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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON, MISSOURI

NOVEMBER 16-24, 2019

Entertainers known all over the world have settled side-by-side with traditional family music shows, working together to entertain millions of people every year in Branson, America's affordable, wholesome family entertainment mecca that emphasizes fun, comfort and the feeling of being right at home. Come join us on this exciting 9-day deluxe tour to "The Music Capital of the World" for an Ozark Mountain Christmas! Branson and its many theaters dress up for the holidays with twinkling lights, beautiful decorations and holiday spirit to welcome us.

Departure/return times and pickup locations are as follows:

| | <u>DEPART</u> | <u>RETURN</u> |
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| Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot) | 5:00 A.M. | 9:00 P.M. |
| Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only) | 5:15 A.M. | 8:45 P.M. |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16: We will begin our westward journey through Maryland, West Virginia, and Kentucky with breakfast and lunch stops en route to Lexington, Kentucky. **Lexington** is known as the "Horse Capital of the World" and is located in the center of the famed Bluegrass Region. We will tour the **Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm** in Georgetown, Kentucky. Racing stars such as Silver Charm, War Emblem, and many others retire here after their racing and breeding careers are over. Each horse has its own story and is shared on this working farm tour. A delicious dinner will be enjoyed at **Ramsey's Diner** before checking into our overnight accommodations at the:

CLARION HOTEL (859)233-0512
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky 40511

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17: Today, we'll travel through Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois reaching our next destination, **St. Louis**, Missouri. We drive by the **Gateway Arch**, America's tallest man-made national monument, overlooking the Mississippi River. We will tour the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**, also known as the St. Louis Cathedral, which is beautifully decorated with 41.5 million glass tesserae pieces in more than 7,000 colors. It is the largest

mosaic collection in the world. Dinner is scheduled at **Bartolino's South Restaurant** this evening before checking into our overnight accommodations at:

HAMPTON INN & SUITES (314)894-1900
4200 Midamerica Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63129



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18: After breakfast at the hotel, we continue our travels into the Ozark Mountain Region, an area of natural beauty in the southwestern most part of the state. A stop will be made at the famous **Bass Pro Outdoor World**, the original and largest store with waterfalls and aquariums, in Springfield for lunch and shopping. Upon arrival in Branson, we will check in at our deluxe accommodations, located centrally along Highway 76:

CLARION AT THE PALACE (417)334-7666
2820 West Highway 76
Branson, Missouri 63129

Shopping areas and several show theaters are within walking distance of our hotel. Our dinner will be onboard the **SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE**, a turn-of-the-century paddlewheeler churning through the waters of Table Rock Lake with lively entertainment. This evening, we'll see the unforgettable, high-tech, and lavish **SHOJI TABUCHI** Show, Branson's famous fiddle player, in a state-of-the-art variety production, comprised of music and dance of virtually every style. This show is a must-see while in Branson, as it features Branson USA's first family of extraordinary musical entertainment!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Following breakfast, we will attend **THE CLAY COOPER COUNTRY EXPRESS SHOW** with something for everyone with 24 entertainers on stage, great visual effects, and a variety of music - old and new country, rock, current hits, gospel, patriotic, and, of course, an Ozark Mountain Christmas Celebration! Lunch will be served at **Pasghetti's**, a brand new Italian "Days Gone By" Restaurant and Attraction in Branson. This afternoon, see **DANIEL O'DONNELL** who has long been considered Ireland's most popular singer performing a blend of traditional ballads, country favorites, and gospel in this festive international show. Dinner is scheduled at the **Welk Resort** this afternoon, prior to taking a motorcoach tour of the **Branson Gift of Lights**, Branson's premiere drive-through festival of Lights presenting an all-new, all-LED drive-thru Christmas Light display. Tonight, we will attend the **HUGHES BROTHERS CHRISTMAS SHOW**, creating a unique Christmas production for all. The Hughes Brothers and family transport you to a Christmas wonderland filled with the season's best vocal harmonies, exciting dances, inspiring instrumentals, and of course, the enchantment and light-hearted humor that everyone loves about the Hughes Brothers Show. Along with all the festive surprises and treasured family traditions, see Santa in a new light when he explains the symbols of Christmas in the most moving Christmas presentation you've ever witnessed.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20: After breakfast, we will attend **THE BRETT FAMILY MORNING SHOW**, a multi-talented family performing at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater. Christmas takes center stage as The Bretts deliver one of the country's most beloved Christmas shows, capturing the fun, the nostalgia, the power and the message of the season in this dynamic family production that combines the best in music, lighting, video, dance, comedy



and genuine artistry. Lunch is scheduled prior to visiting the one-of-a-kind **TITANIC Museum**, the world's largest Titanic museum attraction, for a 90-minute walk-through experience on a ship built half-scale to the original, see 400 priceless artifacts, hear stories from actual survivors, and walk the grand staircase. Dinner will be at **Landry's Restaurant** this evening, followed by Branson's original show on the 76 strip, the **PRESLEY'S COUNTRY JUBILEE**, featuring country favorites, Southern gospel, and hilarious comedy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21: Following breakfast, a dynamic morning show featuring **BUCK TRENT**, a Premier International Five String Banjo Picker, master musician, hilarious humorist, and entertainer extraordinaire who, along with his astounding cast, delivers a fast-paced, country music variety show that you are sure to enjoy. You will have the opportunity to shop & have lunch on own in **historic downtown Branson** and the Dick's Oldtime 5 & 10 with its wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling nostalgia. We will attend the matinee performance of **Miracle of Christmas at Sight & Sound's Branson Theater**. Witness the event that is central to the season, brought to life on a panoramic stage with high drama, spectacular special effects and live animals – on stage and in the aisles. Our dinner this evening is scheduled at **Black Oak Grill** which is located at **Branson Landing**, a shopping, dining & entertainment area featuring a scenic boardwalk along the 1.5 mile Taneycomo Lakefront and spectacular fountains. We will see the final show in our Branson lineup tonight, **The Haygoods Evening Show**. This talented family brings the house down night after night with incredibly tight harmonies, innovative, energetic choreography, incredible special effects and amazing performances on over 20 different instruments!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22: This morning after breakfast, we'll depart Branson with fond memories of our Branson tour. We'll travel through the Arkansas countryside en route to Jackson, Tennessee, with lunch and rest stops en route. We will check into our overnight accommodations at:

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES (731)736-4550
1335 Vann Drive
Jackson, Tennessee 38305

Dinner is scheduled at the **Casey Jones Old Country Store and Restaurant** for a delicious country-style meal.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Today, we'll travel by superhighways through Tennessee with a stop for lunch and holiday touring at the beautiful **Opryland Hotel** in Nashville. Explore the vast property beautifully decorated for the holidays featuring 17 unique eateries, shopping, and an impressive nine acres of lush, indoor gardens and cascading waterfalls. Our accommodations for the evening will be at the:

BEST WESTERN PLUS (423)587-2400
130 Cracker Road
Morristown, Tennessee 37813

Dinner is scheduled at the hotel for a delicious down-home Southern meal.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24: After breakfast this morning, we travel to Abingdon, Virginia, to the **Heartwood Complex**, home to The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, an organization that recognizes and supports places where traditional acoustic string music is performed. Lunch is included with time to browse and shop from local southwest Virginian artisans. We'll return to Maryland with fond memories of our wonderful Ozark Christmas excursion.

PRICE PER PERSON:

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| SINGLE | \$2,590.00 | (PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, |
| DOUBLE | \$2,160.00 | lodging, luggage handling, admissions, 10 shows, |
| TRIPLE | \$2,030.00 | 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners, cruise, and tax & |
| QUAD | \$1,970.00 | gratuities on meals included) |

A DEPOSIT OF \$500.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 3, 2019. Luggage tags and itineraries are mailed about 10 days prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets.

In order to accommodate our tour members who are non-smokers or who cannot tolerate cigarette smoke, we must insist that no smoking be allowed on board our coach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is strictly prohibited. Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations, if in the best interest of the customer.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer.

Trip cancellation insurance is available through Travel Guard Insurance. An application and coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service. A completed application with payment should be mailed to: Travel Guard, 3300 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).



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