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A MAGICAL MUSICAL CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS

NOVEMBER 8-14, 2024

Celebrate the holidays southern style with the best of **Nashville**, known as America's Music City, and **Memphis**, Home of the Blues. This tour hits all the right notes as you travel the Music Road through Tennessee! Be immersed in the rich history of country music as you tour Nashville's Music Row and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Experience a live show at the Grand Ole Opry, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at its current location this year. Walk in Elvis's footsteps as you tour Graceland, Sun Studios, and Beale Street in Memphis. See how music is deeply rooted in the heart and soul of these two musical cities while enjoying the sights & sounds of the holidays!

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 AM	7:30 PM
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	6:15 AM	7:15 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8: We will travel to Tennessee today making breakfast and lunch stops en route. We will check into our overnight accommodations at:

**HAMPTON INN MORRISTOWN**      (423) 839-1920  
 5368 Winners Circle Road  
 Morristown, Tennessee 37813

Dinner will be at your leisure at the Cracker Barrel located next to our hotel.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9: Following breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Nashville. Have lunch on your own in the vibrant downtown area at **Assembly Food Hall**, a multi-level, comprehensive culinary and entertainment destination, offering over 20 eateries with a variety of cuisines for you to choose from. Then, take a guided tour of the **Historic RCA Studio B** where you will learn about the musical greats who have recorded here since it opened its doors in 1957, including Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, and the Everly Brothers. Hear about the development of the Nashville Sound and the Nashville number system, developed for transcribing music, along with inside stories about the iconic songs recorded in RCA Studio B. Afterwards, enjoy a self-guided visit at the **Country Music Hall of Fame**,



the definitive home of America's music, safeguarding more than 2.5 million priceless artifacts, including countless recordings and photographs, numerous stage costumes, musical instruments, and more. We will check into our beautiful accommodations for the next two nights at the spectacular:

**GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT** (615) 889-1000  
2800 Opryland Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37214



Expect an extraordinary experience at the Opryland Resort during your stay!

Explore the vast property featuring a variety of unique eateries, shopping, indoor/outdoor pools, and an impressive nine acres of lush, indoor garden atriums and cascading waterfalls. This evening, a delicious dinner will be included at **Paula Deen's Family Kitchen**, before we attend the world-famous home of country music, the **Grand Ole Opry**. What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is today a live entertainment phenomenon. The Opry is celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at its current location in 2024!** Unlike a typical concert, the Opry features a dynamic lineup of eight or more artists on each show, coming together to celebrate the past, present and future of country music.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10:** After breakfast at the hotel, embark early on a fun **guided City Tour with a singing local guide**. Traveling through the streets of Nashville, you'll get a close-up view of the sites that make this world-class city one of the top visited places in the United States. Hear the stories and anecdotes full of the country charm and folksy wisdom that Music City is known for. From the city's honky-tonks to its famous music venues, uncover insider stories and intriguing facts about the people, places, and events responsible for the city's iconic reputation. Then, it's time for boarding the world-famous **General Jackson Showboat** for a "Taste of Tennessee" **luncheon cruise**. Spend an afternoon onboard with a delicious Southern buffet and celebrating and saluting the music of world-famous **Tennessee Legends**. Listen to some of Nashville's finest musicians and singers sharing the stories and songs from the pride of Tennessee. With guitars, fiddles and voices ringing, Tennessee Legends is a can't-miss musical treat. Return to Opryland Resort to enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Enjoy all that the Resort has to offer, including a shuttle to **Opry Mills**, Nashville's largest outlet shopping destination, complete with 200+ stores and a wide variety of dining and entertainment options in this beautiful indoor mall.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11:** After a breakfast buffet at the hotel, we will head to Memphis to first experience **Elvis Presley's Graceland!** In the **mansion**, you will explore the personal side of Elvis Presley with an audio-guided tour which includes the living room, his parents' bedroom, the kitchen, TV room, pool room, the famous Jungle Room, his father's office, the newly-enhanced Trophy Building, the Racquetball Building – newly-restored to how it looked in 1977, and Meditation Garden. Enjoy full access to **Elvis Presley's Memphis**, a state-of-the-art entertainment and exhibit complex over 200,000-square-feet in size, which enables you to follow the life path that Elvis took, surround yourself with the things that he loved, and experience the sights and sounds of the city that inspired him. Experience Elvis' life and career like never before – his roots, his influences and his artistry. The Elvis Presley's Memphis experience includes the **Elvis the Entertainer**



