

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE: SMITHFIELD, NC

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7:30 A.M. Coach is available for boarding. Please leave the first 3 rows of seats open for people who have motion and mobility issues, etc. Otherwise seating is first come--

8:00 A. M. Depart from the back parking lot of Winter Park Baptist Church located between Park Avenue and Pine Grove Drive which has no back street number. You can exit S College Road on either Park Avenue or Peachtree Street. For clarity, please note that Winter Park Baptist, Pine Grove Office Park and Wesley Memorial Methodist Church all have parking that comes together at the intersection of Pine Grove and Peachtree Streets.

9:30 A.M. Begin tour of the *Ava Gardner Museum* in Smithfield, NC (that now has a special exhibit of her personal clothes) and learn how a Johnston County farm girl made her way into movie stardom. (Bath rooms available at the museum.)

11:00 A.M. Cup of soup, and half a sandwich available at "The Diner" across the street from the museum. Inclusive cost to you will be \$6.00 each. (A big meal will be served shortly after 4 P.M.)

11:45 A.M. Be on the coach for the Heritage of Ava Gardner Tour at nearby Brogden.

12:45 P.M. Drop guide and head toward the Rudy Theater in Selma, NC. (Bath rooms at the theater.)

01:30 P.M. Be seated for the *American Music Jubilee Christmas Spectacular*.

01:40 P.M. Show begins.

04:00 P.M. Drive to Meadow where you will feast at an *Old South Country Buffet* with those homemade cakes and pies like your grandmother used to bake.

Close out the evening at a nearby "*Enchanted Farm*" where one man created eastern North Carolina's largest Christmas lighting display. Visit the "*old time candy store*."

*Between 8 and 9 P.M. : * Return to Wilmington*

*It is difficult to state the exact return time as we do not know how long we will be in line for the Christmas lights-- how long we will stay in the candy store. Take your cell phone to call your ride. You may also leave your car at the church **AT YOUR OWN RISK**.

This tour Includes:

Round trip motor coach transportation, tickets for both Ava Gardner Museum and the Heritage Tour, Rudy Theater, country buffet, light show, candy store entrance and a Christmas train ride. This trip is for everyone. Very little walking is involved.

NOTE: Hope you do not mind the earlier departure. When I learned they would conduct a special Heritage Tour for us, I couldn't resist accepting that opportunity.