

Planning An Eventful Vacation

(NAPSA)—When selecting your next vacation destination, consider making your choice based on special events taking place during your visit.

For example, at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee you'll find a series of events for every season.

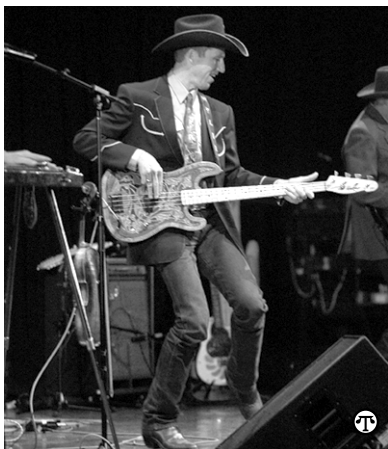
If you travel during spring break, you may care to check out Springfest in Pigeon Forge. Quilters and crafters can enjoy A Mountain Quiltfest in March. In addition to an expansive quilt show, this event features classes and seminars for all levels of expertise and interest. April's annual Dolly Parade is a spring-time tradition. Thousands of visitors come to East Tennessee each year to see grand marshal Dolly Parton lead a parade filled with entertainers, colorful floats and marching bands.

As summer months get into full swing, visitors will be treated to July's Patriot Festival, an afternoon of music, food, fun and fireworks celebrating America's Independence Day.

August offers StringTime in the Smokies, a free festival for bluegrass music lovers, and Celebrate Freedom!, the city's tribute to America's veterans, heroes and patriots.

Changing leaves and crisp temperatures bring fall to Pigeon Forge and the city celebrates the season with its annual Harvest Festival. Visitors will find unique and creative autumn decorations at businesses throughout the city, while craft fairs offer the opportunity to take home a handmade Smoky Mountain souvenir. There's more fall fun at Dollywood's National Music and Harvest Celebration.

Winter in East Tennessee means it's time for the award-winning Pigeon Forge Winterfest! More



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than five million lights shining from displays across the city are the hallmark of the festival. A kick-off event in November marks the beginning of this four-month celebration of winter in the Smokies.

Wilderness Wildlife Week in January brings more than 100 experts to town to share their love and knowledge of the great outdoors. Daily hikes into Great Smoky Mountains National Park give visitors the chance to experience one of America's natural wonders.

February offers the Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival with concerts and workshops by premier professional storytellers. Event visitors also have the opportunity to hear the next generation of tellers during the National Youth Storytelling Showcase.

Saddle Up! wraps up Winterfest and February. A taste of the West comes to Pigeon Forge courtesy of concerts featuring cowboy poets and Western musicians.

For more information, call 1-800-251-9100 or visit www.mypigeonforge.com.