Escape. Relax. Evolve. Framed by vast, panoramic vistas, Relais & Chateaux designated Blackberry Mountain is an immersive experience that seamlessly blends outdoor activity, wellness and thoughtful indulgence. Outfitted for adventure and designed for comfort, Blackberry Mountain continues the Blackberry Farm legacy of world-renowned hospitality and unwavering appreciation for the land. With 2,800 acres of land in conservation, the Mountain preserves natural wonder and offers breathtaking views—each morning, you can walk just steps from your private cabin at the crest of the mountain to watch the sun rise over the North Carolina state line and each evening, watch the sun set over Tennessee. Spanning 5,200 total acres, the Mountain offers the feeling of a private national park with modern-day luxuries in an unencumbered natural environment. Seasonal menus pay homage to locally sourced, fresh ingredients and the bounty of the southern Appalachian foothills. From relaxing spa treatments to outdoor adventures, activities are vast on the Mountain and include hiking, yoga and meditation, mountain biking, craft classes and more. Combine all this with beautiful road riding throughout the week, specially curated group experiences and the special touches you expect from a Trek Travel vacation and you have all the ingredients for an unforgettable week at this exceptional new
TRIP WOWS

Discover the dynamic menus and curated beverage collection that the Blackberry Mountain culinary team has brought together as you enjoy creative, fresh, healthy ingredients.

Spend a private evening on the Tasting Patio of the Three Sisters Restaurant—complete with gorgeous views of the crest of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to the east.

Choose your adventure with an afternoon fly-fishing lesson, guided mountain bike ride or pottery glazing class, led by guides from the Mountain.

Explore the forest in a new way during a foraging experience with a Blackberry Mountain chef.

Toast the week in style during a private wine-paired dinner in the private dining room of the Three Sisters Restaurant.

Wind down from your adventures with a morning massage on the final day of your trip.

An intimate maximum trip size of just 12 guests ensures a chance to really get to know your fellow travelers and guides, as well as the Mountain staff.
Day 1

**TODAY’S RIDE:**
Maryville to Blackberry Mountain
Approximately 15 miles with 980 feet of climbing

**DESCRIPTION:**
Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Oliver Hotel at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. After a half hour shuttle, you’ll arrive in the college town of Maryville, located in the western foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Here you’ll gather at the Blackberry Farm Brewery taproom for a delicious picnic prepared by your guides. After a short round of introductions your Trek Travel guides will then discuss the rules of bike safety and ensure a comfortable fit to your bike. The day is then yours to enjoy as you head out on your first ride of the week. You will follow the Little River along a route popular with local cyclists, through the community of Walland, and onto the expansive Blackberry Mountain property. At the base of the mountain your guides will take your bike and a shuttle will take you to The Lodge at Blackberry Mountain, 2 miles away and halfway up the mountain. Here you will check in before being shuttled all the way to the top of the mountain where you will find your ridge top Watchman Cabin. Get settled inside the walls of beautiful reclaimed wood with floor to ceiling windows and check out your private deck and modern wood burning stove before joining the group for a golf-cart tour of the Mountain property. The tour will be followed by a reception at the Firetower Restaurant. Take in the jaw-dropping 360-degree views from this restored 1940s lookout tower and listen as your Trek Travel guides fill you in on the exciting details of the days to come. Afterward you’ll enjoy getting to know your fellow travelers over an unforgettable meal of creative, healthy fare at the Three Sisters Restaurant at The Lodge.

**HOTEL:**
Blackberry Mountain
**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day 2

**TODAY’S RIDE:**
Townsend Coffee Loop
Approximately 25 miles with 1,470 feet of climbing

**AVID OPTION:**
Townsend Coffee Loop with Rich Mountain Climb
Approximately 35 miles with 2,600 feet of climbing

**TODAY’S ACTIVITY:**
Guest Choice of Fly-Fishing Lesson, Guided Mountain Bike Ride or Pottery Glazing Class

**DESCRIPTION:**
This morning you’ll enjoy your first Blackberry breakfast at the Firetower Restaurant just steps from your cabin, or you may take your golf cart (each cabin comes with a golf cart for your personal use throughout your stay) to the Three Sisters Restaurant (you have this option each morning). Afterward, you will reconvene at the base of the Mountain to board your bike and again ride along the banks of the Little River. You will pedal to the small community of Townsend, one of the western gateways to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Enjoy a cappuccino or espresso mid-ride before heading back to the Mountain or you may choose to add the beautiful out-and-back climb up Rich Mountain Road on your way. Prepare to be delighted by your first Blackberry lunch on the back deck of the Firetower Restaurant before choosing your own adventure for the afternoon. With local guides from the Mountain, you will either take a fly-fishing lesson in the renowned streams of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (this option involves about an hour of shuttling each way to and from the Park); a guided mountain bike ride on the private trails on-property; or a pottery glazing class in the HUB Building near the Lodge (please let your trip consultant know which activity you choose at time of booking). No prior experience is necessary for any option. Dinner this evening will be a private and intimate affair served on the Private Porch of the Three Sisters Restaurant.