**Career Museum** featuring hundreds of artifacts and photos from significant events in his life, the extensive Graceland Archives, including Elvis' amazing collection of gold and platinum records, his stunning jumpsuits, and other clothing, memorabilia from his movies, and more; **Presley Motors Automobile Museum**, where you can walk among some of Elvis' favorite automobiles, including his iconic Pink Cadillac, Stutz Blackhawk, 1956 Cadillac Eldorado, Dino Ferrari, Mercedes Benz limousine, Rolls Royce sedans and more; and the **Elvis Discovery Exhibits** showcasing Elvis' influences, important facets of his incredible life, and his role in launching a music and pop culture revolution. Enjoy a self-guided tour of **Elvis' Airplanes** as you step aboard Elvis' customized airplanes to see how he traveled in luxury. The *Lisa Marie* includes a living room, conference room, private bedroom and features gold-plated seatbelts, leather-covered tables and 24-karat gold-flecked sinks. Plus, you can take a glimpse at Elvis' smaller Lockheed Jetstar, the *Hound Dog II*. Lunch will be on your own at Graceland. We will then check into our luxurious accommodations for the next two nights at the:

**GUEST HOUSE HOTEL AT GRACELAND** (901) 443-3000

3600 Elvis Presley Blvd.

Memphis, Tennessee 38116

Opened in late 2016, the Guest House Hotel is an extraordinary hotel experience inspired by Elvis Presley, located just a few steps from the gates of the iconic Graceland Mansion. This world-class resort reflects Elvis' personal style and the unique charm of Graceland and is inspired by the warm hospitality that Elvis always showed his guests. The Southern hospitality, royal treatment and luxurious amenities offered by the hotel would make the king proud! Dinner will be at your leisure this evening at one of the restaurants on property.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:** This morning after breakfast at the hotel, we will depart with a local guide for a **city sightseeing tour of Memphis**, the Bluff City. Along the tour, we will make a stop at the **Peabody Hotel** to see the famous Duck March which began back in the 1930s and has since become an internationally famous Peabody tradition. Another highlight of the tour will be a stop at the Danny Thomas/ALSAC Pavilion, located on the campus of **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, which commemorates the life of Danny Thomas and the history of ALSAC and St. Jude's, learn the history surrounding the founding of St. Jude, and the institution's accomplishments in the fight against catastrophic childhood diseases. Lunch will be on your own prior to visiting **Sun Records Recording Studio**, the birthplace of rock 'n roll, for a guided studio tour. The most famous recording studio in the world, built of blend-right-in brick and tucked into an intersection, was opened by Sam Phillips in 1950. Hear stories and music of some of the legendary artists who recorded here including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and many more. We will then visit the **Rock & Soul Museum**, created by the Smithsonian Institution, which tells the story of musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the world. Located at FedExForum, the museum offers a comprehensive Memphis music experience from the rural music of the 1930s, through Memphis' musical heyday in the 70s, to its global musical influence. This evening, we will have dinner at **King's Palace Cafe** on famous **Beale Street** which offers the old time Beale Street atmosphere of good food and good music. On **Beale Street**, Tennessee's most visited attraction and America's most iconic street, you will hear music streaming from every open door, tributes to music legends along its cobblestone walkways, and reminders of the city's rich heritage everywhere you look.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13: Following breakfast and check-out, we will depart Memphis and head to **Pigeon Forge** in the Smoky Mountains making a lunch stop en route. Upon arrival, we will check into our overnight accommodations at:

**HOLIDAY INN PIGEON FORGE** (865) 428-2525  
2905 Parkway  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 37863

A delicious southern-style dinner is scheduled at **Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant** in Sevierville this evening. Afterwards, enjoy the Christmas Show at the **Country Tonite Theatre** where the magic of Christmas abounds with talented renditions of Christmas favorites combined with beautiful choreography, brightly decorated holiday sets, and colorful costumes. The popular cast covers a number of holiday classics for a nostalgic, spirited holiday celebration that will be enjoyed by all. You'll also find a few special guest performers during the Christmas production that you certainly won't see any other time of the year...Frosty the Snowman, Santa Claus, and everyone's favorite ballerina in the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14: After breakfast, we will depart our hotel making lunch & rest stops en route as we travel home with fond memories of our magical, musical holiday travels in Tennessee!

**PRICE PER PERSON:**

SINGLE	\$2,950.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$2,450.00	lodging, luggage handling, 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners,
TRIPLE	\$2,270.00	admissions, boat cruise, 2 shows, guided tours with
QUAD	\$2,250.00	gratuities, and tax & gratuities on meals included)

A DEPOSIT OF \$400 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**. 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 recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Insured International. For information and to obtain a quote, visit our agency specific link: <http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=61986> For specific questions regarding trip cancellation insurance, call Travel Insured's customer care at (800)243-3174 and refer to Agency #61986 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

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

CASUAL CLOTHING is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WALKING involved on this tour.

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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