



**“A Touch of Class by SignaTours”
Virginia’s Crooked Road . . .
July 31 - August 3, 2020**

Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail is an adventure that stretches 333 miles through Southwest Virginia and takes you through some of the most scenic areas of the United States. This is the road that travels “Where America’s Music Was Born . . . And Lives On!” Here you will find the roots of American music, roots that run deep and wide. This region is home to the World’s Capital of Old Time Mountain Music and the Birthplace of Country Music. Come and experience authentic music that has been preserved by the region’s musicians for generations. Join us as we explore the Crooked Road!

Friday - July 31st: (Continental Breakfast/Dinner)

Richmond - Floyd, Virginia

Morning departures begin a fabulous four day tour along “Virginia’s Crooked Road.” A stop will be made for a **Continental Breakfast** this morning. Stops will also be made throughout the tour for the necessary rest, meal and comfort breaks. Midday lunch is on your own. Destination this afternoon is . . . **Floyd, Virginia**, where your overnight accommodations at the **Hotel Floyd** are steps away from the **Floyd County Shops and General Store**. Your boutique designed hotel features local art and themed rooms with all the amenities of an urban hotel. Following check-in and a chance to freshen up, board your motorcoach for a short drive into the country where reservations have been made for a **“Down Home Family Style Dinner”** at a unique country inn. First class hospitality and family tradition, combined with delicious country cooking, make for a fabulous start for the evening! After “supper,” take to the streets for the **“Friday Night Jamboree.”** Visit the **Floyd Country Store** . . . more than a music venue, it’s a traditional gathering place for musicians, dancers and visitors from all over the world. Experience authentic Southwest Virginia old-time and bluegrass traditions as the streets come alive with music! Dozens of shops become a souvenir hunter’s paradise. Your hotel is very close to **Main Street**, allowing you easy access to the evening’s festivities. Enjoy a peaceful night’s sleep after a busy and exciting day.

Saturday - August 1st: (Continental Breakfast/Dinner)

Music, Music, Music

An **Enhanced Continental Breakfast** is followed by check-out and departure for **Abingdon**, known for its artsy vibe, historic charm and voted one of the **“Coolest Small Towns in America.”** A local guide provides a windshield tour featuring the major points of interest in town prior to lunch (on your own) at one of the popular restaurants. Enjoy an incredible afternoon of entertainment at the **Barter Theatre**, one of the longest running professional theaters in the nation. In 1933, when the country was in the middle of the Great Depression, most patrons were not able to pay the full ticket price. Robert Porterfield, founder of the theatre, offered admittance by letting the local people pay with food goods, hence the name “Barter.” The original ticket price for a play was 40 cents, or the equivalent in goods. In 1946, the **Barter Theatre** was designated the **State Theatre of Virginia**. **Performance to be announced early summer!**

After a delicious **Dinner**, it is **On The Road Again . . . to Hiltons, Virginia** for the **Carter Family Fold Annual Festival!** This family-oriented event provides entertainment lasting through the evening. **“Sweet Mountain Music”** fills the air with the sounds of the best old-time country, folk and bluegrass music around. Carter Family members . . . **A.P., Sara, and Maybelle**, first recorded in nearby Bristol in 1927 and went on to record over 300 songs, laying the foundation for what we know today as country music. This rustic music theater in the hills is pure **“Mountain Music Magic.”** Put on your dancing shoes and hit the floor as you listen and possibly clog, flat-foot or buck dance to traditional string music at its **“Toe-Tappin Best!”** Browse thru the museum, the house and mountain craftsmen booths while breathing in the refreshing clear mountain air. After a fun-filled evening of music, board your motorcoach and travel to **Bristol, VA** for a two night stay at the **Courtyard by Marriott Bristol**.

Sunday - August 2nd: (Buffet Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Cabins, Country & Creation

A delicious **Buffet Breakfast** starts your day and is followed by departure for **Norton, Virginia** and **Country Cabin II**, another major Crooked Road venue. It is the oldest mountain music cultural site currently operating along the Crooked Road. A fun time for everyone as you meet the locals, have a mini jam session and even a bit of country dancing to keep you in the swing.

♥ **Traveling Miles of Musical Smiles along the Crooked Road** ♥

A delicious **Box Lunch** accompanies you as travel takes you to **Clintwood, Virginia** and the **Ralph Stanley Museum & Traditional Mountain Music Center**. Mr. Stanley played a unique role in presenting and preserving the traditional music of the Southwest Virginia mountains. The museum contains a variety of exhibits and displays highlighting the roots of the surrounding area as well as his influence on the musical careers of many other famous artists. Tour complete, return to **Bristol, Virginia** for a visit to the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Presented thru text, artifacts, multiple theater experiences, and interactive displays – along with a variety of educational programs – the exciting story of these recording sessions and their far-reaching influence comes alive. Rotating exhibitions from guest curators and other institutions, including the Smithsonian are available. The museum houses a research collection including an extensive digital archive, telling the story of the 1927 Bristol Sessions recordings by the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, Ernest V. Stoneman, and others – recordings that were influential in shaping the sounds and practices of early commercial country music. The museum explores how this rich musical heritage lives on in today's music, and how music from our region continues to influence music around the world. **Dinner** precedes a special evening planned just for you. **Tim White**, well-known musician, recording artist and TV personality, is bringing his band . . . **Tim White & The VW Boys** to provide an evening of county and bluegrass music! Another swinging evening of food, fun and frivolity!

Monday - August 3rd: (Buffet Breakfast)

History, Music, and More!

Prior to check-out and departure for one last day on the *Crooked Road*, enjoy an eye-opening **Buffet Breakfast**. Afterwards, board your motorcoach and meet "**Tim White**," who joins you again this morning as host and guide for an entertaining "**Windshield Riding Tour**" of *Bristol*. Learn about *Bristol's* place in the history books and how it's packed with entertaining facts to include one of its very own past residents - *Tennessee Ernie Ford*! Bid a temporary farewell to Tim at the conclusion of this morning's tour and depart for a visit to **Southwest Virginia Cultural Center and Marketplace**. It's the perfect place to find local artisans hard at work mastering their unique crafts and artwork. Lunch today is midday and on your own. Next stop of the day is the historic **Lincoln Theater in Marion, Virginia**. The Lincoln Theatre is home to the television show . . . "**Song of the Mountains**." It's also boasts a wonderful theatre where you are rejoined by your guide *Tim*, who may just have a little entertainment of his own up his sleeve! Touring now complete, bid farewell to Tim as you depart for home. Enjoy the fellowship of family and newly made friends as you travel east towards Richmond and the Hampton Roads area.

Per Person Deposit/Payment Policy:

\$250.00 Holds Your Reservation
Balance in full by June 24, 2020

Price Per Person:

Single:	\$1299	Credit
Double:	\$1175	\$1225
Triple/Quad:	\$1075	\$1120

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Departure Locations & Times:

Location . . .	Departs:	Return:
N. Military Target	6:00 AM	9:15 PM
Hampton Sentara	6:45 AM	8:30 PM
Embassy Suites	8:15 AM	7:00 PM

Your Crooked Road Tour Includes:

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| ♪ Round-Trip Motor Coach Transportation | ♪ Baggage Handling (1 large bag per person) | ♪ Three Nights Hotel Accommodations |
| ♪ Floyd County Shops and General Store | ♪ Floyd's Friday Night Jamboree | ♪ Riding Tour of Abington |
| ♪ Barter Theater Performance | ♪ Carter Family Fold Festival | ♪ Country Cabin II |
| ♪ Ralph Stanley Museum & Music Center | ♪ Birthplace of Country Music Museum | ♪ Tim White & the VW Boys |
| ♪ Riding Tour of Bristol | ♪ Heartwood - SW Virginia's Artisan Ctr. | ♪ Tour of Lincoln Theater |
| ♪ Two Continental Breakfasts | ♪ Two Buffet Breakfasts | ♪ One Lunch |
| ♪ One Boxed Lunch | ♪ Three Dinners | ♪ Professional SignaTours Escort |
| ♪ Refreshments on Board Motor Coach | ♪ Tax & Gratuity on Hotels & Inclusions | ♪ Escort, Driver and Guide Gratuities |

Crooked Road Accommodations:

Hotel Floyd	Courtyard by Marriott Bristol
300 Rick Lewis Way	3169 Linden Drive
Floyd, VA	Bristol, VA
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Cancellation Insurance: Insurance is available at an additional cost due to strict non-refundable nature of many components of this tour. We strongly suggest insurance to protect your investment. If purchased within 14 (fourteen) days of your original deposit, pre-existing conditions may be waived. Insurance Information will be sent with booking confirmation.

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