**HOTEL:**
Blackberry Mountain
**INCLUDED MEALS:**
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner
### Day 3
#### TODAY’S RIDE:
- **Chilhowee Mountain Loop**
  - Approximately 37 miles with 2,470 feet of climbing
- **AVID OPTION:**
  - **Chilhowee Mountain Loop with Keener Road**
  - Approximately 43 miles with 2,690 feet of climbing

#### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
- Hiking | Fitness Classes | Spa Treatments | Cooking Demos | Craft Classes | Clay Shooting | Horseback Riding

#### DESCRIPTION:
After rising to the irresistible smells and tastes of a fresh, delicious and healthy breakfast, board your bike for a fantastic ride around Chilhowee Mountain. Enjoy some of the best backroads east Tennessee has to offer as you take in views of rolling farms and ride alongside the shady banks of Waldens and Reed Creeks. Upon your return to the Mountain you will join your fellow cyclists for lunch at the Three Sisters Restaurant followed by some time to explore the 5,200-acre Mountain property on your own. You can strike out to explore some of the 20 miles of hiking trails accessible directly from your cabin or simply relax by the infinity pool or in the tranquility lounge, sauna or steam showers in the subterranean spa, The Nest. Alternatively, this is a good time to take advantage of the abundant activities available such as clay shooting, horseback riding or craft classes (these are not included in the trip price and we recommend making reservations well in advance). This evening spend some time with your fellow travelers over drinks and appetizers on the beautiful Tasting Patio of the Three Sisters Restaurant before enjoying dinner together. Breath in deeply as you take in the views of the crest of the Great Smoky Mountains as the twilight gathers around you.

#### HOTEL:
Blackberry Mountain

#### INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

### Day 4
#### TODAY’S HIKE:
- **Middle Prong Trail to Indian Flats Falls**
  - Approximately 8 miles with 1,100 feet of climbing

#### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
- Hiking | Fitness Classes | Spa Treatments | Cooking Demos | Craft Classes | Clay Shooting | Horseback Riding

#### DESCRIPTION:
Today will be spent exploring the trails of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After breakfast you will shuttle about 45 minutes into the Park, just past the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont to begin hiking. During the hike you’ll walk alongside Lynn Camp Prong, past numerous waterfalls. At the midway point of the hike you’ll break for a Blackberry-packed lunch on the trail. This afternoon offers another chance to enjoy the extensive amenities at the Mountain or simply relax (you should plan to arrive back at the Mountain around 3:00 PM). This evening you will enjoy dinner at your leisure in the Three Sisters Restaurant.

#### HOTEL:
Blackberry Mountain

#### INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### Day 5
#### TODAY’S RIDE:
- **Boling Road Loop**
  - Approximately 31 miles with 1,680 feet of climbing
- **AVID OPTION:**
  - **Jeffries Hollow Loop**
  - Approximately 43 miles with 2,260 feet of climbing

#### TODAY’S ACTIVITY:
- **Foraging Experience with Blackberry chef**

#### DESCRIPTION:
Today will be spent cycling through quiet back roads of eastern Tennessee. Choose from two loop options that take you to the east side of the Mountain on roads popular with local cyclists and enjoy a late lunch post-ride at the Firetower at your leisure. This afternoon you will cap off the week’s adventures with an active culinary experience to remember. Join one of Blackberry Farm’s renowned chefs for a foraging hike during which you will walk the Mountain property and discover edible native plants. The experience will finish at the Mountain’s HUB building where you will learn to craft a simple seasonal dish utilizing the plants foraged on your hike. After some time at your cabin to prepare for dinner, you’ll celebrate this evening with a final, fantastic, private wine-paired tasting menu in the private dining room of the Three Sisters Restaurant. Taste for yourself the unique cuisine of Blackberry Mountain, which combines a deep love of the area and local ingredients with flavors, foods and techniques from around the world. The cuisine is fresh, unexpected and fulfilling. Take this time to raise a glass with your companions to toast an unforgettable week!

