

**St Charles Parks Department
“Country Christmas in Nashville”
December 8-11, 2021
Itinerary**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

9:00am Depart Blanchette Park, St Charles for Paducah, KY with rest stop and Coffee & Donuts in route.

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch at McAllister’s Deli *~Lunch on Your Own~*

**McAllister’s Deli
5021 Hinkleville Rd
Paducah, KY 42001
Phone: 270-442-0203**

1:30pm Depart for Nashville, TN

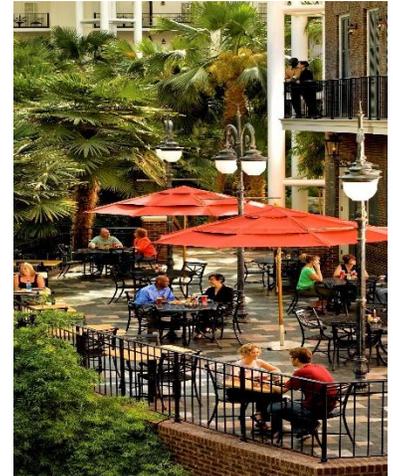
4:00pm Check in to *Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center* for three-night stay with Baggage Handling Service. The iconic Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center offers guests all the excitement and energy of Music City under one spectacular roof. Beneath their Nashville, Tennessee hotel’s climate-controlled signature glass atriums and nestled in a bend of the meandering Cumberland River is an extraordinary selection of dining, shopping and recreation options that create the perfect setting for a complete getaway.

Enjoy their 9 amazing acres of indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls and indoor river with their very own Delta flatboat. Within this lush landscape, you will discover 2,888 guest rooms and 700,000 square feet of flexible meeting, convention and pre-function space. Marvel at more than 3 million holiday lights and acres of magnificent decorations, plus spectacular holiday activities and events that are sure to get you in the spirit of the season and create lasting family memories. Discover Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center and make memories.

**Gaylord Opryland Resort
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
Phone: 615-889-1000**

This evening is free time at your leisure to do as you please! Maybe catch the free shuttle across the parking lot to *Opry Mills Shopping Center*. Or maybe relax and socialize around one of three sparkling heated pools! Or maybe just explore this 700,000 square feet of magnificent lush gardens!

~Dinner on Your Own~





Thursday, December 9, 2021

Morning at your leisure to explore the awesome beauty of the Opryland Resort ~*Breakfast on Your Own*~

ICE! Is an indoor winter wonderland featuring a self-guided, walk-through experience that lasts approximately 15-30 minutes. In total, you should plan to spend anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours for the entire experience. The walk-through holiday attraction is kept at a chilly 9 degrees and consists of 2 million pounds of colorful ice sculptures. (Entry by voucher at your leisure and must be used on Thursday)

11:00am Depart for *General Jackson Showboat*.

12:00pm Depart on *General Jackson Christmas Traditions Midday Cruise*.

Join us on the General Jackson Showboat as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with your favorite country *Christmas Traditions*. In true Tennessee style, their downhome showband of pickers, fiddlers and singers will be performing heart-warming versions of Christmas favorites by Reba McEntire, Alan Jackson, Elvis Presley, Rascal Flatts and more! This hit holiday show explores the many musical styles that make Christmas in Tennessee so special, from country to gospel to bluegrass to rhythm & blues. Their dazzling holiday set and stunning costumes help set the stage and make the season bright. This energetic show is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season & create memories that will last a lifetime.

General Jackson Showboat

2812 Opryland Drive

Nashville, TN 37214

Phone: 615-458-3900

Menu Buffet

Salad:

Romaine and Spinach Salad

Entrée:

Honey Glazed Ham Brown Sugar Spiced Dijon

Oven Roasted Turkey Breast

Sides:

Butter Whipped Mashed Potatoes Sea Salt Haricot

Vert Almandine Cornbread Gratin and Parmigiano-

Reggiano.

Beverage: Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaffeinated coffee

Dessert: Graham Cracker Crust, Chocolate Grenache, Peppermint Candy Crumble Cheesecake

2:30pm Return to Dock

~Menu Subject to Change~





6:00pm We enjoy the legendary *Oak Ridge Boys* “Christmas in Tennessee” Dinner Show in one of the resort’s main Ball Rooms. The Dinner Show will feature a delicious holiday meal prepared by the resort’s culinary team followed by The Oaks and their band performing Christmas classics, new favorites and many of the timeless hits that shaped their legendary career.

The Oak Ridge Boys are an American country and gospel vocal quartet. The group was founded in the 1940s as the Oak Ridge Quartet. They became popular in southern gospel during the 1950s. Their name was changed to the Oak Ridge Boys in the early 1960s, and they remained a gospel group until the mid-1970s, when they changed their image and concentrated on country music.

The lineup which produced their most well-known country and crossover hits such as “*Elvira*” (1981), “*Bobbie Sue*” (1982), and “*American Made*” (1983) consists of Duane Allen (lead), Joe Bonsall (tenor), William Lee Golden (baritone), and Richard Sterban (bass). Golden and Allen joined the group in the mid-1960s, and Sterban and Bonsall joined in the early 1970s. Aside from an eight-year gap (1987-95) when Golden left the group and was replaced, this lineup has been together since 1973 and continues to tour and record.

The Oak Ridge Boys have scored 12 Gold, 3 Platinum and 1 Double Platinum albums plus over 30 Top Ten Hits in their illustrious career.





Friday, December 10, 2021

~Breakfast & Lunch on Your Own~

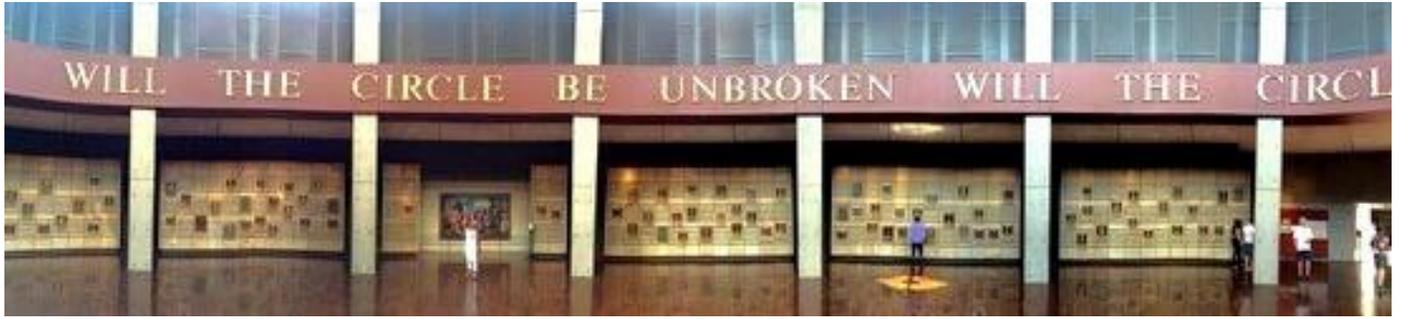
Climb aboard one of Opryland's Mississippi-style, Delta Flatboats and take a leisurely ride down a scenic river winding through the Resort's 4.5-acre Delta Atrium. The Delta River is made up of water samples from 1,700 rivers from regions around the globe including samples from every registered river in the United States. Take in the natural beauty while guides share facts about the resort's plants and fish. (Entry is by voucher at your leisure and must be used anytime on Friday only)

8:00am Depart for *Historic RCA Studio B*

9:00am-10:00am What started in 1957 as a sketch on a napkin quickly became the birthplace to more than 35,000 legendary songs and more than 1,000 top-10 popular hits—*Historic RCA Studio B!* Walk in the footsteps of legends on our tour of the Historic Studio B. Hear inside details from famous recording sessions, learn about the timeless tools of the trade (from microphones and recording consoles to a Steinway piano that Elvis favored), and hear hits in high-fidelity, right where they were born.

Located on renowned Music Row, Historic RCA Studio B is one of the most famous studios in the world. Over 35,000 songs were recorded here by artists such as Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, and even more recently, Martina McBride and Carrie Underwood. Hear the stories behind the legendary recordings and view some of the original instruments used in producing over 1,000 top-10 hit records on our private guided tour.





Built by Dan Maddox in 1957, RCA Studio B first became known as one of the cradles of the “Nashville Sound” in the 1960s. A sophisticated style characterized by background vocals and strings, the Nashville Sound both revived the popularity of country music and helped establish Nashville as an international recording center.

Historic RCA Studio B

222 5th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: 615-416-2001

10:00pm Depart for *Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum*

10:15am-1:00pm For over a century the *Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum* has been home to a growing collection of over 2.5 million artifacts, including one-of-a-kind recordings, films, instruments, and more. The collection includes more than eight hundred stage costumes, over six hundred instruments, and hundreds of other objects—from microphones to automobiles.

Visitors of all ages will discover the connections between country music’s past and artists of today in the interactive gallery space. Witness everything from Hank Williams’s cherished Martin guitar to Elvis Presley’s custom Cadillac to outfits and instruments from the likes of Carrie Underwood. ~Lunch on Your Own~

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

222 Fifth Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: 800-852-6437

1:00pm Depart for Grand Ole Opry “*Back Stage Tour*”





1:45pm-2:45pm We join an insider tour guide for an exclusive backstage tour of the *Grand Ole Opry House* and get an intimate look at the people, places, and stories behind the show that made country music famous. There's nothing like a backstage tour of the *Grand Ole Opry House*. It's a must-see for everyone in Music City! Walk in the footsteps of country music's superstars and get an exclusive look at what happens behind the scenes of the show.

We take a seat in their custom-built theatre as the entire room comes to life with music, state-of-the-art special effects, 3D film images, priceless archival footage, and superstar hosts Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood. Our insider guide will share stories about the Opry, and country music greats, past and present, show you exclusive photos from the Opry's biggest moments in history, and take you to the artist entrance where legends, superstars and new artists alike walk into the Opry House on the night of a show. You may even have the chance to step on stage and into the famed wooden circle as generations of artists have done.

With a seating capacity of 4,400 the *Grand Ole Opry House* is the longest running radio broadcast in US history and is considered the largest broadcasting studio in the world.

Grand Ole Opry House
2804 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
Phone: 615-871-6779

2:45pm Return to Opryland Hotel for rest break and ~Dinner on Your Own~

6:00pm Depart for the *Grand Ole Opry House* for the *Grand Ole Opry Show!*

7:00pm-9:15pm Sit back and enjoy the show that made country music famous—*The Grand Ole Opry!*





What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is today a live entertainment phenomenon! The Grand Ole Opry showcases a mix of country legends and the contemporary chart-toppers who have followed in their footsteps. The Opry—an American icon and Nashville, Tennessee’s number-one attraction—is world-famous for creating one-of-a-kind entertainment experiences for audiences of all ages.

It’s been called the “home of American music” and “country’s most famous stage.” It began on the night of Nov 28, 1925, when an announcer on Nashville radio station WSM introduced fiddle player Uncle Jimmy Thompson as the first performer on a new show called “The WSM Barn Dance.” Now more than 80 years later, the show Hay started is still going strong. Along the way, it has launched countless country music careers and led the way for Nashville to become *Music City!*

In 1974 *The Grand Ole Opry* moved from the Ryman Auditorium to the new *Grand Ole Opry House* facility. To carry on the tradition of the show’s run at the Ryman, a six-foot circle of oak was cut from the corner of the Ryman’s stage and inlaid into center stage at the new venue. Artists on stage usually stood on the circle as they performed, and most modern performers still follow this tradition.

Grand Ole Opry House
2804 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37219
Phone: 615-871-6779

9:15pm Return to Opryland Resort





OLD COUNTRY STORE

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:00am Bags outside hotel room door for baggage handler pick-up ~Breakfast on Your Own~

9:00am Depart for Calvert City, KY

11:00am-1:00pm Lunch at *Cracker Barrel Old Country Store*. Each traveler will be given a \$25 Cracker Barrel Gift Card to use as they please.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

314 Kennedy Avenue

Calvert City, KY 42029

Phone: 270-395-0371

1:00pm Depart for St Charles, MO with Rest Stop

2:30pm Rest stop at Rend Lake Rest Area MM 79

4:30pm Arrive Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO

