

# NASHVILLE, BRANSON and THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

## includes DOLLYWOOD

21 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

A special tour for Country Music lovers that journeys through the musical heartland of America.



Features include **Premium Reserved Seating at The Grand Ole Opry** in Nashville, three of the best shows in Branson, a drive through Great Smoky Mountains National Park displaying its beautiful fall foliage, Dollywood Theme Park and a visit to Graceland in Memphis. Upgraded accommodations feature: three nights in Nashville at the unique **Gaylord Opryland Resort** located close to the Grand Ole Opry, two nights in Memphis at **The Guest House at Graceland**, steps away from the iconic Graceland Mansion.

**DEPARTURE:** Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m., Fort Macleod 2:00 p.m., Lethbridge 2:30 p.m., Medicine Hat 4:45 p.m

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- 1 **EDMONTON to CALGARY to SWIFT CURRENT:** *Wednesday.* Your *Music Cities Tour* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travel companions enroute. A stop is made in Medicine Hat before crossing the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and arriving in Swift Current, Saskatchewan for overnight. Upon arrival join your fellow travellers at an informal MEET AND GREET.
- 1 2 **SWIFT CURRENT to MINOT:** *Thursday.* Saskatchewan passengers join the tour as you travel through Moose Jaw, Regina, Weyburn and Estevan before crossing the Canadian/American border. Continue south through North Dakota to Minot.
- 2 3 **MINOT to WATERTOWN:** *Friday.* Travel to Fargo, enter South Dakota and overnight in Watertown. Enjoy an included PIZZA PARTY with your travel companions at the hotel.
- 3 4 **WATERTOWN to KANSAS CITY:** *Saturday.* Follow the picturesque Missouri River along the western border of Iowa to Kansas City, Missouri.
- 4 5 **KANSAS CITY to BRANSON:** (2 nights) *Sunday.* Today you are on your way to America's hottest entertainment destination for some fabulous entertainment. Enroute take an interesting jeep-drawn tram tour through the FANTASTIC CAVERNS. Arrive Branson, Missouri for a two-night stay. Tonight enjoy CLAY COOPER'S COUNTRY EXPRESS. Clay and his cast of 24 incredible entertainers guarantee a family friendly show. Their singing, dancing, and hysterical comedy will keep you entertained from start to finish!
- 5 6 **BRANSON:** *Monday.* This morning is free should you wish to take in an attraction or music show. Visit BRANSON LANDING where you'll find many options for your lunch. Located adjacent to historic downtown, Branson Landing has a one-mile lakefront Boardwalk and complimentary tram featuring galleries, shops, specialty retailers and a spectacular fountain in the Town Square. In the afternoon you will enjoy the LEGENDS IN CONCERT show at the American Bandstand Theater, followed with an INCLUDED DINNER at the Grande Country Buffet. For your last night in Branson, we offer PRESLEYS' COUNTRY JUBILEE - the very first music show to open on the now world-famous 76 Country Boulevard!
- 6 7 **BRANSON to MEMPHIS:** (2 nights) *Tuesday.* Continue to Memphis, Tennessee home of Beale Street with its many jazz and blues clubs, and

Graceland, home of Elvis Presley. Whether or not you are an Elvis fan, everyone wants to make a pilgrimage there – and you will stay mere steps away at **The Guest House at Graceland**.

- 7 8 **MEMPHIS:** *Wednesday.* Enjoy a GUIDED CITY TOUR that includes downtown Memphis, the Mississippi River, Cotton Row, a stop at the world-famous PEABODY HOTEL for the DUCK MARCH and a stroll along Beale Street, famous for the Blues. The highlight of this day is the GRACELAND ELVIS EXPERIENCE TOUR, including Graceland Mansion with audio guide.
- 8 9 **MEMPHIS to NASHVILLE:** (3 nights) *Thursday.* Your destination today is Nashville, "Music City USA". Enroute visit LORETTA LYNN'S PLANTATION HOME. Your home for three nights will be the unique 2,881-room **Gaylord Opryland Resort** located close to the Grand Ole Opry and the General Jackson Showboat.
- 9 10 **NASHVILLE:** *Friday.* Highlights this morning include stops at RYMAN AUDITORIUM, where the Grand Ole Opry originated, and the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME – a museum dedicated to entertainers, composers and leaders of the country music industry. After lunch enjoy a GUIDED TOUR OF THE GRAND OLE OPRY. You will visit the dressing rooms and the Green Room with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to stand "In the Circle" on stage of the Grand Ole Opry! Nashville is famous for its many nightclubs – you have a free evening tonight if you wish to visit one.
- 10 11 **NASHVILLE:** *Saturday.* This morning enjoy a GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR of historic downtown Nashville and drive by some of the homes of country music stars.  
Enjoy a free after-

