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AN OZARK MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON, MISSOURI

NOVEMBER 14-22, 2026

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 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 location are as follows:

	DEPART	RETURN
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14: We will begin our westward journey making breakfast and lunch stops en route to Dayton, Ohio where we will check into our overnight accommodations at the: **DRURY INN & SUITES DAYTON NORTH** (937)454-5200
6616 Miller Lane
Dayton, Ohio 45414
Dinner is at your leisure this evening with restaurants within walking distance of hotel. (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.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Today, after breakfast, we'll continue our travels westward, crossing into the Central Time zone. Lunch will be enjoyed at **Niemerg's Steakhouse**, a must-visit restaurant located in Effingham, Illinois. Upon arrival to St. Louis, Missouri, nicknamed the "Gateway City" which sits along the west bank of the Mississippi River, 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 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
5 Lambert Drury Drive
Valley Park, Missouri 63088 (636)861-8300

Dinner is at your leisure tonight with restaurants within walking distance or enjoy the Kickback Reception at the hotel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16: 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, 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! We will check in at our accommodations, conveniently located along the Branson Strip, for the next four nights at:

CLARION INN BRANSON (417)263-3157
2820 West 76 Country Blvd.
Branson, Missouri 65616

A delicious dinner will be served at **Landry's Seafood House**, 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 almost 60 years ago, 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 17: Following breakfast, we will attend the morning performance of **Cassandré The Voice of an Angel Christmas Spectacular** at The Pepsi Legends Theatre. 30-year veteran performers in Branson, Timothy and Cassandré Haygood put on a show unlike anything else in Branson. Their world-class Christmas show features Cassandré's stunning, world class voice and Timothy's mastery of multiple instruments backed by an incredibly accomplished band! The cast also features additional soloists and dancers, as well as the lush vocal harmonies of the Stardust Band! Dazzling costume changes and high energy production add to the fun! Cassandré has a one-of-a-kind voice with a unique clear, pure tone, with incredible depth and range that will delight your ears and move you as she effortlessly transitions through so many musical styles. Lunch will be on your own before attending the matinee performance of **The Duttons Christmas Show**. Dubbed "America's Most Musical Family" with three generations performing in every show, their Christmas Show is influenced by Christmas traditions from all over the world, celebrating the season with everything from Celtic fiddles and Christmas classics to beautiful orchestrations and delightful production. With a dancing snowman, toys that come to life and amazing musical talent, The Duttons provide a joyful holiday celebration of song, dance, comedy and magical surprises. Dinner this evening is scheduled at a local restaurant. Then, we will finish the day with **The Haygoods Christmas Show** at the Clay Cooper Theatre! With bright costumes, new and traditional Christmas songs, and special lighting effects, The Haygoods perform a Christmas Extravaganza that has become a family tradition in Branson since 1993! This high-energy production features all your favorite Christmas Songs as only the Haygoods

can perform them! And watch out for Banjo Boy who is up to his normal shenanigans with several surprises included in the show. Enjoy Christmas lights in a whole new way when you come to this Branson favorite!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18: After breakfast, we will board "the ship of dreams" to experience the one-of-a-kind **TITANIC Museum**, the world's largest Titanic museum attraction, which serves as a tribute to *Titanic's* ship, passengers and crew. On a 90-minute walk-through visit on a ship built half-scale to the original, be swept up in the excitement, wonder and consequences of the Titanic story as you see more than 400 priceless relics and artifacts found on the ocean floor, walk the Grand Staircase, sit in a full-sized lifeboat, hear actual survivor stories, touch an iceberg, and more. Discover the incredible story of the *RMS Titanic* as you walk in the footsteps of passengers and crew and gain a powerful understanding of this pivotal moment in history. Next, we will enjoy a **luncheon cruise** onboard the ***Showboat Branson Belle***, a turn-of-the-century paddle-wheeler churning through the waters of Table Rock Lake with lively entertainment, for a true Ozarks' riverboat adventure! Dinner is scheduled at a local restaurant before we complete our day at one of Branson's most popular Christmas attractions…a drive through **Branson's Lights of Joy**, a magical experience that has become a holiday tradition with hundreds of themed light displays.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Following breakfast, we will have a **guided tour** of the **College of the Ozarks** campus where you will get to experience what *The Wall Street Journal* described as "one of the most unusual little liberal arts colleges in the country." College of the Ozarks, or "C of O," founded in 1906, is best known for giving its students the opportunity to receive a tuition-free education and debt-free graduation. Every full-time student at C of O works at a campus job to help cover his or her academic expenses. Before departing, we will visit the **Keeter Center** for a Christmas treat! Following lunch at a local restaurant, we will attend the matinee performance of the **SIX Show** which is celebrating 20 years of performing live in Branson. This powerhouse "Vocal Band" features six real brothers who take musical entertainment to a whole new level. Critically acclaimed and dubbed "an orchestra of human voices" and "masters of showmanship", these multi-talented brothers don't use any instruments, but you'll think you're hearing them. True pioneers of contemporary a cappella, they utilize the palpable rhythmic bass, driving beatbox style percussion, and impeccable vocal blend that they've been developing since they were children. Infusing lively choreography and fun family comedy that only brothers can do, they perform a wide variety of musical genres delighting fans of all ages. Dinner is scheduled this evening before attending our final Branson show…***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. Prepare to be amazed as the Bible comes to life on stage!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20: This morning after breakfast, we'll depart Branson with fond memories of our Ozark Mountain holiday entertainment and fun. We'll travel to Illinois today making lunch and rest stops en route and check into our overnight accommodations at:

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (217)253-6363
1201 Tuscola Blvd.
Tuscola, Illinois 61953

This evening, visit Central Illinois' most unique attraction, **Hardy's Reindeer Ranch**. Your visit will start with the **Reindeer Experience Tour** as you surround yourself with these magical animals of the North. You'll be given treats to feed them & might even receive a 'reindeer kiss,' if you're brave. Enjoy the fantastic photo opportunities and have a chance to shop at the unique Country Barn gift shop. Then, top off the day with a delicious **Chuckwagon-style dinner** and some of the area's best performers entertaining you with music, comedy and a whole lot of fun!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21: Today, we'll continue our travels eastward to Dover, Ohio, crossing back into Eastern Time zone & making a lunch stop en route. We will check into our accommodations for our final evening at:

COMFORT INN & SUITES DOVER (330)365-9388
1120 Gateway Place
Dover, Ohio 44622

Later this afternoon, we will visit the **Ernest Warther Museum** which displays the priceless artworks of the World's Master Carver, Ernest "Mooney" Warther. A **guided tour** takes guests through the life and works of a sculptor who captured the evolution of the steam engine out of ebony, ivory, and walnut. Warther's home and original studio is on display, as well as a 73,000-plus-piece button collection placed into quilting patterns created by his wife, Frieda. Enjoy a **catered dinner** on property this evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: After breakfast this morning, we are homeward bound! 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	$3,460.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	$2,900.00	lodging, luggage handling, 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches,
TRIPLE	$2,700.00	6 dinners – plus Drury kickback receptions, tax & gratuities
QUAD	$2,700.00	on meals included, admissions, 6 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 30, 2026**. 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.

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

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, Wi-Fi 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.

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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