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 **Reserved Seating at the Grand Ole Opry** in Nashville, three of the best live 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, and two nights in Memphis at **The Guest House at Graceland**, steps away from the iconic Graceland Mansion.

DEPARTURE:

DAY 1: Edmonton North 7:00 a.m., Edmonton South 7:15 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary North 11:00 a.m., Calgary South 12:30 p.m., Fort Macleod 2:00 p.m., Lethbridge 2:30 p.m., Medicine Hat 4:45 p.m.

DAY 2: Swift Current 8:00 a.m., Moose Jaw 10:15 a.m., Regina 10:45 a.m., Weyburn 12:45 p.m., Estevan 2:00 p.m.



In loving honour of the late, great Dolly Parton – a timeless icon whose music, generosity, strength, and extraordinary talent touched hearts around the world.

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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, Calgary to Lethbridge 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 WELCOME 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*. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the beautiful scenery through picturesque farmland and peaceful countryside landscapes along the way to Watertown, South Dakota for overnight.

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 Branson, Missouri, America's hottest destination for fabulous live music shows! Enroute take an interesting jeep-drawn tram tour through the FANTASTIC CAVERNS. Arrive Branson 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 will find many options for your lunch. Located adjacent to historic downtown, Branson Landing has a one-mile lakefront Boardwalk featuring galleries, shops, specialty retailers and a spectacular fountain in the Town Square. In the afternoon you will take a trip back to the good 'ole days and enjoy the nostalgia and charm of the HOT RODS AND HIGH HEELS show at the Clay Cooper Theater, followed with an included DINNER at McFarlain's Restaurant. 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, Sun Studio, the Lorraine Motel 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*. Today's destination is Nashville, "Music City USA". 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 a GUIDED TOUR of RYMAN AUDITORIUM, where the Grand Ole Opry originated, and a visit to the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME – a museum dedicated to entertainers, composers and leaders of the country music industry. After lunch enjoy an OPRY BACKSTAGE TOUR. You will visit the dressing rooms and

the Circle Room premium lounge with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to stand on the legendary stage of the Grand Ole Opry! Your evening is at your leisure.

10 11 NASHVILLE: *Saturday*. This morning enjoy a GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR through historic downtown Nashville, showcasing iconic landmarks including Honky Tonk Row, Bicentennial Park, the State Capitol, and the legendary Parthenon. Enjoy a free afternoon 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 RESERVED SEATING tonight at the GRAND OLE OPRY, the heart and soul of any Nashville visit. Celebrating its 102nd birthday this year, this live radio broadcast is enjoyed by thousands each weekend and will be performed before your very eyes on Country Music's Biggest Stage!

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. The remainder of your day is at your leisure 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.

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, The Chimney Tops Viewpoint 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. 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.

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*. Today, your travels take you to St. Louis, Missouri, where you'll enjoy an early afternoon guided tour of the historic original BUDWEISER BREWERY and learn all about the life of an Anheuser-Busch beer "from seed to sip"! End your day at the iconic Gateway Arch. Take an unforgettable tram ride to the top, where breathtaking panoramic views await from 630 feet above the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. Overnight **Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch**.

16 17 ST. LOUIS to WATERLOO: *Friday*. Follow the Mississippi River north to Hannibal, hometown of Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain. 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 north across the corn fields of Iowa to Waterloo for overnight.

17 18 WATERLOO to BLOOMINGTON: *Saturday*. Start your day with a visit to the JOHN DEERE TRACTOR AND ENGINE MUSEUM, dedicated to the history of the John Deere Company and located at its first factory location. Travel north to enter the Land of 10,000 Lakes, Minnesota, then through Rochester, home to the famous Mayo Clinic. Your hotel in Bloomington is within walking distance from the Mall of America, the largest entertainment and shopping destination in the United States.

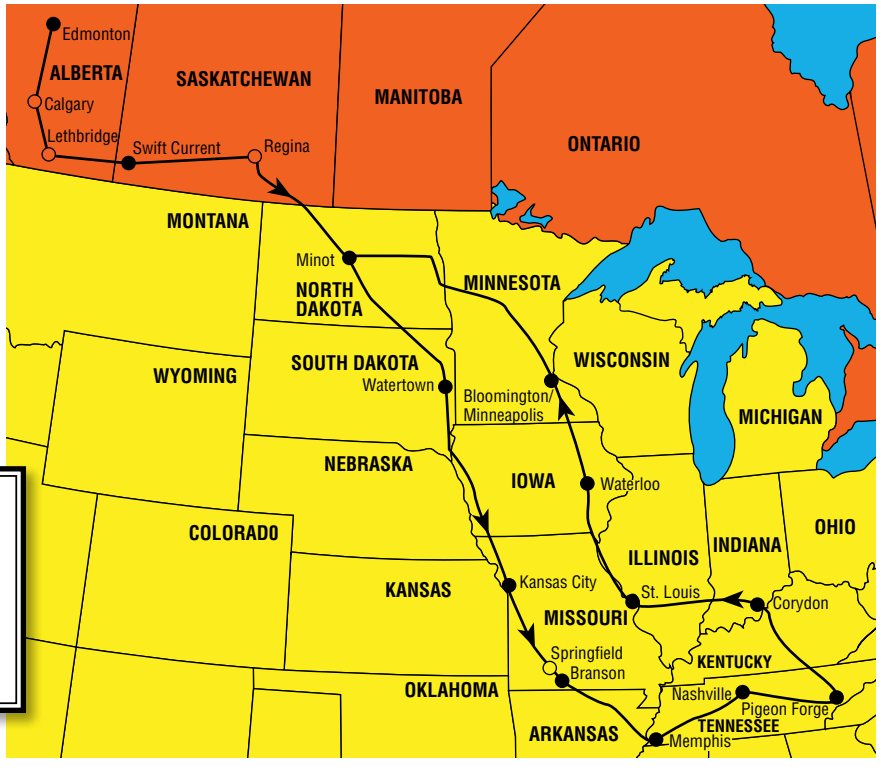
18 19 BLOOMINGTON to MINOT: *Sunday*. Today continue east on the interstate crossing the Red River back into North Dakota to end our day in Minot. Share tour memories tonight with your fellow travellers at a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

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 2027

Alberta: 21 Days October 6

Saskatchewan: 19 Days October 7

PRICES TO BE ANNOUNCED

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 •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Welcome Meet and Greet •Fantastic Caverns •Three live music shows in Branson. Performance schedules may be subject to change •Branson Landing •McFarlain's Dinner •Guided Memphis Tour •Graceland Elvis Experience Tour •Guided Tour of Ryman Auditorium •Country Music Hall of Fame •Opry Backstage Tour •Guided Nashville Tour •Reserved Seating at Grand Ole Opry •Guided Area Tour of Smoky Mountains National Park •Gatlinburg •Dolly Parton's Stampede and Dinner •Dollywood •Dolly Parton Story Museum • Kentucky Horse Park •Budweiser Brewery Tour •Gateway Arch •Mark Twain Home and Museum •John Deere Museum • Farewell Dinner •Meals Include: Alberta 15 Breakfasts, Saskatchewan 13 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners.