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AN OZARK MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON, MISSOURI

NOVEMBER 12-20, 2022

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>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	6:15 A.M.	6:45 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12: We will begin our westward journey making breakfast and lunch stops en route to Indiana where we will check into our overnight accommodations at the:

HOLIDAY INN RICHMOND (765)488-1975
6000 National Rd E.
Richmond, Indiana 47374

Dinner is at your leisure this evening with restaurants within walking distance of hotel.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13: Today, after breakfast, we'll travel to St. Louis, Missouri, nicknamed the "Gateway City" which sits along the west bank of the Mississippi River. Upon arrival, we will visit the **Gateway Arch National Park**. Take the unique tram ride to the top of America's tallest monument and gaze at over 43,000 tons of concrete and steel which form the iconic, elegant arc standing 63 stories high into the Midwest sky and the stunning views stretching up to 30 miles to the east and west. Since its completion in 1965, the Arch celebrates the westward expansion of the United States and the pioneers who made it possible, which can be discovered in the recently reimagined, interactive museum on premises. Learn about the inspiration behind architect Eero Saarinen's timeless design and the determination of the men who brought the Gateway Arch to life in the award-winning documentary *Monument to the Dream*. Afterwards, check into our lodging for the evening at:

DRURY INN & SUITES ST. LOUIS SOUTHWEST (636)861-8300
5 Lambert Drury Drive
Valley Park, MO 63088



(Please be advised that all Drury hotels feature their signature Kickback Reception featuring hot food and cold beverages from 5:30-7:00 which is included with your stay. It can be used as a snack for some people, and a meal for others.)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14: 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. Upon arrival in Branson, we will check in at our deluxe accommodations for the next four nights at: **FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES** (417)336-5665
220 Historic State Highway 165
Branson, Missouri 65616

Spend some time at **Branson Landing**, a shopping, dining & entertainment area featuring a scenic boardwalk along the 1.5-mile Taneycomo Lakefront and over 100 specialty shops and restaurants. At the heart of the Landing is a vibrant town square featuring a \$7.5 million spectacular water attraction that features the first-ever merging of water, fire, light and music. Be amazed by the dazzling interplay of water fountains shooting 120-foot geysers and fire cannons blasting, all choreographed to light and music! A delicious dinner will be served at **Paula Deen's Family Kitchen** located on property, before kicking off our fabulous Branson lineup of shows at the first theater to be built on Highway 76, Branson's famous entertainment strip... **the Presley's Christmas Jubilee**. Instrumental in the creation of the live show industry in Branson, this fabulously gifted, tight-knit crew of family and friends continue to thrill their audiences with great country music, soulful southern gospel songs, and hysterical comedy in a beautiful state-of-the-art facility, all skillfully delivered by one of Branson's most talented and accomplished families!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Following breakfast, we will attend **Doug Gabriel's Christmas Show at Branson's Famous Theatre**. One of the longest running Branson shows and its most successful entertainers, "Doug Gabriel," Branson Terry Award's Entertainer of the Year recipient, gives you everything he's got with his superb and versatile voice and polished showmanship, along with a talented cast, rib-tickling comedy, and a terrific ensemble of musicians. And to compliment that astonishing voice, he expertly plays the guitar, piano, and World Famous Mufftar, a creative and slightly crazy guitar fashioned from the muffler of a 1969 Ford Thunderbird! Spend some time shopping at the **Branson Craft Mall**, a unique 16,000 square foot facility with more than 200 vendors, artists and crafters, and the best food Branson has to offer at **Pickin Porch Grill** where you will enjoy lunch! This evening, our dinner will be onboard the **Showboat Branson Belle**, a turn-of-the-century paddle-wheeler churning through the waters of Table Rock Lake with lively entertainment. Then, we will attend the evening show of **The Texas Tenors – Deep in the Heart of Christmas at the Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre**, a sensational Branson show designed to bring out that feeling of a traditional family Christmas. Everyone loves to hear them any time of year; singing everything from country ballads to opera's favorite arias, but something about the amazing vocals displayed by "The Texas Tenors," with that incredible harmony, that sounds extra fabulous during the holidays! Although the foundation of the show delivers a family holiday feel, visual elements and effects, as well as singers, dancers, and delightfully magical characters have been added to appeal to fans of all ages.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16: After breakfast, we will visit 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. 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. This afternoon, be prepared for the unexpected as you see illusionist **Rick Thomas in *Mansion of Dreams* performing at the Andy Williams Moon River Theatre**. *Mansion of Dreams* is the crowning achievement of the multi-award-winning Master Illusionist Rick Thomas, who is also Branson's very own "Entertainer of the Year", presented by the Terry Awards. Stunning magic, extreme comedy, exquisite dancers, and an inspiring story are woven into one of the most amazing productions ever to be seen! Witness the most intriguing, innovative and mind-blowing grand illusions in the world at this one-of-a-kind show that you won't want to miss! Dinner will be served at **Pasghetti's**, an Italian "Days Gone By" Restaurant and Attraction in Branson, prior to seeing the **Oak Ridge Boys at the Mansion Theatre**. With one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry for over four decades, the four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of Country hits, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards, and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17: Following breakfast, we will attend **The Brett Family Christmas Show**, a multi-talented family performing at **Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater**, in its final season. Christmas takes center stage as The Bretts deliver one of Branson's premier "must-see" Christmas productions, capturing the fun, the nostalgia, the power, and the message of the season in this dynamic family production that combines the best in world-class singing, dancing, comedy, songwriting, musicianship, and genuine artistry. Grab a bite to eat for lunch before attending the matinee performance of **Daniel O'Donnell at the Welk Resort Theatre**. Daniel O'Donnell is a world-renowned, successful and beloved country entertainer from Ireland and the star of the PBS TV series, 'The Daniel O'Donnell Show' in which he teams up with Mary Duff, one of Ireland's top female vocalists to give you a lend of traditional Irish ballads, country favorites, and traditional gospel for a truly unique and sensational show. Dinner is scheduled at the **Welk Resort** this evening, before attending the final show in our Branson lineup...**the Hughes Brothers Christmas Show!** Awarded Best Christmas Show 13 years in a row, step back in time as the Hughes Brothers and their families create a Christmas wonderland filled with the season's best vocal harmonies, exciting dances, inspiring instrumentals, and of course, the charm that everyone loves about these four multi-talented brothers. The show is filled with festive surprises, extraordinary performances, and treasured family traditions. You'll see Santa in a new light when he explains the symbols of Christmas in the most moving Christmas presentation you've ever witnessed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18: This morning after breakfast, we'll depart Branson with fond memories of our Ozark Mountain holiday entertainment and fun. We'll travel to Indiana today making lunch and rest stops en route and check into our overnight accommodations at:

DRURY INN & SUITES INDIANAPOLIS NORTHEAST
(317) 849-8900
8180 Shadeland Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46250



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Today, we'll continue our travels eastward to Wheeling, West Virginia, the state's first capital, set on the Ohio River in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, where we will check into our accommodations for the evening at:

OGLEBAY RESORT'S WILSON LODGE (304)243-4090
465 Lodge Drive
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003



Browse the **Hilltop Shops & Gardens** for unique gifts, prior to a tour at **Oglebay's Mansion Museum**, featuring 13 period rooms lavishly decorated with holiday décor. The Mansion Museum of Oglebay Institute was the first museum in West Virginia to be accredited by the American Association of Museums and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Prepare to be amazed by **Oglebay's Good Zoo's Rockin' Holiday Light Show**, a dazzling, new and improved light show featuring 40,000 LED lights choreographed to the music of legends like Led Zeppelin, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and more! A **holiday dinner buffet** is scheduled for this evening. Oglebay is transformed into a winter wonderland as guests travel from near and far to experience the time-honored tradition of the **Festival of Lights**, deemed one of the 10 Best Christmas Light Displays in the United States by AOL Travel. End the evening, with a drive through the festival in the comfort of our motorcoach as you view 90+ larger-than-life exhibits spanning more than 300 acres.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20: After breakfast this morning at the lodge, we will visit the sparkling **Oglebay Institute Glass Museum** where you can experience live glass working demonstrations, witness the largest piece of cut lead crystal ever made – The Sweeney Punch Bowl, a world renowned remarkable piece of Victorian artistry, and see over 3,000 examples of Wheeling glass made from 1829-1939. Make a sweet stop at **Russell Stover Chocolates**, an American classic since 1923, along with meal and rest stops en route to Maryland with fond memories of our magical Ozark Christmas excursion.

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$3,300.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$2,700.00	lodging, luggage handling, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch,
TRIPLE	\$2,500.00	5 dinners – plus Drury kickback receptions, tax & gratuities
QUAD	\$2,400.00	on meals included, admissions, 8 shows, & guided tours)

A DEPOSIT OF \$500 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as 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. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly suggest purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Guard Insurance. 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). All policies will need to be quoted and/or purchased electronically, or by calling the 24-hour service center (paper applications are no longer accepted). Insurance coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

*PLEASE NOTE: Casual clothing is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.

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