noon to explore downtown on your own or return to the hotel and get acquainted with your home away from home. Then sit back and enjoy your PREMIUM RESERVED SEATING tonight at the GRAND OLE OPRY, the heart and soul of any Nashville visit. Celebrating its 97th birthday this year, this live radio broadcast is enjoyed by thousands each weekend and will be performed before your very eyes.

**11 12 NASHVILLE to PIGEON FORGE:** (3 nights) *Sunday*. Travel through Knoxville, arriving in Pigeon Forge near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park – named for the blue smoke-like haze that almost always hangs over the peaks of the Smoky Mountains. This evening enjoy a fabulous feast and galloping good time at the DOLLY PARTON'S STAMPEDE! Be entertained as you watch a show with live animals, dramatic lighting, sound and pyrotechnics.

**12 13 PIGEON FORGE:** *Monday*. A LOCAL GUIDE will join us this morning for an introduction to the GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK. Stops will be made at SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER and to view THE CHIMNEY TOPS and at NEWFOUND GAP, where you can straddle the border of Tennessee and North Carolina and see down into deep valleys. After the tour, you will have time for lunch and shopping in GATLINBURG. The afternoon is at your leisure back in Pigeon Forge. Perhaps take a trolley and check out the miles of bargains in over 150 factory outlet stores with a wide variety of crafts and specialty shops. Some may wish to choose a show for this evening.

**13 14 PIGEON FORGE:** *Tuesday*. Today visit DOLLYWOOD, the entertainment capital of the Smokys! Watch master craftsmen at work, marvel at the winged residents of the Eagle Sanctuary, enjoy some great entertainment and relax as you ride the 100-ton steam train through the mountain scenery. Visit the DOLLY PARTON STORY MUSEUM, which takes you on a never to be-forgotten tour of Dolly's "rags-to-riches" life.

**14 15 PIGEON FORGE to CORYDON:** *Wednesday*. Welcome to the Bluegrass State of Kentucky, where the finest thoroughbreds in the world are raised. In Lexington visit the home of the 2010 World Equestrian Games Competition, the KENTUCKY HORSE PARK for a farm tour. Continue to Corydon for overnight.

**15 16 CORYDON to ST. LOUIS:** *Thursday*. Travel to St. Louis, Missouri and enjoy a visit to the GATEWAY ARCH. Ride a tram to the top of the arch for a spectacular view from 630 feet above the banks of the Mississippi River.

**16 17 ST. LOUIS to CEDAR RAPIDS:** *Friday*. Follow the Mississippi River north to Hannibal, hometown of Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, and the unsinkable Molly Brown, famous survivor of the Titanic disaster. Visit the fascinating MARK TWAIN BOYHOOD HOME AND MUSEUM, introducing you to the famous writer's

life and childhood friends on whom so many of his characters were based. Continue on to Cedar Rapids, Iowa for overnight.

**17 18 CEDAR RAPIDS to ST. CLOUD:** *Saturday*. Continue north across the corn fields of the Hawkeye State to enter the Land of 10,000 Lakes, Minnesota. Travel through Rochester, home to the famous Mayo Clinic and the twin cities of St. Paul/Minneapolis to overnight in St. Cloud, home to writer Garrison Keiller.

