

Crazy for Patsy Cline

A Local Legend Tour

Your group will be "crazy" for this tour in honor of a country music phenomenon!



Photos by Bob Rueggeger

If you've heard a country song within the past 45 years, then you've heard the amazing

influence of Patsy Cline. Her talent has been an inspiration to countless country western artists ever since her career was tragically cut short in 1963. Virginia Patterson Hensley, a.k.a. Patsy Cline, was born in Winchester on

September 8, 1932. With lots of Shenandoah Valley spunk, she sky-rocketed to fame in 1957. In just seven short years the undeniable Patsy Cline gained a reputation as one of the major female vocalists of all time.

The Crazy for Patsy Cline Tour is a 2 hour tour of detailed biographical information and Patsy Cline trivia. Your group will drive by the **WINC radio station** where Patsy's sweet melodies first filled the airwaves, and the home at 720 S. Kent Street where she married Charlie Dick.

Then, take a guided tour of the **Patsy Cline Historic House**, located nearby at 608 S. Kent Street, where Patsy lived with her mother and siblings. Walk where she walked, see where she slept, and hear stories about the decisive years she spent living in the home while pursuing her music career. The house is a physical testament to Patsy—the guile of a country girl destined for fame, her genius and impending success, and reminders of her youthful exuberance and determination.

Enjoy a visit to one of the last corner drug stores in America, **Gaunt's Drug Store**. Patsy worked here as a teenager, making sodas on the fountain side of the store. While the soda fountain is no longer there, an original booth still remains. Pharmacist and owner Doc Madagan will share stories about Patsy, while showing his prized photo collection.

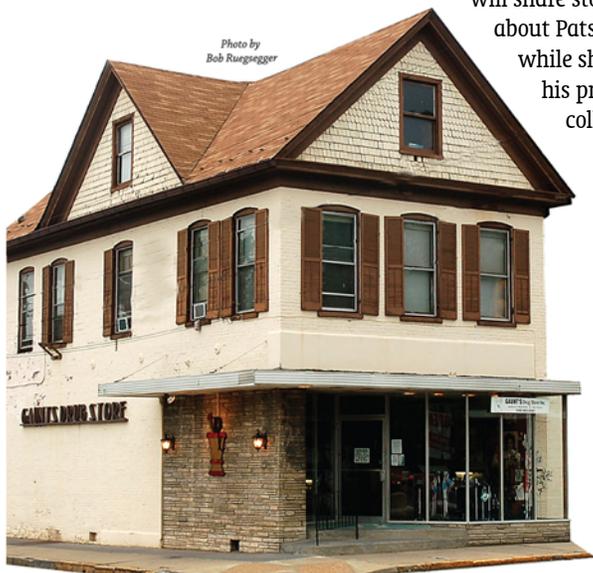
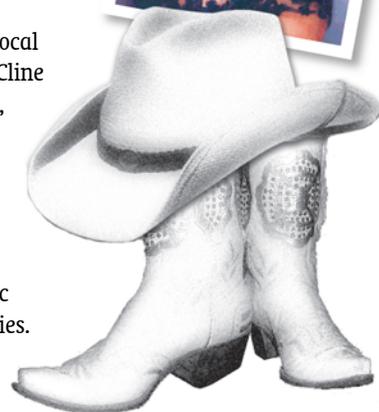
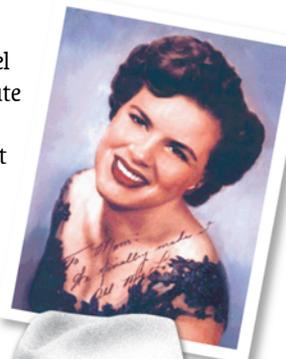


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While in Winchester, your group will travel out **Patsy Cline Memorial Highway** (Route 522 South) to **Shenandoah Memorial Park**. Here they can pay tribute to Patsy at her final resting place, learn more about her untimely death and see the bell tower that stands in her loving memory. Bring a penny to leave for good luck!

Step back in time in one of the local "honky tonk bars" of the Patsy Cline era, then called Daisy and Red's, now known as **Granny's Restaurant**. Enjoy the Patsy theme of this restaurant and sample their delicious fried chicken using Patsy's original recipe, or one of her other classic favorites, a cheeseburger and fries. This makes a fun lunch or dinner venue for your group.



This benefit tour includes a ride-along guide at the rate of \$12 per person, not including meals. Book through Celebrating Patsy Cline, Inc. Funds raised from the tour will go toward projects that help keep Patsy's memory alive. A Patsy Cline singer can be scheduled for an additional fee. Souvenirs are available at the Visitors' Center.



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