **dinner included**. (Meals: B, L, D)

### Day Five - Abingdon Tour, White's Mill, and Heartwood

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel. Depart for **Abingdon**. Nestled in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, in an area of unparalleled natural beauty that is rich in tradition. You can stroll shaded, brick sidewalks and savor the ambiance of the oldest town west of the Blue Ridge Mountains; or explore a 20-block Historic District filled with outstanding examples of Federal and Victorian architecture. Meet your **GUIDE** and tour **White's Mill**, a historic grist mill dating to the mid-1800s. You will be greeted by a **banjo player** and **storyteller**. While enjoying local music you will receive a **moon pie, RC cola, and local peanuts**. Tour the **Abingdon Olive Oil Company**, a tasting gallery and shop featuring over 68 varieties of Olive Oils & Balsamic Vinegars. Meet your **GUIDE** at **Heartwood (The Southwest Virginia Cultural Center)** and enjoy a tour of

Abingdon. **Heartwood** is tucked into Virginia's ancient mountains and home to music, crafts, and food of the **Crooked Road**. Shop crafts by local artisans, juried to be the best of the best, and the most complete collection of Crooked Road old time, bluegrass, and gospel music. Get a personal welcome to Southwest Virginia's heritage, craft, music, outdoor recreation, and scenic beauty. Enjoy **lunch included** while visiting. Depart for a **Bristol Motor Speedway Tour**. Your afternoon highlight is when you do a lap on the high-banked track known as "The World's Fastest Half-Mile!" You'll also see Pit Road and the Bristol Dragway known as "Thunder Valley." Enjoy **dinner included** where chicken wings and many spicy sauces star on the American menu at this casual, automotive-themed restaurant. Arrive at the remote community of **Hiltons, VA** for a special show at the **Carter Family Fold**, a rustic and eclectic theater with festival seating. Visit the restored **cabin**, built in the mid-1800s, where A.P. Carter was born, along with his seven brothers and sisters. It was originally located in Little Valley, which runs parallel to Poor Valley, and had no public access. Enjoy the show prior to returning to hotel. (Meals: B, L, D)

### Day Six - Patsy Cline Hometown & Depart

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Arrive in historic **Winchester, VA** and enjoy **lunch included** at the **George Washington Wyndham Hotel**. The pristine beauty of the Shenandoah Valley has truly met its match. With marble floors, soaring ceiling heights, and the original front desk, this deco stunner still has all the appeal and ambiance of a wonderful bygone era. Completed in 1924, the George Washington offers old-world charm. A **Patsy Cline tribute singer** will entertain you during lunch. Visit **Patsy Cline's Historic House**, take a tour of **Patsy Cline's hometown** where she began her radio career at Winchester Radio Station WINC in 1946 at age 14. Patsy resided here from 1948-53, longer than at any other house associated with her in the Winchester and Nashville areas, and she returned to it intermittently until her singing career began in 1957. Continue home. (Meals: B, L)

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