#### HOTEL:
Blackberry Mountain

#### INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner
TODAY’S ACTIVITY:
Spa visit for massage

DESCRIPTION:
Savor your last morning on the Mountain first with a final breakfast as you overlook the surrounding valleys, followed by some time wandering the beautiful trails before indulging yourself with a trip to The Nest Spa for a massage—the perfect way to wind down after an unforgettable week in the mountains. With a carefully packed Blackberry Mountain lunch as a parting gift, you will say your goodbyes and board a shuttle to the Knoxville McGhee-Tyson Airport at 12:00 PM, arriving at the airport around 12:45 PM and in downtown Knoxville around 1:30 PM.

INCLUDED MEALS:
Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most
Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It’s the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that’s how we help you create more memories.

What’s Included

• 5 nights of accommodation at a handpicked hotel
• Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
• Daily route support with both guides and our support van
• Daily breakfast, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
• 3 social hours of drinks and hors d’oeuvres
• Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek’s newest electric-assist bike
• Up to three daily route options on riding days
• Snacks and drinks for each day’s ride
• Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
• Trek Travel water bottles to keep
• Bontrager WaveCel helmet
• Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bontrager Flare R lights, a Bontrager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
• Cinch sack day bag to keep
• All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
• All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
• A personalized photobook of your trip
• Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events

Gear

• Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek’s newest electric-assist bike, available in a limited quantity
• Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
• Trek Travel water bottles to keep
• Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
• Bontrager WaveCel helmet
• Bontrager men’s and women’s specific saddles
• Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
• Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
• Cinch sack day bag to keep
• Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+$200)
• Coupon valued up to $500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email.
• For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service. Please note there are no ATMs on the Blackberry Mountain property.
What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
- Please note that an automatic 20% service charge will be added to any activity, spa treatment, food or beverage purchased at Blackberry Mountain, per the property’s policy.

HOTELS

BLACKBERRY MOUNTAIN

WALLAND, TENNESSEE

Blackberry Mountain

Blackberry Mountain is a multigenerational story. The Beall family, known for their visionary success and excellence in hospitality at the award-winning Blackberry Farm, expanded their commitment to the Great Smoky Mountains region and continued their tradition of elevated hospitality with the creation of a totally new property—Blackberry Mountain. Located on the opposite end of Millers Cove from Blackberry Farm (the property actually comprises a large portion of the view-shed from the legendary lawn of the Farm), Blackberry Mountain is 5,200 acres with 2,800 acres set permanently aside for land conversation. Here you will find incredible views, hiking and mountain biking trails, a subterranean spa, extensive fitness space and outdoor yoga space, craft classes, a restored 1940s fire lookout tower, amazing culinary experiences and an infinity pool overlooking the Great Smoky Mountains. You will find spaces to relax and spaces to have adventures, with a focus on health, mindfulness and sustainability woven into every piece of the experience. During your Trek Travel trip you will stay in one of the six private Watchman Cabins, located at the crest of the Mountain. Relax within walls of reclaimed wood and floor to ceiling windows, enjoy a scenic outlook deck and a modern twist to the wood burning stove. The cabins are each 675 square feet with the option for either one king or two queen beds. Watch the sunrise in one state and set in another, as you will be located just steps away from both the restored fire tower and a 20’ outdoor
heated soaking tub. The cabins are located near the Library as well, which features a collection of books, games and a porch overlooking the valley to the west.

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into the McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS) in Knoxville, Tennessee. This regional airport is serviced by most major US domestic carriers. From the airport, you may hail a taxi outside baggage claim to take you to downtown Knoxville. The trip will take about 20 minutes and will cost around $30. If you plan to arrive outside of regular business hours we suggest that you schedule your taxi pickup ahead of time. You may call Paradise Taxi (865-577-6330) to plan a pickup (this must be done day-of).

For guests driving to the trip, we suggest leaving your personal vehicle in one of the parking decks in downtown Knoxville near the Oliver Hotel. The front desk at The Oliver can make recommendations for long-term parking options. If you plan to drive to Blackberry Mountain directly, please pull up to The Lodge (which is about 2 miles up the Mountain, after you enter the property) for valet to take your luggage and park your car on property. Please specify to the Blackberry Staff that you are with the Trek Travel Group. You will need to make your own arrangements through Chariots of Hire (865-522-8108) to be taken to meet the group in Maryville. You should bring your biking gear and plan to arrive at the Blackberry Farm Brewery Taproom in Maryville by 11:15am on the first day of the trip. If you plan to do this please notify your trip consultant, so your guides will be aware of your arrival plans.

