



**Good times and good friends await you in Knoxville,** a vibrant and beautiful river city with an abundance of great restaurants, nightlife, museums, shopping, family fun and national championship sports. It's a warm, welcoming place with its own distinct history, spirited arts community and blessed with the natural beauty of the Tennessee River and the Great Smoky Mountains.

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**BEGIN YOUR TENNESSEE ADVENTURE IN KNOXVILLE**

Steeped with southern hospitality and tradition, Knoxville is an East Tennessee gem that provides incredible nature, arts, history and entertainment experiences. Whether you're looking for culinary delights, museums, nightlife or championship sports, Knoxville has a little piece for everyone to enjoy.

Knoxville is naturally blessed with the beauty of the shimmering Tennessee River and the Great Smoky Mountains right in its backyard. The city is also surrounded by three national parks, numerous lakes and more than 25 golf courses.

A charming experience awaits in Knoxville's downtown area, which has quickly become the central hub for entertainment, shopping, nightlife and restaurants. Now in its revitalization stage, downtown Knoxville is the perfect place to park the car and explore all of its offerings, such as the Market Square District and Gay Street. The Market Square District is a pedestrian-only area full of unique shops and boutiques, restaurants and nightlife. Gay Street holds several signature Knoxville restaurants and shops such as Mast General Store, Downtown Grill & Brewery, and an eight-screen Regal Riviera movie theatre. The open, fun and relaxed atmosphere of downtown Knoxville is a favorite among locals and visitors alike.

Knoxville is also the perfect city for exploration and adventure. The Knoxville Zoo offers exhibits of exotic animals such as the African lion, red panda and the snow leopard and East Tennessee favorites such as the black bear or river otter. For more adventures, the East Tennessee Discovery Center offers ten different aquariums showcasing exotic saltwater and freshwater species, among other exhibits.

Additionally, Knoxville has a bountiful history and numerous museums that illustrate the deep roots of the city and the heritage of its people. With its seven homes of the Civil War and the First Frontier and historical museums, those interested in history are sure to be inspired.

There are plenty of opportunities in Knoxville to experience the arts, offering the beautiful, fully renovated Tennessee Theatre, multiple art galleries and the historic Bijou Theatre. With galleries offering works with East Tennessee flair from local and regional artists, Knoxville is considered a thriving art district.

Knoxville is located in the geographical center of the eastern United States and Knox County is situated at the crossroads of two major interstates, I-40 and I-75, making it within half a day's drive of the nation's population. Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport offers more than 20 non-stop destinations including Atlanta, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Orlando, Miami, New York, Chicago, Denver and Washington D.C. with more than 160 arrivals and departures each day.

The climate in Knoxville is welcoming and accommodating with four gentle, distinct seasons. More than 8,000 hotel rooms and 1,000 restaurants are available, providing diverse lodging and dining experiences to suit any taste.

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*The Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation promotes the Knoxville/Knox County area as a premier destination for conventions, sports-related events & leisure travelers to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the City and County, while generating economic impact & development.*

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