

“Holiday Cheers in Branson”

St Charles Parks Department

December 1-3, 2023

Itinerary

Friday, December 1, 2023

7:00am Depart Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO for Springfield, MO with rest stop and coffee & donuts in route.

11:00am-12:00pm Lunch stop at Culver’s Restaurant ~*Lunch on Your Own*~

Culver’s Restaurant

2520 N. Glenstone Ave

Springfield, MO 65803

Phone: 417-501-1071

12:00pm Depart for Clay Cooper Theatre, Branson, MO

2:00pm-4:00pm The Clay Cooper Country Music Express show features talented performers who showcase a variety of musicians who, including bass playing, dancing, country gospel, vocals, showmanship and more, provide an amazing music show experience. The whole family will enjoy the production, especially if you have a craving for a variety of music hits or one best thing to do in the Branson area.

Enjoy a holiday season at the Clay Cooper Theatre. This awesome show allows guests to enjoy the incredible performing talent of the Clay Cooper cast as well as joyful music to celebrate the Christmas season. You will easily be able to get into the holiday spirit with this lovely production.

The Clay Cooper Theatre

3216 W 76 Country Blvd.

Branson, MO 65616

Phone: 417-332-2529

4:15pm Depart for *Stone Castle Hotel*

4:25pm Check into overnight lodging for 2-night stay

Stone Castle Hotel & Conference Center

3050 Green Mountain Dr

Branson, MO 65616

Phone: 417-231-4654

5:10pm Depart for *Black Oak Grill* for dinner

5:30pm-7:00pm Enjoy dinner this evening at the *Black Oak Grill* on Branson Landing.



Black Oak Grill
601 Branson Landing BLVD
Branson, MO 65616
Phone: 417-239-0063



Menu

Appetizer:

Black Oak Salad or Caesar Salad

Entrée:

Rosemary Grilled Chicken...served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Center Cut Sirloin...thick 8oz Angus Beef served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Grilled Salmon.brushed w/saffron lemon butter served with green onion basmati rice & seasonal vegetables

Chicken Fried Steak...certified angus beef buttermilk battered, topped with rich cream gravy, served with seasonal vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes.

Beverage:

Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee

Dessert:

Sugar Leaf Carrot Cake

7:00pm Depart for the Dutton Family Theatre

8:00pm-10:00pm *"The Duttons"* put the 'entertainment' in family-friendly, entertainment! And, speaking of family, the whole Dutton bunch is blessed with enormous talent...Mom, Dad, brothers, sisters, in-laws, and the grandkids all work together to put on one of Branson's most enduring and powerful shows! And it's not only Branson that loves *"The Duttons"*; they've toured the globe, and taken America by storm with appearances on the Jerry Lewis Telethon and America's Got Talent, where their impeccable fiddle playing skills landed them in the second season's top ten.



Their inventive fiddle playing is what people know and love best, but *"The Duttons"* are also gifted on the banjo, keyboard, guitar, viola, harmonica, and other instruments, and their comedic timing leads to lots of laughs from the audience! Wacky wigs and props, and their willingness to let their goofy side come out help make every performance a top-notch variety show!

The Dutton Family Theatre
3454 W. 76 Country Blvd.
Branson, MO 65616
Phone: 417-332-2772

10:00pm Depart for Stone Castle Hotel





Saturday, December 2, 2023

6:30am-9:00am Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

9:00am Depart for IMAX Entertainment Complex

10:00am-12:00pm It's Christmas eve in 1941. The Depression is coming to a close, but 18 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the threat of war has just begun. Our *Smoke on the Mountain* family has returned, about to say a bittersweet goodbye to their only son, who is shipping out with the Marine Corps. But before he goes, the Sanders Family Singers are heading up the annual Christmas celebration at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe (who works part-time at the local pickle plant) and the Sanders family attempt to raise the spirits of their faithful flock (the audience) in a rousing, hilarious and heart-warming Christmas gospel sing-along of cherished holiday hymns and carols. There's Uncle Stanley, the family's patriarch, Burl and his Scripture-quoting wife Vera, the twins Dennis and Denise and their sister June (she doesn't sing, she signs).

Branson's IMAX Entertainment Complex
3562 Shepherd of the Hills Expy.
Branson, MO 65616

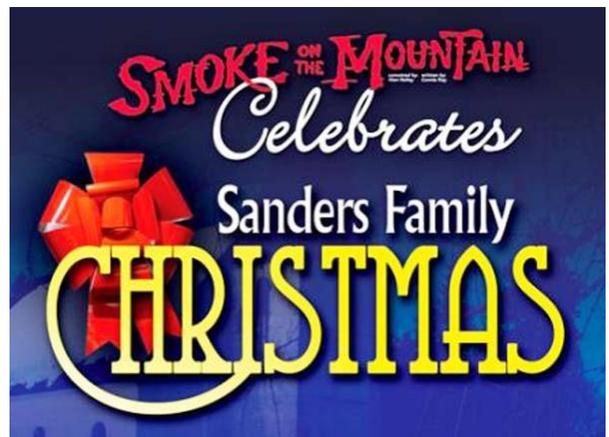
12:00pm Depart for Branson Landing

12:15pm-2:45pm Free time for Christmas Shopping at *Branson Landing* located on the waterfront of beautiful Lake Taneycomo in downtown Branson. Enjoy *Branson Landing* with the Belk Department Store, Bass Pro Shops, restaurants galore and over 100 specialty stores.

