



TOUR ITINERARY



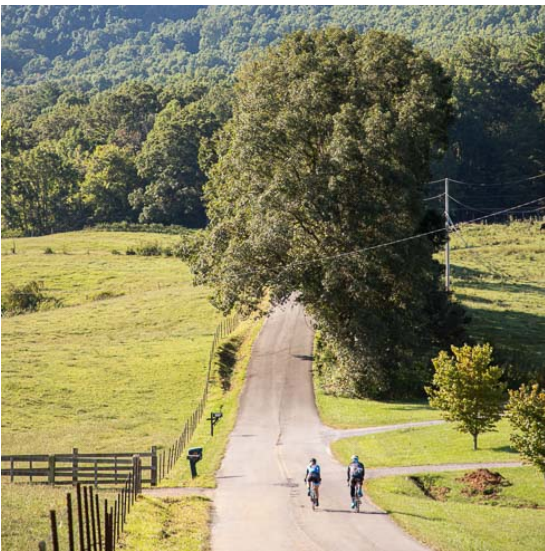
United States / Tennessee

Blackberry Farm 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 craftsman who sculpts traditional Appalachian dulcimers



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Knoxville, Tennessee
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
The Oliver Hotel in Knoxville, Tennessee
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
9:30 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, within reason and in accordance with the pick-up and drop-off recommendations. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the recommended departure or arrival time or location, 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.

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.

COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

For the latest travel restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic—including quarantine requirements—please review [Tennessee's travel guidelines](#).

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Tour By Day

DAY
1

Welcome to Blackberry Farm

Meet your guides in Knoxville this morning. A quick transfer takes us to our friend Alex's farm in the rolling hills east of the city. Here, we'll get fitted to our bikes and begin riding through Jefferson County's verdant farmland. Bike along the banks of the Holston River, then loop back to Alex's farm for a homegrown lunch. After, transfer into the Smoky Mountains and arrive at Blackberry Farm, the Relais & Châteaux resort that will be the center of our trip. Kick things off with a welcome cocktail, then enjoy dinner at Blackberry Farm's rugged-yet-refined restaurant.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Knoxville, Strawberry Plains, Walland

Accomplished: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 1,309 feet / 399 meters

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

Accommodations: [Blackberry Farm](#) or [Blackberry Mountain](#)

DAY
2

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

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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, then cruise on traffic-free roads past farmlands and pastures. Pop into a country store to refuel before looping around the far end of the mountains. We'll share a picnic lunch in the most perfect rural setting, 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](#) or [Blackberry Mountain](#)

DAY
4

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 dulcimer shop to learn about this instrument's deep roots in the musical traditions of the Great Smoky Mountains—Dolly Parton famously plays it. 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
