The Land of Oz only opens twice a year...don’t miss this opportunity to walk with Dorothy and her pals down the yellow brick road!

“A NOT WHERE YOU GO,
IT IS THE PEOPLE YOU MEET ALONG THE WAY!”
Come to the Land of Oz where fans from all over the world celebrate author L. Frank Baum’s “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” in all its glory.
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On our weekend retreat, we will travel to Boone, NC, to enjoy the cool mountain air and have a big mountain-style breakfast at the Daniel Boone Inn. We will take a ride up to Shately Springs for a scrumptious, family-style lunch, visit Ashe County Cheese, North Carolina’s oldest cheese plant, and also enjoy Boone’s famous outdoor drama, “Horn in the West,” the oldest Revolutionary War outdoor drama in the United States. All of this is included, in addition to our tour with Dorothy and her pals as we all travel the yellow brick road in the Land of Oz!

WE ARE MAKING THIS A ‘GRANDPARENT’ SPECIAL...
$577 pp/double (adults) $525 pp/triple (adults)
$499 pp/quad (adults) $699 single
Children 12 and under accompanied by 2 adults—only $85!
Insurance is not included on this 3 day tour.

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Remember, “Expect something special when you travel with Carolina Tours!”
Day 1: Travel with us from South Carolina to the mountains of North Carolina. It is always fun to see who is on the coach and have the opportunity to re-new old friendships. We also enjoy using this short first morning of travel to meet and greet those new to Carolina Tours. Bring your grandchildren...or we will welcome just you! In fact, I will let you adopt Walker for the day! Late this afternoon, we will check into the Fairfield Inn in Boone, NC. After dinner, not included, we will make our way to the Daniel Boone Park to see “Horn in the West,” the nation’s oldest Revolutionary War drama. It takes place on the grounds of the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum. Staffed with interpreters in period clothing, Hickory Ridge Living History Museum's series of authentic, historical cabins give visitors a glimpse into the past and a feeling for the daily lives of early mountain settlers. We will step back into the past and learn about everyday life on an early American mountain homestead before viewing “Horn in the West.”

Day 2: Enjoy a breakfast buffet, included, at the Daniel Boone Inn. Today will be devoted to “A Journey with Dorothy!” As Baum wrote, "It's always best to start at the beginning!" We will travel to Beech Mountain to find the yellow brick road. With Dorothy as your guide, you will skip down the yellow brick road through the magical Land of Oz to help her search for the wonderful wizard during this interactive experience. This tour is designed for adults as well as children. In fact, your first stop is at the Fountain of Youth, where you will be asked to drop all inhibitions and to remember your childhood. You may want to volunteer for one of the roles of Dorothy's trusted companions or even the wicked witch that she meets throughout her journey. During ‘A Journey with Dorothy’ - you don’t just watch Oz; you're a part of it! (B)

Day 3: Today we will return home...South Carolina is just a few hours away. So, after breakfast, there will be time to travel first to Ashe County Cheese and then have lunch at Shately Springs. Ashe County Cheese, located in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains, is North Carolina’s oldest cheese plant, producing quality cheese since 1930. We will watch the fascinating process of cheese making from our viewing area (pending cheese making schedule) and visit their cheese and gift shop. Lunch at Shately Springs is a family dining experience and we guarantee you won’t be hungry the rest of the day. You will select your entrée and everything else is served family-style! We will arrive home in the late afternoon...marveling at all we have seen and done on our North Carolina Mountain Retreat. (B, Midday Dinner)

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Have a heart, have a brain, and have some courage. Make plans now for a journey over the rainbow to the very pinnacle of Beech Mountain. The historic Land of Oz awaits.

“Many, many miles east of nowhere lay the wonderful Land of Oz,” boasted a 1939 trailer for a new movie starring Judy Garland based off of L. Frank Baum’s famous novel *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.* Thirty years later, this would become a reality. For a brief moment in history, Oz was a real truly live place where performers portrayed Dorothy and her friends, and danced along a yellow brick road that curved around a mountaintop a mile high in Western North Carolina.

Original ads enticed guests with the slogan, “You Just Don’t See It; You Live it!”

“Oz was the anti-theme park. It wasn’t about roller-coasters; it was about creating an emotional experience.”

And even though the Land of Oz is now only open to the public for 2 events, this small theme park’s impact has proven to be going strong over 35 years. Public interest continues to increase and its “Down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy” sells out immediately.

“HORN IN THE WEST”...SEE HISTORY COME ALIVE!

*Horn in the West*, the nation's oldest Revolutionary War drama, brings to life the famous frontiersman Daniel Boone and the hardy mountain settlers of the region in their struggle to preserve their freedom during the turbulent years before and during the War for Independence. The drama highlights those settlers who came to the Blue Ridge Mountains seeking freedom and escape from British tyranny. Dr. Geoffrey Stuart, a prominent British physician, comes to the Colony of Carolina to study the dreaded disease smallpox, bringing his wife, Martha, and their teenage son, Jack. Through hardship and danger, house-raising and romance, the ties that bind the Stuart family and the small pioneer community grow. Dr. Stuart finds himself a respected leader in this hidden mountain community but has to resolve his conflicted feelings of loyalty to the Crown and his family's sympathy for the Regulators and their fight for American independence.

“HORN IN THE WEST” *takes place on the grounds of the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum*

We invite you to step back into the past and learn about everyday life on an early American mountain homestead. Hickory Ridge Living History Museum offers an opportunity to focus on the settlement period between 1785 - 1805 when folks who settled into this region had to grow, create, and trade for the necessities of life. You will sample pioneer life and this visit will be a wonderful introduction to the Revolutionary War production that you are about to see.