



## The Eclectic Travel Destination: Pigeon Forge

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As a small town in Tennessee settled over 200 years ago, Pigeon Forge has grown to be a very popular travel and resort destination on the road from Knoxville to Gatlinburg. The combination of Old Southern history and traditions and the contemporary theme parks, shopping, resorts and hotels makes this a very special vacation gem nestled in the base of the Great Smoky Mountains. In the 1700's, the area of Pigeon Forge was a hunting ground for the Cherokee and other Native American tribes. The Scots and Irish settled this area in 1788, as it reminded them of their homeland's highlands with the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains. And, how did the area get the name of Pigeon Forge? From two distinctly different activities: In 1820 Isaac Love founded his iron forge for which the town gets half of its name. The other half of the name comes from the great number of now extinct passenger pigeons living here. In 1841, the first post office was built and the area was christened Pigeon Forge.

Pigeon Forge really became one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Southeast with the construction of *Dollywood*® in 1986. Named after Dolly Parton, one of its owners, this unique theme park spans 125 acres, providing exciting family adventure and entertainment. Experience the award-winning wooden roller coaster The Thunderhead™, the wildest ride in the woods. Or enjoy the live entertainment showcases providing the best in country, bluegrass, mountain and gospel music. Master craftsmen demonstrate centuries-old crafts including glass blowing, blacksmithing and wood carving. Family attractions and kiddie rides abound. And, enjoy the South's four largest festivals: *Festival of Nations*, *KidsFest*™, *National Harvest & Music Celebration* and *Smoky Mountain Christmas*. Other exciting attractions include the Southern Gospel Museum and Hall of Fame, The *Black Bear Jamboree Dinner Show*®, *Dixie Stampede*®, The Comedy Barn and Flyaway Indoor Skydiving.

The area offers great shopping, hotels, vacation resorts and restaurants from The Old Mill, a rustic shopping and historic destination, Belz Mall, Five Oaks Mall, Governor's Crossing and Walden's Landing with home-made crafts, great discounts and shopping for all.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park provides visitors with the perfect escape to nature. These ancient mountains provide visitors with a wide range of activities such as hiking, biking, horse back riding and camping. No matter what visitors choose to explore, the park's unique flora and fauna and its Southern Appalachian heritage will captivate any audience.

Join the over 11 million visitors each year to enjoy the unique offerings and the natural beauty of Pigeon Forge. Rooms101.com has the best Pigeon Forge Vacation Packages, Discounts and Cabin Deals anywhere. Go to <http://rooms101.com> now to explore the endless vacation possibilities you can experience in Pigeon Forge or call 1-877-428-4552 to speak with a travel coordinator.