

St. Louis, Branson, Memphis, & Nashville



October 1 – 8, 2023

8 Days & 7 Nights

Sightseeing Highlights

St. Louis Gateway Arch & Museum

3 Branson Shows

Show Boat Branson Belle & The Dutton's Show

1 Show (To Be Announced)

Branson Landing & Historic Downtown Branson

William J. Clinton Presidential Library

Memphis City Tour

Peabody Hotel- March of the Ducks

Beale Street, Memphis

Graceland – Elvis Presley Home

Nashville City Tour

Johnny Cash Museum

County Music Hall of Fame

Grand Ole Opry

Itinerary

Day 1 St. Louis, MO -Today we begin our exciting tour by flying to **St. Louis, MO** famous for it's monument "The Gateway to the West." Airport transfer to our hotel is located close to **St. Louis Union Station** with restaurants and shops.

Day 2 St. Louis, MO - Branson, MO - Begin the day with a visit to the top of the **St. Louis Gateway Arch and Museum**. Then we travel to **Branson, MO** known as "The Live Music Show Capital of the World". Enjoy a Welcome dinner and a evening show with "**The Dutton's**." B,D.

Day 3 Branson-Today enjoy two Branson shows starting with lunch abroad the **Showboat Branson Belle**. A paddle wheeler cruise on Table Rock Lake and a musical Show. We then spend some time exploring **Historic Downtown Branson** with its wonderful flavor of an "Old Time Main

\$3,699.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy
\$4,499.00 Single Occupancy



Tour Price Includes:



Round Trip Airfare
Transfers to Airport from center
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Professional Tour Director
Luggage Handling
Meals: 7 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
2 Dinners

Hotel Accommodations:

- St. Louis, MO – 1 Night
Drury Inn Hotel Union Station
- Branson, MO – 3 Nights
Radisson Branson Hotel
- Memphis, TN – 2 Nights
Hampton Inn Hotel Beale Street
- Nashville- 2 Nights
Gaylord Opryland Resort

Mildly Active: Easy pace, little walking, and little stair climbing

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Street” with preserved building facades, brick sidewalks and Victorian lamp posts. **Branson Landing** with its lakefront of Lake Taneycomo offers a scenic area to stroll and explore the 100 specialty shops and restaurants. (B, L)

Day 4 Branson, MO. Little Rock, AR.- Memphis, TN- Today we make a stop in **Little Rock, Arkansas** to visit the **William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum**. The Clinton Presidential Center offers a unique perspective of the work – past, present, and future – of the 42nd President of the United States. We arrive in **Memphis, TN** given the title of the “Home of the Blues and the Birthplace of Rock & Roll”. Our hotel is located in the heart of the **Beale Street Entertainment District** which is walking distance from our hotel. You can discover - on your own, the live music and great restaurants of Memphis. (B)

Day 5 Memphis- This morning we become acquainted with the city of Memphis, TN. with a visit to the **Peabody Hotel**. (Stop to see the March of the World Famous Ducks). Next we visit **St. Jude Children’s Hospital** (Stop at the Danny Thomas Pavilion) and continue on with historic sites and hear interesting stories. Visiting **Graceland—The home of Elvis Presley** which includes an-audio self-guided tour of the Mansion. Visit Elvis Presley’s Memphis Entertainment Complex with a new Orientation film, The Presley Automobile Museum, the Entertainer Career Museum, and the ElvisDiscovery Exhibits. (B)

Day 6 Nashville, TN - Today we drive to Nashville, Tennessee “Country Music Capitol of the World.” After lunch downtown on your own, we visit **The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** contains exhibits, films, interactive displays and costumes as well as instruments and lyric sheets. This museum identifies and preserves the evolving history and traditions of country music. Then spend time exploring our hotel, the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel Resort** which features nine acres of indoor botanical gardens under a climate-controlled glass atrium, complete with rivers, pathways, and waterfalls. This evening we will attend the **Grand Ole Opry**. This is the country’s longest running live radio show, and has not missed a broadcast since the beginning of 1925. The shows can offer bluegrass, comedy and gospel artists as well as many well-known country music stars. (B)

Day 7 Nashville - Start the morning with a **City Tour of Nashville**. After lunch, visit the **Johnny Cash Museum**, new to Nashville, a journey of the life and music career of the “Man in Black”. Exhibits and collections include stage costumes, instruments, artwork, handwritten lyrics and sounds of his music. You remember his music by some of the titles like: Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues, Ring of Fire and so many more. This evening enjoy our farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 8 Fly Home This morning we’ll have breakfast before departing the hotel for our flight home. In returning from this tour, may you keep the memories of the music in your hearts and souls. (B)

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