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## NASHVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

December 2 – 7, 2024

**NASHVILLE**, a beautiful Christmas Wonderland! We will spend **THREE** luxurious nights in the **FAMOUS GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT HOTEL** with all its grand decorations! There is more! Reserved seating at the **WORLD-FAMOUS GRAND OLE OPRY**, reserved seats for the **CHRISTMAS DINNER SHOW**, a Delta Boat Ride through the beautiful gardens of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, shopping at the **OPRYLAND MILLS COMPLEX**, a matinee performance of “We Need A Lot Of Christmas”, and admission to **ICE ... Opryland’s** display of Christmas themed ice sculptures. Of course, you will be able to enjoy the hotel with its massive Conservatory and Delta Gardens. Added this year will be a stop in **MEMPHIS** to include a **BACKBEAT MEMPHIS CITY TOUR** that includes a guided tour of the world-famous **SUN STUDIO**.

### **Day 1 – December 2, 2024 – Tyler to Jackson (TN)**

Our journey today will take us across the great State of Arkansas, up into Tennessee, ending our day in **JACKSON!** Along with our leg stretches and lunch in Benton, AR., we will arrive at our hotel in Jackson in time for you to freshen up before we enjoy a nice dinner at one of Jackson, TN finest.

***HOTEL: Comfort Suites, Jackson (TN)***

***MEALS INCLUDED: Lunch & Dinner***

### **Day 2 – December 3, 2024 – Jackson to Nashville (TN)**

Today, we continue our journey into **NASHVILLE**. The first half of our day will be spent traveling through the rolling hills of Western Tennessee. We will arrive in **NASHVILLE** for **BACK-STAGE TOUR** of the **OPRY HOUSE**, home of the **GRAND OLE OPRY**. Next, a little **FREE-TIME** for shopping, exploring, and lunch on your own at **OPRY MILLS MALL**. After our time gathering souvenirs, we will make our way over to our lodging for the next three nights at the **GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT HOTEL**. Millions of lights engulf our home for three nights, greeting us in the best of Christmas Spirit! This evening will sure to be one of the many trip highlights with dinner at **PAULA DEEN’S FAMILY KITCHEN** followed by reserved seating at the world-famous **GRAND OLE OPRY (Tier 2 Seating)**.

***HOTEL: Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel, Nashville (TN)***

***MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast & Dinner***

### **Day 3 – December 4, 2024 – Local Nashville (TN)**

This morning, you will have some **FREE-TIME** getting familiar our amazing hotel. Put on your walking shoes as there is so much to see. Midday, we shuttle over to **FIDDLE DEE FARMS** for a boxed lunch and matinee performance of “We Need A Lot Of Christmas”. This show will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart. We will then return to our hotel for a small rest and time to freshen up before our scheduled dinner and reserved seats to the **NASHVILLE JUBILEE SHOW** in the **TROUBADOR THEATER** featuring country favorites made famous by Conway Twitty, George Jones, and other along with hilarious country comedy.

***HOTEL: Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel, Nashville (TN)***

***MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner***

#### **Day 4 ... December 5, 2024 – Local Nashville (TN)**

This morning, we begin with a **self-guided tour** of the **RYMAN AUDITORIUM**. Established in 1892 as the Union Gospel Tabernacle, Ryman Auditorium is a National Historic Landmark and must see for any Nashville visitor. Most famous as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 — 1974, there is far more to the story of Music City's most recognizable icon. Take a Self-Guided Tour and discover what makes the Ryman, the "Soul of Nashville." Midday, we will enjoy some **FREE-TIME**, exploring the honky tonks of **BROADWAY**. Find yourself mesmerized by the live music and neon lights of Broadway on **HONKY TONK HIGHWAY**, Nashville's famous street. World-class live music plays 365 days a year on the city's main drag. This is an excellent time for souvenir hunting as well! We then head back to our hotel to enjoy some more **FREE TIME**, allowing you more opportunity to explore the resort and its' beautiful Christmas décor. This is also an excellent opportunity to enjoy a **DELTA BOAT RIDE** through the beautiful gardens of the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. This afternoon also includes admission to ICE!, Opryland's Christmas themed display of ice sculptures. Tonight, we enjoy reserved seats at the **COUNTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER SHOW** starring (entertainment TBD).

*HOTEL: Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel, Nashville (TN)*

*MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast & Dinner*

#### **Day 5 ... December 6, 2024 – Nashville to Memphis (TN)**

This morning, we make our way to **MEMPHIS, TN**; known for its' influential strains of blues, soul and rock 'n' roll. We will arrive in time for a **BACKBEAT MEMPHIS CITY TOUR** along with a local Step-on Guide. This is a city tour like no other!! This evening, we will walk in the shoes of Elvis Presley, B.B. King, and Johnny Cash as we tour the legendary Memphis Studio ... **SUN STUDIO**. Man, the musical history we have experienced today!

*HOTEL: Drury Inn & Suites, Memphis (TN)*

*MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast & Dinner*

#### **Day 6 ... December 7, 2024 – Memphis to Tyler (TX)**

Well, we are full of Christmas Spirit to take home with us, so we'll head back to Texas, but WOW, we've had a great time in **NASHVILLE** and **MEMPHIS**! Today, is an excellent time to share addresses and phone numbers with newly made friends and plan your next adventure with **AMERICAN TOURS**! With lunch and stretch breaks, we should arrive in Tyler around 5:00 PM, give or take a bit!

*MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast & Lunch*

#### **Opryland Hotel Restaurants ...**

For this tour, there are several meals for which you will be **ON YOUR OWN**. These meals include 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches. For some of these meals, you will be on your own at The Opryland Hotel. To help budget for this trip, please visit - <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/bnago-gaylord-opryland-resort-and-convention-center/>. There are several restaurants on the hotel premises. This link will hopefully help our passengers plan ahead in regard to time allotment as well as meal pricing.