

Falcon Rest Mansion & Gardens



"Tennessee's Biltmore" — PBS
McMinnville, Tenn.

WHERE HISTORY IS FUN

Four of the experiences groups like best
all at one easy-to-get-to Middle Tennessee location.

Rib-tickling entertainment — interactive history-based shows that make stars of the people in the audience

Delicious food — prepared just for your group in our kitchens

Historic mansion tour — No-ropes-or-barriers tour of manufacturer Clay Faulkner's 1890s Victorian mansion

Unique shopping — Award-winning gift shop filled with 1800s treasures in all price ranges your group won't see anywhere else

Murder at the Mansion

Your group members are the real stars of our original interactive murder mystery show. They assume the characters of actual people from 1897 attending a banquet given by the Faulkners to celebrate the opening of their new mansion.

There are no lines to remember, so they're free to ad lib as much or as little as they like ... and they can be counted on to come up with some pretty hilarious dialogue. When a dastardly murder mars the celebration, audience members help special guest star Buffalo Bill Cody discover which of them is the culprit! Full meal and mansion tour included.



The Honeymoon Ball of Gen. John Hunt Morgan

Based on first-person accounts of Civil War events in McMinnville during the spring of 1863, this interactive show is hosted by local poetess Lucy Virginia French and General John Hunt Morgan, who later took his raiders farther behind Union lines than any other Confederate commander.

Group members assume the roles of Morgan's 21-year-old bride Mattie, local citizens and Morgan's soldiers.

It's set at a banquet and ball given to honor the Morgans and ends as 6,600 Union troops attempt to capture the General. Includes authentic period meal and mansion tour.



Ghost at the Mansion

Designed to tickle the funny bone more than tingle the spine, this interactive show combines stories of the suspected "spirits" at Falcon Rest with a light-hearted ghost convention ... where the audience members are the ghosts!

Anyone no longer living could show up, from Henry VIII to Lady Godiva to Elvis, so group members portray people from all eras of history. The show ends with a special surprise twist and is followed by a buffet meal and a tour of the Falcon Rest Mansion.

Visitors are invited to explore Falcon Rest's gardens after the show and mansion tour.



Area step-on guide service available as an option—more rib-tickling history stories plus beautiful waterfalls

On your way to anywhere thru Middle Tennessee



Nashville 1 1/2 hrs.
Chattanooga .. 1 1/2 hrs.
Pigeon Forge 3 hrs.
Atlanta 3 1/2 hrs.
Birmingham 4 hrs.
Jack Daniel's 50 min.

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Peak season: Open 7 day a week year round; group entertainment and meals scheduled at your convenience

Group rates per person \$37 per person, plus tax
(lunch or dinner performances)

Murder at the Mansion show, meal and tour

Ghost at the Mansion show, buffet and tour

Honeymoon Ball of Gen. John Hunt Morgan, meal and tour

Step-on Guide Service \$2 per person, plus tax

(on your bus, only in addition to show)

The Victorian Gentleman boards your coach and tells more rollicking tales about the history of "Mc-Minn-ville," Tennessee. The tour includes a stop at the beautiful waterfalls of Rock Island State Park. A local landscaping nursery can be included if desired. McMinnville is "the nursery capital of the world."

Group policies: 20 person minimum for Murder and Honeymoon Ball shows; 30 person minimum for Ghost show.

Schedule: Allow about 3 hours for entertainment, mansion tour, meal and shopping; 1-1/2 hours more for step-on tour.

Amenities: Get your folks off the interstates; as little as 30 minutes from I-24 and I-40. Alternate routes thru McMinnville offer beautiful scenery and great roads.
Elegant Victorian Carriage House dining room seats up to two motorcoach groups.
Free motorcoach parking.
Ample rest rooms.
1200-square-foot, award-winning Victorian Gift Shop that's been called an attraction in itself
All buildings are connected by sidewalks; minimal walking is required.

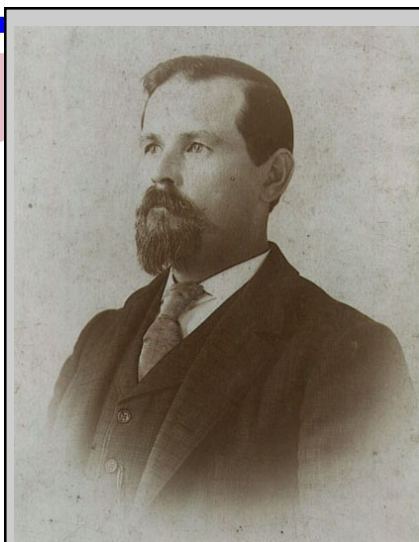
Menus: Meat, salad, two vegetables, dessert, rolls, iced tea, and our famous Falcon Rest pink lemonade, prepared in our kitchens specifically for your group. (details on website)

Marketing Aids: Fill-in-the-blank publicity posters, high resolution photographs, logos, catalogue text blocks and news releases available at the bottom of each show web page: falconrest.com/group-tours.

View our group tour video



Wondering how an "interactive history-based show" works? Scan this code with your smart phone, or go online to falconrest.com/group-tours to see the fun for yourself. DVD's available on request to show on your bus trips or to prospective groups.



In 1896, entrepreneur Clay Faulkner promised his wife Mary he'd build her "the grandest mansion in Tennessee" if she would move next to their woolen mill a couple of miles from downtown McMinnville.

Mary agreed, and Faulkner supervised construction as enthusiastically as he promoted the mills' Gorilla Pants (so strong even a gorilla couldn't tear them apart) and mineral water at the Faulkner Springs Hotel, the "ideal health and pleasure resort" he would eventually open down the road.

Faulkner's solid brick, 10,000-sq.-ft. mansion had all the "modern conveniences" when it was built — indoor plumbing, electric lights, central heat, and more.

Today, the National-Trust-award-winning property is filled with museum-quality Victorian antiques.

And some say it's presided over by a friendly ghost — perhaps the proud builder himself.

**For details and
directions,
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