



TOUR ITINERARY

United States / Tennessee

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## Blackberry Farm 4-Day Bike Tour

A Luxurious Weekend in Tennessee's Smoky Mountains

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Unpack once and enjoy total pampering with three nights at the incredible Blackberry Farm, a Relais & Châteaux property rated the South's Best Resort by *Southern Living*
- Meet our friend Alex at his historic family farm outside of Knoxville for a farm-fresh lunch and learn about his inspiring sustainability practices
- Eat your fill of Blackberry Farm's inspired cuisine, with a guided tasting at the onsite garden and several meals at their award-winning restaurant
- Hear the stories of longtime locals who bring Appalachia to life—like the owners of a storied general store and the caretakers of an historic country church



## ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

### Arrival Details

- ➔ **Airport City:** Knoxville, Tennessee
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:** The Oliver Hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:** 9:00 am

### Departure Details

- ➔ **Airport City:** Knoxville, Tennessee
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:** McGhee Tyson Airport
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:** 3:00 pm

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

### Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or [emergency@duvine.com](mailto:emergency@duvine.com).

### Travelers Take Note

If your arrival airport is Knoxville, note that taxis are not always available. We recommend contacting your Knoxville hotel to arrange a transfer in advance.

Please note that for dress code requirements, gentlemen must wear a jacket when dining at Blackberry Farm.

For the hikes on this tour, we strongly recommend bringing hiking boots or trail shoes with good traction (not running shoes or sneakers). Moisture-wicking clothing or daypacks are also recommended, but not required.

### Tour By Day

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#### Welcome to Blackberry Farm

Meet your guides in Knoxville for a quick transfer to the starting point for our ride into the Smoky Mountains, bound for Blackberry Farm. On our arrival, we're treated to a lunch crafted from the Farm's homegrown vegetables and locally foraged ingredients—sustainably harvested foods are the building blocks of Blackberry Farm's celebrated Foothills Cuisine. Tour the farmstead after lunch, settle into the Relais & Châteaux resort around which our trip is centered, and round out the day with welcome cocktails in the Farm's creekside pavilion. This evening's dinner at The Dogwood is an exercise in elegance, invoking a sense of Southern hospitality.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Knoxville, Delaplane, Markham, Walland

**Accomplished:** 18 miles / 30 km, elevation gain: 1,267 feet / 386 meters

**Longer Option:** 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 2,132 feet / 650 meters

**Accommodations:** [Blackberry Farm](#)

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#### Exploring the Smokies

Enjoy breakfast in the peace of the mountain surrounds, then hop on the bike and head into the valley. As we ride through the foothills, the names of the towns are a reminder of the Cherokee people who once called this land home, but were forced to leave along the Trail of Tears. At a local museum and general store, we'll get to know the owners and have a quick bite over some local lore. Ride back to Blackberry Farm for a full lunch spread, then spend the afternoon however you like: perhaps at the property's sumptuous spa or sipping farm ales brewed by Blackberry Farm Brewery. Just before dinner, we'll regroup for a tasting tour of the Farm's gardens—a sneak preview of the ingredients that will make a starring appearance on tonight's dinner plates.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Walland, Melrose

**Accomplished:** 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 2,063 feet / 629 meters

**Shorter Option:** 25 miles / 41 km, elevation gain: 1,548 feet / 472 meters

**Accommodations:** [Blackberry Farm](#)

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### Around the Mountain

Today's ride is a knockout that takes us around the entire mountain range north of Blackberry Farm. We'll follow a narrow ribbon of pavement beside a babbling mountain stream, cruising past farmlands and pastures. Pop into a country store to refuel before looping around the far end of the mountains. Stop by a picture-perfect white clapboard church for a bit of local history, then transfer back to the hotel if you're beat—or complete the loop and revel in an epic day of riding. Our final dinner is a fond farewell to the exquisite culinary creations that Blackberry Farm has coined "Foothills Cuisine."

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations:** Waldens Creek, Yellow Spring Hollow, Dupont

**Accomplished:** 36 miles / 60 km, elevation gain: 2,538 feet / 774 meters

**Longer Option:** 47 miles / 76 km, elevation gain: 3,342 feet / 1,019 meters

**Accommodations:** [Blackberry Farm](#)

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### Townsend and Tuckaleechee

There's time this morning for one more ride along the banks of the Little River to Townsend. Stop for a coffee or step into a shop to pick up some homemade treats. Finish with a little push up to the mountain meadows of Tuckaleechee before heading back to Blackberry Farm. After one last lunch, we'll say our farewells and take you back to Knoxville.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch

**Destinations:** Townsend, Tuckaleechee

**Accomplished:** 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,496 feet / 456 meters

**Longer Option:** 32 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 2,027 feet / 618 meters

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