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Oliver Hotel (407 Union Ave, Knoxville, TN 37902) at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. Once everyone has arrived, the group will shuttle approximately 30 minutes to the town of Maryville. Here you will enjoy a delicious picnic lunch while your Trek Travel guides ensure a comfortable fit to your bicycle for the week. Afterwards you’ll begin riding with a route that follows the Little River to the community of Walland. Please have your riding gear in a separate bag, since your luggage will be transported directly to Blackberry Mountain from the Oliver Hotel and you will not have access to it during lunch or the bike fit.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call Blackberry Mountain (800-993-7824) and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from downtown Knoxville to Maryville to meet the group will cost about $50 and take about 30 minutes.

Departing Time And Location

You will say farewell to your guides at 12:45 PM at the McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS). From the airport you may catch a flight to your next destination or pick up a rental car. If you need to go back to the Oliver Hotel your guides can drop you off there after stopping at the airport. If you are flying out today, please do not book a flight before 2:00 PM.

Before & After: Knoxville,

THE OLIVER HOTEL

The Oliver Hotel is one of downtown Knoxville’s only boutique hotels, and is located on Market Square for easy access to the best that downtown has to
Tennessee

Located on the banks of the Tennessee River and next to the University of Tennessee’s flagship campus, Knoxville is a Southern city with an Appalachian heart. A vibrant folk art and music scene, along with a deep respect for the historic, drives the vibe in the city. The heart of downtown Knoxville is Market Square, which features bustling shops, cafes, and pubs. In the winter the Square plays host to an outdoor ice skating rink and in the spring and summer you’ll find it packed with music fans attending free concerts. One block over are the restaurants, shops and theaters of Gay Street, home to the historic Tennessee and Bijou Theaters. If you are lucky you might catch a show while you are in town, or check out the WDVX Blue Plate Special—a live performance radio show held at noon, Monday through Saturday, at the Knoxville Visitor Center on the corner of Gay Street and Summit Hill Drive (on Fridays the show moves to Barley’s Taproom, also easy walking distance from downtown). It’s free and the music will knock your socks off! We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post trip hotel (please note that on home game weekends for the University of Tennessee football team that downtown hotels may require a 2-night minimum stay):

**THE OLIVER HOTEL**

Offer. It is located in the historic Peter Kern Bakery building, which was built in 1876 and converted to a guest house for the World’s Fair, held in Knoxville in 1982. Completely remodeled in 2011, this hotel now offers modern luxury while retaining the feeling of a historic building. The on-site restaurant, Tupelo Honey, offers delightful southern favorites with a modern twist and is immensely popular. Save time to visit the speakeasy-inspired Peter Kern Library, where you can kick back with a hand-crafted cocktail possibly invented by the server who made it for you.

www.theoliverhotel.com

**THE TENNESSEAN HOTEL**

This recently renovated and conveniently located hotel is within walking distance of Market Square and the University of Tennessee campus. The Tennessean Hotel is adjacent to World’s Fair Park (home of the famous Sunsphere that defines the Knoxville skyline) and offers on-site restaurant The Drawing Room which features breakfast in the morning and small plates and craft cocktails in the evening.

www.thetennesseanhotel.com

**CROWNE PLAZA DOWNTOWN KNOXVILLE**

The Crowne Plaza is one and a half blocks from Market Square and offers a very walkable location for exploring both downtown Knoxville and the eclectic section of town known as The Old City. It features a large fitness center, indoor pool, on-site dining and lounge area and convenient parking deck.

www.CrowneKnox.com

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.

**FAQS**

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Enjoy the spa, heated infinity-edge pool, fitness classes and other amenities at the Mountain
- Join the group for a fly fishing lesson or pottery glazing class
- Hike on the 20 miles of trails on the Mountain property
- Join the group on a full day hike in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Schedule one of the many optional activities including kayaking, clay shooting, horseback riding and cooking demos

**Trip Changes**
approach to the Blackberry Mountain property on East Millers Cove Road has some short climbs and you will ride this road most days of the trip. Please note that the property does not allow cycling on the 4-mile road leading to The Lodge and the Firetower Restaurant, so you will be shuttled to and from the bike staging area at the base of the Mountain to your accommodations at the top as needed by your Trek Travel guides or Blackberry Mountain staff. Blackberry Mountain is best suited for our Type 2/3 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 2 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphills, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 3 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage and climbing the avid route options offer.

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.