

**Natural & Family Resources, Inc.**

**FRANCES PARNELL TRAVEL ADVENTURES**

presents

**ONE MORE TREK ALONG THE CROOKED ROAD,  
VIRGINIA'S HERITAGE MUSIC TRAIL**

**A Musical Tour Featuring Country, Bluegrass and Gospel Music**

**August 19-21, 2022**

The Crooked Road is Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. It is a drive between Galax, VA and the coalfields. This trail connects major heritage music venues that originated with the Carter Family and ended up in Nashville, TN. These venues are a hand clapping, toe tapping, finger snapping way to learn the culture, history and music of Appalachia and its people. You will discover the roots that made the Grand Ole Opry "grand" while you recall some of the more recent and favorite musicians such as Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks, Faith Hill, Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood, not to mention June Carter and Johnny Cash.

We did part of the Crooked Road in 2018. There are popular requests that we continue in pursuit of another adventure. Ken Burns featured this journey as a PBS-TV series of eight documentaries a couple of years ago.

**WILL YOU JOIN US? HERE IS WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT:**

**Friday, August 19, 2022**

**7:00 AM:** Leave Winter Park Baptist parking lot via motorcoach with stops about every two hours as we roll toward Abingdon, VA. These several stops will include Warsaw's exit for a round of morning refreshments and Mt. Airy for a quick lunch on your own.

**3:00 PM:** Arrive in Abingdon, VA to begin a local tour.

**4:00 PM:** Check into the Martha Washington Inn and Spa for relaxation and dinner

**7:30 PM:** Walk across the street to the Barter Theater for the musical made famous by Dolly Parton's movie "9 to 5."

After the show, walk back across the street and overnight at The Martha.

**Saturday, August 20, 2022**

After a hearty Virginia breakfast at The Martha we will begin a drive from Abingdon to Bristol along the Crooked Road with stops along the way and a visit/experience at the Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, VA/TN. (This is a Smithsonian music venue and extremely well done.)

After a 45 minute drive from Bristol to Kingsport, TN you will check in at the Mountain View Conference Center (by Marriott) in Kingsport, TN for some relaxation prior to our evening at the nearby Carter Fold, in Hiltons, VA for food and music that is renowned as “great.” This venue celebrates the original Carter Family (AP, Sarah and Maybelle) and later Mother Maybelle and the Carter sisters to include June Carter Cash.

### **Sunday, August 21, 2022**

After a leisurely breakfast we will begin a trek homeward as we travel along more winding roads with mountains and valleys in view. *This is definitely off the beaten path!* Our first destinations will be Jefferson and Glendale Springs, NC. There it is planned to *experience* the frescoes by the renowned artist, Ben Long that are painted in the medium of that used by Michelangelo when painting the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. A family-style Sunday dinner of Country Ham, Fried Chicken, with trimmings indicative of an early mountain family is planned at Shatley Springs. (The Shatley Springs are known for their healing qualities, but we will not get to take that dip on this outing.) With more beautiful mountains in view we will soon re-connect with I-40 at West Jefferson that is not too far from Winston Salem. The journey homeward will continue.

***Included:*** Roundtrip motor coach transportation; lodging for two nights in upscale hotels; 1 breakfast, 2 dinners (Abingdon & Shatley Springs), admission to named venues and hopefully a surprise or two. *I love pleasant surprises and I will try to find some!*

***Total cost:*** \$850 pp for double occupancy; \$1000 for single occupancy (The rooms are pricey this time of year).

***Deposit due:*** \$450 due by June 10, 2022. Please submit a Registration Form to be found at [www.francesparnelltravel.com](http://www.francesparnelltravel.com) with your deposit.

***Final payment due:*** July 15, 2022.

***Write checks payable to:*** Natural & Family Resources, Inc.

***Mail to:*** 6451 Quail Run Road, Wilmington, NC 28409

There is no planned travel protection for this trip, but you may buy it locally.

**NOTE:** We still live in the shadows of uncertainty. We will plan to adhere to health policies that exist at the time of our departure. Thus, health and safety will take precedence over personal preferences. We will be traveling on a 52-passenger motor coach chartered by Christian Tours so there should be plenty of seats for those who like to sit alone.

**QUESTION:** Have you made a habit of keeping a mask with you at all times for those times they are required? Currently, masks are required for the Birthplace of Country Music so put that on your packing list.