

Visit Knoxville 1 Day Itinerary

Arrive in Knoxville mid-morning and ready for fun!

9:00a-11:00a - A Little History & a Lot of Coffee

Start the morning the way it's supposed to be – coffee! Downtown Knoxville is home to several local coffee shops where you can grab your morning fix, including Kbrew, Matt Robbs Biscuits & Brew, Coffee & Chocolate, and Mahalo. Once your group is nice and caffeinated, get ready to learn some southern secrets at the East Tennessee History Center.

11:30a-3:00p - Lunch at the Zoo

Head to Zoo Knoxville for some 'wildly fun' experiences like the all-new Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC) Campus. Opened in April 2021, this 12,000-square-foot facility is one of the biggest projects in the zoo's history showcasing internationally recognized work with critically endangered amphibians and reptiles. With treat stands throughout the park and a full restaurant offering lunch, you'll be able to eat whenever you're hungry and see as many animals as possible until your hearts are content.

3:30p-5:30p - World's Fair Park: Knoxville Museum of Art & The Sunsphere

World's Fair Park, the site of the 1982 World's Fair, boasts many different attractions all in one!

The Knoxville Museum of Art is a beautiful building made entirely of Tennessee Marble and is the permanent home to the largest steel and glass instillation in the world created by artist Richard Jolley. It also hosts artwork of an assortment of media from all over the world as well as right here at home. The Museum is also home to a beautiful and peaceful outdoor sculpture garden.

The Sunsphere was the signature structure of the 1982 World's Fair and the 4th floor is the observation deck which boasts 360° views of the city below, the Tennessee River, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Though it is currently closed, the Sunsphere will re-open in time for Knoxville's 40th Anniversary Celebrations of hosting the World's Fair. This is an experience your tour-goers will remember for a lifetime.

6:00p-8:30p - Dinner & Shopping on Market Square

As the last stop on this amazing day, your group will discover Market Square, our pedestrian only square in the heart of downtown which is home to unique shops, boutiques, and some of the finest restaurants in the city. With a wide variety of eateries on the Square, tour-goers can feel free to choose the restaurant that piques their curiosity and hits the spot. Once they're done eating, it's time to explore, shop, and maybe even get their sugar fix! Just around the corner on Gay Street you'll find a Knoxville classic, Cruze Farm Ice Cream. There's no better way than to finish out your tour than in the heart of our beautiful Knoxville.

