

The Fairfield Ladies Club Proudly Presents:

“THE CROOKED ROAD”

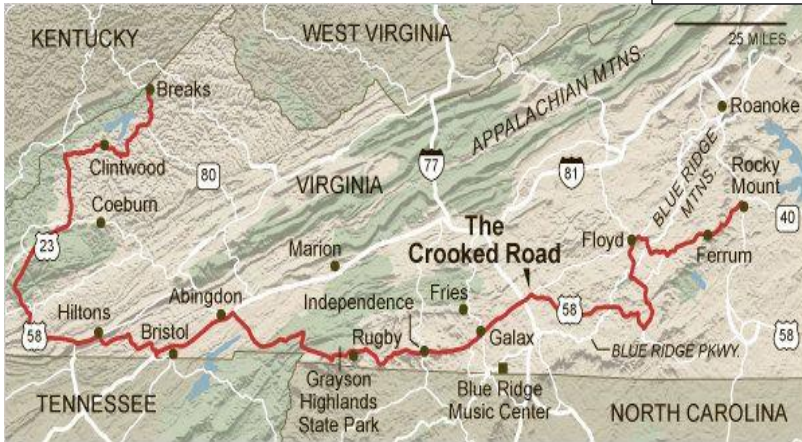
Sept. 8 -13, 2023 (6 days)

Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail

For hundreds of years Virginia has been celebrated for her music. “The Crooked Road” is a 333-mile road trip through Virginia designed to showcase her music. We will experience a portion of this historic music trail. A definite must-see for Country, Bluegrass & Folk music fans and history buffs!

- Ralph Stanley Museum
- Barter Theatre-“To Kill a Mockingbird”
- Abingdon Muster Grounds
- Abington Farmer’s Market
- Historic Carter Family Fold

- Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum
- Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre-“Million Dollar Quartet”
- Blue Ridge Institute & Museum-Ferrum College
- Birthplace of Country Music Museum
- Old Deery Inn and Museum (“The Old Tavern”)
- Museum of The Appalachia



Day 1 – Fri., Sept. 8, 2023: Depart for Clintwood, VA and visit the **Ralph Stanley Museum**, home of legendary, internationally known bluegrass artist Dr. Ralph Edmund Stanley. Enjoy a delicious traditional lunch consisting of some of your favorites. Next travel to your hotel - **Hampton Inn Abingdon**. Enjoy dinner at the fabulous, well- known **Rendezvous International Café**. After dinner depart for the Barter Theatre to see the all-time favorite “**To Kill a Mockingbird.**” **Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner**

Day 2 – Sat., Sept. 9, 2023: Depart for historic **Abingdon Muster Grounds** and experience an important part of history, dating back to 1780. Lunch today is at **Bonefire Smokehouse BBQ**, for some award-winning BBQ. After lunch take a short walk to **Abingdon’s Farmer’s Market** and browse the various vendors. Then it’s back to the hotel for a special catered dinner by The **Hidden Gem Café**. After dinner depart for the **Cater Family Fold**, noted for helping give birth to the age of country music for a musical experience. After a thoroughly enjoyable day, return to your hotel. **Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 3 – Sun., Sept. 10, 2023: Depart for Wytheville, VA and arrive at **Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum**. Learn about the life of this amazing First Lady who was often referred to as “The Secret President” and “The First Woman President.” A lunch and theatre show of **Million Dollar Quartet** awaits you at the **Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre**. The musical is set in 1956 when a twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Supper will be at **Applebee’s**, a family favorite. Your hotel this evening is the **Holiday Inn & Suites**. **Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Ralph Stanley Museum



Barter Theatre



Carter Family Fold



Wohlfahrt Haus



Day 4 – Mon., Sept. 11, 2023: Depart for Wytheville, VA for **Museum Tours** of the **Haller-Gibboney Rock House**, which played a significant role in Wytheville’s history since 1823. As a Registered Historical Landmark, the home contains, over 1,400 original artifacts and period furnishings. The **Thomas J. Boyd Museum** opened in 1983 and is named for Thomas Jefferson Boyd, who is affectionately known as the “Father of Wytheville.” He was an attorney, the town mayor, surveyor, hotel builder and Virginia Legislator. The museum contains a large collection of interesting artifacts within numerous exhibits. Next, you’ll depart for Ferrum, VA to visit the **Blue Ridge Institute & Museum at Ferrum College (BRIM)**, a major venue of the “Crooked Road” where we will experience story-telling by the Jack Tales players. BRIM documents, interprets, and presents the folk heritage of the majestic Blue Ridge region. Lunch awaits you in the school cafeteria. Your hotel this evening is the **Hampton Inn Christianburg**. Dinner will be served at the popular **Due South BBQ**. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. **Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Day 5 – Tues., Sept. 12, 2023: Depart for Abingdon, VA & Bristol TN. In Abingdon, you will tour the **SW VA Cultural Center**. Lunch will consist of a box lunch for you to enjoy. Next stop will take you to Bristol, TN where you will visit the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**. Dating back as far as 1927, the careers of superstar performers of the era were initiated here. For these reasons, the 1998 United State Congress officially designated Bristol, TN as ‘The Birthplace of Country Music.’ We will also get a “behind-the-scenes” look at how the music of these iconic musicians was recorded “direct to disc” at **The Earnest Tube Experience**. Dinner tonight is at **Aubrey’s Restaurant** (Dutch Treat). Your hotel is the **Hampton Inn** in Johnson City. Evening is at your leisure. **Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch**

Day 6 – Wed., Sept. 13, 2023: Depart for Blountville, TN and home. Arrive at the **Old Deery Inn & Museum**, also known as the “Old Tavern” and/or “The Mansion House and Store.” It is listed on the National Register of Historic places and the “centerpiece” of the Blountville historic district. Notable guests include Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, Andrew Johnson and other notables. Next you travel to the **Museum of the Appalachia**, which portrays an authentic mountain farm and pioneer village complete with log structures, exhibit buildings filled with thousands of Appalachian artifacts, gardens, and free-range farm animals, all set in a very picturesque venue. Lunch is a **Southern Style Buffet** served in the Banquet Hall. Our journey is now complete and it’s time to head home after experiencing a wonderful and enlightening trip on “The Crooked Road”. **Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch**

Activity Level: LOW/MEDIUM – Need to be able to walk 4-6 blocks and climb some stairs.

COST OF TRIP: \$1,394.00 pp (double occupancy); \$1,843.00 (single)

Payment Schedule:

\$250.00 per person Deposit within 7 days of making your reservation.

\$300.00 pp Due on June 1, 2023

Full Balance Due by August 1, 2023.

(Payments are fully refundable until June 1, 2023. Cancellations received after June 1, 2023 will be subject to an administrative fee of \$25.00 per person and other cancellation charges pursuant to the Ladies Club Travel Policies & Procedures—see Travel page of Ladies Club website (ffgladiesclub.com) for a copy of Policies & Procedures.)

TRIP INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!

Checks Payable & Mail To: FFG Ladies Club Travel, P.O. Box 1746, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558

RESERVATIONS/CANCELLATIONS:

Call Nancy (931) 250-1264

If you have any questions or concerns or any special dietary needs (vegan, vegetarian, food allergies), call Sandi Edwards – (931) 210-0271.

We will need a minimum of 30 people for this trip to go.