

Holiday Travel Ideas

Make The Most Of Your Winter Break

(NAPSA)—The next time you're searching for a great place to spend your holiday vacation, plan to visit destinations that offer holiday events and activities well into the new year. This way, you may avoid some of the crowds and take advantage of postholiday discounts. Additionally, look for vacation spots that offer many choices of things to do.

For example, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., the 18th Annual Winterfest begins in November and lasts through February. Your family has four months to head to the Smokies for this award-winning event. Pigeon Forge can be exciting year-round but during Winterfest, the city really comes alive.

Say your family enjoys seeing delightful displays of twinkling lights. Come to Pigeon Forge anytime from Nov. 8 to Feb. 29 to find more than 5 million lights illuminating the city. Hop aboard a Fun Time Trolley for the best view of the stunning displays.

Visit the town's six different outlet malls to take advantage of postholiday sales and discounts. Or stock up for next Christmas with unique gifts at one of more than 100 specialty shops.

Pigeon Forge is home to the closest thing to the North Pole in Tennessee: The Inn at Christmas Place. A holiday-themed hotel, the Inn features appearances by Santa and many rooms are decorated festively. Just about anything you could need to decorate or celebrate the holiday season can be found at the Incredible Christmas Place, the Inn's name-



You can have a delightful time at the winter festivities in one charming Tennessee town.

sake retail store across the street and open year-round.

After the holidays, Winterfest activities continue. If you are eager to get outside and breathe the mountain air, then plan to attend the Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week (January 12 to 19). This family-friendly event includes everything from classes and workshops to hikes and field trips. Additionally, there are plenty of activities planned just for children.

Winterfest wraps up with the Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival (February 7 to 9), where storytellers of all ages share tall tales; and Saddle Up (February 21 to 24), where cowboys perform original music and poetry during outstanding concerts.

For more information on attractions and activities, call (866) 293-4876 toll free or visit www.MyPigeonForge.com.