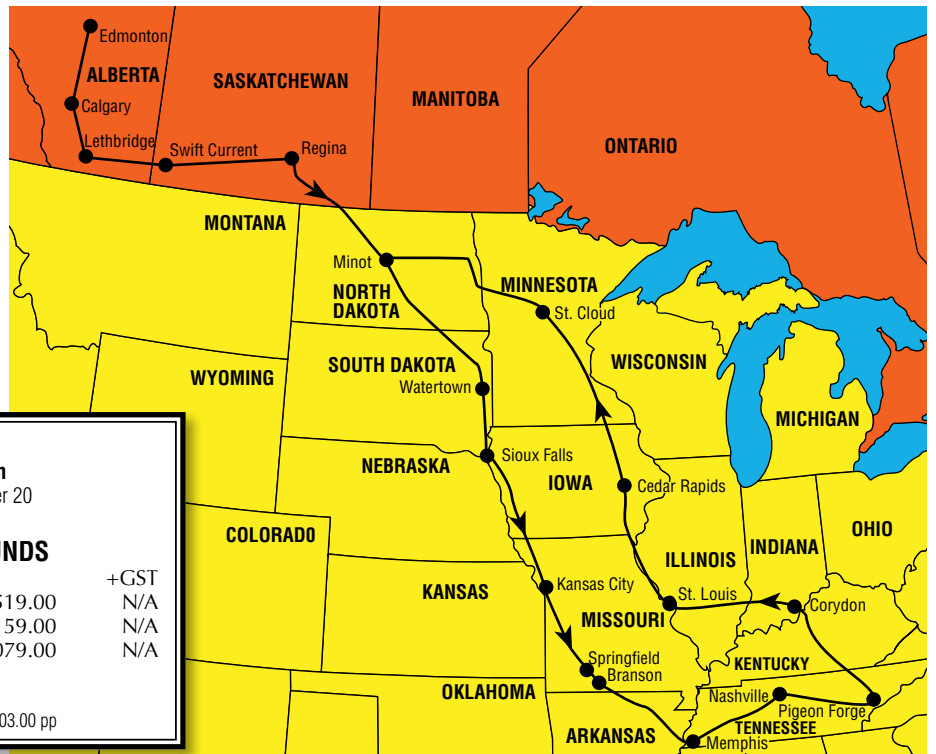
**18 19 ST. CLOUD to MINOT:** *Sunday*. Today we follow the interstate east to cross the Red River back into North Dakota. This afternoon our travels follow the original Northern Pacific mainline through Devil's Lake to end our day in Minot, North Dakota. Share tour memories tonight with your fellow travellers at a FAREWELL DINNER.

**19 20 MINOT to SWIFT CURRENT:** *Monday*. Make a stop at the duty free store and then re-enter Canada. Bid farewell to your fellow travellers from Saskatchewan. Overnight in Swift Current on your last evening.

**21 SWIFT CURRENT to CALGARY to EDMONTON:** *Tuesday*. Today is "Going Home" day with many vivid memories of your music cities tour.



Autumn in the Smoky Mountains.



DEPARTURE DATES 2022			
Alberta		Saskatchewan	
21 Days:	★ October 19	19 Days:	★ October 20
★ Guaranteed date			
COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS			
	+GST		+GST
Triple:	\$4,619.00	Triple:	\$4,519.00
Twin:	\$5,309.00	Twin:	\$5,159.00
Single:	\$7,329.00	Single:	\$7,079.00
	\$18.49		N/A
	\$21.25		N/A
	\$29.33		N/A
+GST ON CANADIAN PORTION			
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: twin sharing per person.			
Alberta \$106.00 pp		Saskatchewan \$103.00 pp	

**INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Traveller's Handbook •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Meet and Greet •Pizza Party •Fantastic Caverns •Three live music shows in Branson. Performance schedules may be subject to change •Branson Landing •Guided Memphis Tour •Peabody Hotel •Duck March •Graceland Elvis Experience Tour •Loretta Lynn's Plantation Home •Ryman Auditorium •Country Music Hall of Fame •Tour of the Grand Ole Opry •Guided Nashville Tour •Premium Reserved Seating at Grand Ole Opry •Dolly Parton's Stampede •Guided Area Tour of Smoky Mountains National Park •Sugarlands Visitors Center •The Chimney Tops •Newfound Gap •Gatlinburg •Dollywood •Dolly Parton Story Museum •Kentucky Horse Park •Gateway Arch •Mark Twain home and museum •Meals Include: Continental Breakfasts: Alberta 15, Saskatchewan 13, 3 Dinners including Dolly Parton's Stampede and Farewell Dinner.