

Sevierville

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MANLY VACATION (or Mancation) Itinerary

Many women are now vacationing with their gal pals, moms, sisters, aunts and nieces on “Girlfriend Getaways”. With all that female bonding, men should have a chance to enjoy some quality time with their fathers, sons, brothers or best friends as well. This mancation itinerary provides an outline for a “manly vacation” in Sevierville and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Day 1

Arrive late afternoon in Sevierville by taking I-40 Exit 407. Then stop at the **Sevierville Visitor Center** (located 1.5 miles from the exit on the right) for updated area information and valuable coupons to use during your stay. For a comfortable and convenient stay, try a Sevierville hotel, motel, cabin or campground. If you don’t already have reservations, an information specialist at the Sevierville Visitor Center will be happy to assist you www.VisitSevierville.com.

Next head for **Bass Pro Outdoor World** to enjoy a hearty dinner of steak or seafood at **Islamorada Fish Company** www.basspro.com. Afterwards, browse the boats, fishing poles, hiking gear and hunting accessories available in this 130,000 square foot store which opened November 2005. Pick out some survival gear (compass, water bottle and hiking guide book) for tomorrow’s hike in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Day 2

Wake the guys up early for a big breakfast at **The Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant** www.applewoodfarmhouserestaurant.com. This meal is served family style and begins with fresh, hot apple fritters and plenty of sweet apple butter. A quick trip to **Orvis Company Store** located in near the restaurant will get any last minute hiking supplies.

After filling up, head south on Hwy 441 to the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm>. This twelve mile trip will give the boys a chance to decide on a trail (most all are listed in area guide books by degree of difficulty and length of hike). For additional information, stop at the **Sugarlands Visitor Center** at the entrance to the park. There rangers can answer questions about trail conditions and advise on where to find the trailhead. Spend the day hiking some scenic trails and take plenty of pictures to remember those amazing views.

After a day of hiking, refuel with proteins. **The Chop House** or **Connor’s** restaurants www.thechophouse.com offer casual dining and steaks are their specialty.

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Day 3

After breakfast, start the day with some “manly attractions.” Burn rubber to *Floyd Garrett’s Muscle Car Museum* and tour the newest, largest and most incredible collection of American muscle cars ever assembled www.musclecarmuseum.com. Are you arguing over who could drive the souped up moonshine car fastest yet? If so, go to **NASCAR SpeedPark** www.nascarspeedpark.com and get ready to put the pedal to the medal. Race everything from simulators to the high-speed Smoky Mountain Speedway.

After lunch check out flyable warbird aircraft, the Jimmy Doolittle Medal of Honor and a roadster believed to have been created for Amelia Earhart at the *Tennessee Museum of Aviation* www.tnairmuseum.com. While you’re there, be on the lookout for impromptu flights by these amazing aircraft.

In the afternoon, visit *Smoky Mountain Knife Works*. The 88,000 square foot retail showroom holds thousands of name brand cutlery items at discount prices and one of the nation’s largest collections of cutlery memorabilia and trophy wildlife, as well as museum quality historical collections of Native American relics, Civil War displays, Americana at its finest and the **National Knife Museum**. <http://www.eknifeworks.com>

Day 4

Start early and spend the day on the lake fishing, swimming and lounging around. Boats and gear are available for rental from area marinas such as Mountain Cove Marina www.mountaincovemarina.com.

Thanks for visiting!

There’s so much more to do – come back and see us again

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