~Lunch on Your Own ~

Branson Landing
100 Branson Landing
Branson, MO 65616

2:45pm Depart for *Showboat Branson Belle*.





3:00pm Board the *Showboat Branson Belle* for evening dinner cruise.

4:00pm-6:30pm The *Showboat Branson Belle*, decks its decks as well as the halls to kick off the holiday season with a Christmas Cruise on beautiful Table Rock Lake. *Made in the USA*, the world-class headliner production show, presents classic Christmas carols, holiday favorites and a patriotic finale, plus a one-of-a-kind performance of *The Nutcracker Suite* by violin-playing aerialist Janice Martin. A new Rudolph the Red-Nosed-Reindeer medley by the male vocal group, The Show Men, celebrates the most famous reindeer of all in the 50th anniversary of the television special.

The Showboat departs from White River Landing decorated with Christmas lights and we can view holiday lights along the shore as the ship Cruises Table Rock Lake. Following a 3-course meal featuring slow-simmered beef roast and honey-Dijon glazed chicken topped off with the chef's own Golden Brittle Lemon-Berry Torte, the stage comes to life. The Showmen perform Christmas favorites including Home for the Holidays, Silver Bells, and The Christmas Song. The sounds of the season fill the stage with powerful harmonies and standout solos of the talented vocalists.

Showboat Branson Belle
4800 Highway 165
Branson, MO 65616





6:30pm Depart for the Clay Cooper Theatre and enjoy the high-octane energy of the *Haygoods Show!*

7:30pm-9:15pm The Haygoods bring down the house night after night with incredible tight harmonies, innovative, energetic choreography and epic performances on over 20 different instruments! The Haygoods are Modern Family entertainment at its best. This group of six siblings, (5 brothers and 1 sister), bring an all-new show to the Branson stage every year. Stunning visual effects and a state of the art unique, creative stage presentation are the backdrop to an amazing array of musical styles, performed with more energy and excitement than anything you have ever witnessed.

You will see upside down flying guitar players, triple laser systems, massive pyrotechnics and fire effects, a guitar playing robot, a jetpack flying banjo picker, an immersive projection screen so huge it covers an entire stage, 5 people playing 1 harp and instruments and cloths that light up.

With over 6,500,00 people taking part in the Haygood Experience, you'd better believe that there's more to this group than buzz! They've got the goods, pure and simple! 29th Smash Hit Season!

The Haygood Show
Clay Cooper Theatre
3216 W Highway 76
Branson, MO 65616
Phone: 417-339-4663

9:15pm Return to the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center.





Sunday, December 3, 2023

6:30am-8:30am Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure.

7:30am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:30am Depart for the *Butterfly Palace*

9:00am-11:00am Visit the Butterfly Palace

Butterfly Palace & Rainforest Adventure

4106 W 76 Country Blvd

Branson, MO 65616

Phone: 417-332-2231

Branson's *Butterfly Palace & Rainforest Adventure* is a spectacular, interactive attraction that brings Mother Nature's jungle environment up close for all to enjoy! Featuring several different areas to explore, the *Butterfly Palace* has so much more than those little, stunningly beautiful, fluttering creatures—you'll meet a blue-eyed skink, fascinating tree frogs, gorgeous birds, and geckos, the real kind that don't walk around on two feet and sell insurance! You'll also be enchanted by all the lush greenery and the exquisite flower beds.

You'll certainly want to take advantage of each unique area of the *Butterfly Palace & Rainforest Adventure*, so allow time to guide yourself through; there are helpful staff members throughout the facility to answer questions. Providing a little education along with a whole lot of entertainment, the Rainforest Theatre features a 45-minute documentary on the fascinating Monarch butterfly, as well as a 15-minute 3-D film on the life of a butterfly. There's also a video that tells all about one of the butterfly farms in Costa Rica that some of the butterflies are imported from, they are on a mission to preserve the rainforest.



The Butterfly Aviary is awash in lush greenery, tropical plant life, and beautiful birds, with gorgeous butterflies flitting and flying about; it's not unusual for one of these delicate creatures to rest on you! There's an Emerald Forest Mirror Maze that will have you questioning your sense of direction as you wind your way through; it's a maze that replicates what it's like under the thick canopy of tropical growth in the rainforest. The Living Rainforest Adventure is where you'll discover all sorts of critters, like poison dart frogs, giant cockroaches, salamanders and chameleons. And then there is the Banyan Tree Adventure, where you'll find the Magic Pond and can climb all around the twisted roots of an authentic-looking replica of the Banyan, India's national tree.

(Credit: Excerpts from the Branson Tourism Center)

11:00am Depart for lunch at *Joe's Crab Shack*

11:30am-12:45pm Lunch at *Joe's Crab Shack*

Joe's Crab Shack
717 Branson Landing Blvd
Branson, MO 65616
Phone: 417-337-7373

Menu

Entrée:

- Bacon Cheeseburger**
- Chicken Alfredo Pasta**
- Chicken Tenders**
- Crispy Shrimp**
- Shrimp Alfredo Pasta**
- Chicken Tacos**
- Shrimp Tacos**

Beverage:

Iced Tea, Soda

Dessert:

Apple Crumble

12:45pm Depart for St Charles, MO with rest stop in route

2:00pm Rest stop at Phillips 66

Phillips 66
90 Truman St
Newburg, MO 65550
Phone: 573-762-3111

2:20pm Depart for St Charles MO

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

