

# North Carolina Furniture Factory Outlet Shopping Tour

November 6th - 9th, 2003

with consumer advocate Kimberly Causey  
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## Tour Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for: \_\_\_\_\_ Please check all that apply

Bus tour w/hotel (includes 3 nights hotel/double occupancy, all transportation): \$395.00

Single room upgrade (one king bed, single occupancy): \$120.00

Bus tour only (no hotel): \$295.00

Deduct any discount for signing up other paid tour members: \_\_\_\_\_ -\$

Total amount enclosed: \$

I would like to room with: \_\_\_\_\_ (for those in double occupancy rooms)

Please circle one of the options at right: Smoking room Non-smoking room

Please sign below and mail this application along with your check for the full amount (no credit cards) to:

Home Decor Press  
1000 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 6333  
Suwanee, GA 30024

My check for the full payment above is enclosed. I certify that I am over 18 years old, and that I have read, and agree to, all the conditions in the tour conditions sheet enclosed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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## Instructions and Tour Information

**This page outlines what Home Decor Press agrees to provide when you sign up for a group furniture shopping tour, and what you agree to do in return. This is very important information, so please read it carefully before you send in your payment. You will receive more information in your confirmation packet.**

**Tour cost:** Hotel and bus tour: \$395.00 per person  
Bus tour only: \$295.00 per person

**Payment deadlines:** All payments must be received in our office by October 10th, 2003. Payment must be made by check only. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards for tour payments. Spaces are only reserved when payment is actually received in our office.

Please note: Tours fill up quickly, and spaces are allotted on a first-come first-served basis. Spaces may run out on a given tour before the deadline. So, don't wait until the last minute to register. If the tour is full when we receive your check, we will immediately return it. Please do NOT buy plane tickets until you receive your written confirmation from us that you do have a confirmed space on the tour.

**What your tour includes:** Three nights accommodations (double occupancy--two people/two double beds)  
Bus transportation to all factory outlets on the tour  
Bus transportation to and from the Charlotte airport at the start and end of the tour  
Special group discounts worth hundreds of dollars at the outlets we will visit

**Note:** Although only three nights hotel are included in the tour's base price, you can purchase extra days if you wish to arrive before the tour begins or stay after the tour ends.

**Tour does not include:** Meals (a variety of restaurants are at the hotel and within walking distance)

**Booking extra nights:** If you would like to arrive earlier than the official start of the trip, or stay on in North Carolina after the tour officially ends, we would be happy to book extra nights at the hotel for you at our special group rate. Please call (678) 947-1750, and let us help you save you money on an extended stay.

**Earning a free tour:** You can earn substantial discounts off of the cost of tour, up to the full cost of your tour, by signing up other paid tour members. For each friend you sign up for our tours, you can earn a 10% discount on the cost of your own tour. Please see our main tour information page at [www.smartdecorating.com](http://www.smartdecorating.com) for detailed information on this program.

**Brands available:** You will be able to visit factory-owned factory outlets with discounts of 50%-80% off retail for these brands:

<b>Bernhardt</b>	<b>Clayton Marcus</b>	<b>Hickory White</b>	<b>Theodore Alexander</b>
<b>Broyhill</b>	<b>Henredon</b>	<b>Kincaid</b>	<b>Thomasville</b>
<b>Century</b>	<b>Hickory Chair</b>	<b>La-Z-Boy</b>	

In addition, we will be visiting a variety of other outlets and deep discounters that have thousands of other brands available at 40%-50% off retail. Also, Ms. Causey has negotiated special extra discounts of 5%-35% for **her tour groups only** at many of the outlets we will visit.

**Roommates:**

If you have a friend or family member also going on the tour, please fill in their name in the appropriate space on the application so that we can put you in the same room. If you are traveling alone, we will match you up with a same-gender roommate. If you would prefer to have a room by yourself with one king bed, please check the box on the application for “single room”, and add \$120.00 to cover the extra room cost.

**Expert assistance:**

Author and consumer advocate Kimberly Causey will be visiting all of the outlets on the tour as tour members are shopping. She will be available to answer brief questions and will be pointing out the best bargains at each factory outlet. She may be able to help some tour members negotiate better pricing. However, due to the volume of people going on the tour, Ms. Causey will not be able to give personalized shopping assistance to each tour member.

Most of the factory outlets and deep discounters on the tour do have staff available to provide more in-depth individualized attention at no extra charge.

**Shipping your purchases:**

All tour members will need to make their own arrangements directly with the factory outlets to have their furniture shipped home.

You agree that all purchase arrangements are strictly between you and the factory outlet or discounter. Home Decor Press is not responsible for any problems with delivery or damage to your furniture during delivery.

You agree that Home Decor Press is not liable for any problems you may have at your hotel, local restaurants, factory outlets, deep discounters, etc. Each business we visit on the tour is independently owned and operated, and their staff and facilities are not under the control of Home Decor Press.

Should you have any damage or injury to yourself or to your property while visiting any of these businesses, you agree to resolve the matter directly with the business. Home Decor Press cannot be held liable for the actions of employees or condition of the property or facilities of other companies.

**Local sales tax:**

Most factory outlets do not charge North Carolina sales tax if you have your purchases shipped directly to your home in another state. You may owe sales tax (also called “use tax”) to your own home state. Please ask the factory outlet or discounter where you make your purchase for more detailed information on the tax regulations of your home state. You can also call your county or state sales tax office for information on filing and paying any sales taxes you owe to your home state on your purchases. You agree that you are solely responsible for determining whether any sales taxes are due to your home state and properly filing and paying them.

**Children:**

All tour members must be over 18. Some factory outlets do not permit children inside, therefore we cannot allow them on the tour. We regret that we cannot provide or arrange child care during the tour.

**Leaving the tour:**

In fairness to the vast majority of people who make sure they are back at the bus when it is scheduled to leave, the bus will not wait for those who are late. Please be sure you are at the pickups on your itinerary on time. Everyone will receive a detailed tour itinerary along with their tour confirmation. Please keep it with you at all times. Anyone who misses a tour pickup for any reason will have to arrange their own transportation to the next stop on the tour at their own expense.

Please also be advised that our tour stops have been carefully selected by Ms. Causey to ensure to the best of our ability that all the furniture sources you will visit are reputable companies with accurate pricing and good service. There are many companies all over North Carolina, some right next door to our tour stops, which do \*not\* offer honest pricing or good service. A few are even in bankruptcy. If you choose to leave the tour and visit locations we have not scheduled, please do not ask Ms. Causey to help you with purchases or help resolve any problems you may have with stores you choose to visit on your own.

**Cancellations and refunds:** Payments for the North Carolina Group Furniture Shopping Tour are 100% refundable until 30 days prior to the tour's start. Should you need to cancel your trip, please notify us in writing before that date. After the 30th day prior to the tour's start, your payment will not be refundable for any reason. All cancellations must be sent in writing via e-mail, fax, or mail and will be effective on the date received by Home Decor Press.

**Disruptive behavior:** Home Decor Press reserves the right to terminate the participation of any person whom Home Decor Press management considers to be objectionable and who disrupts in any way the relaxed atmosphere of our tours. Our objective is to provide a peaceful, pleasant environment in which our tour members can focus on their furniture purchases and enjoy each other's company.

**Tours cancelled by HDP:** Although unlikely, your tour may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. If Home Decor Press cancels a tour you have paid for, the entire amount you have paid to Home Decor Press will be refunded to you within fourteen days after the tour's cancellation. Once this occurs, Home Decor Press and its representatives have no other obligations to tour members on cancelled trips.

**Other questions:** Please contact us at Home Decor Press if you have any questions not answered here:

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Suite 6333  
Suwanee, GA 30024

**Email:** [info@smartdecorating.com](mailto:info@smartdecorating.com)

**Web:** [www.smartdecorating.com](http://www.smartdecorating.com)

After your application and payment are received, and you have a definite spot on the tour, we will mail you a written confirmation. We will also mail you a detailed tour itinerary.

Thank you for inquiring about our tour! Happy bargain hunting!