



A Nashville Country Christmas November 27 - December 1, 2023



Designing Life Experiences

There is no better place to be during the holiday season than Nashville's iconic Gaylord Opryland Resort with 2 million twinkling lights, acres of larger-than-life decorations, shopping, dining and holiday spirit.

Some Highlights:

- Gaylord Opryland Hotel
- Gaylord Opryland Dinner Show
- Grand Ole Opry Radio Show
- Grand Ole Opry Behind The Scenes Tour
- General Jackson Dinner Show Cruise
- Belle Meade Plantation & Winery
- Tour of Ryman Auditorium
- Paula Deen's Family Kitchen
- Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum
- Opryland Hotel Holiday Decorations
- Eight Meals

Level of Difficulty: 3 out of 5.

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip Group Transfer (Mundelein/ORD)
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Roundtrip Air Transportation (ORD - BNA)
- Two Nights Deluxe Gaylord Opryland Hotel
- Two Nights Deluxe Drury Inn Downtown
- Attractions, Tours & Admissions
- Tour Gratuities (including Driver & Escorts)
- Luggage Handling, Fully Escorted Tour
- Optional Travel Protection (Highly Recommended)

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\$2395 per person dbl (includes air)
\$2995.00 per person sgl (includes air)

Fully refundable till September 15, 2023
DWN reserves the right to make itinerary change

Day One –Monday, November 27, 2023

Welcome to Nashville!

Depart on your transfer to ORD for your direct flight to **NASHVILLE!** After checking into our local hotel we will relax and experience the elegance and sophistication of Christmas in Nashville aboard the **General Jackson Dinner Showboat**. You'll see and hear beloved Christmas classics that transcend generations by artists like Bing Crosby and Nat King Cole, as well as modern holiday favorites by Mariah Carey, Michael Bublé, and more! It will be a night to remember and a new annual Christmas tradition to put on your holiday calendar. So, put on your holiday best and join us on the General Jackson Showboat for an unforgettable Music City Christmas! (**Dinner**)



Day Two –Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Begin your morning with 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 that made country music famous! Your knowledgeable guide will share stories about the Opry and country music greats, past and present from Minnie Pearl to Carrie Underwood. Learn about the Opry's biggest moments in history, and see the artist entrance where legends, new artists, and superstars alike walk into the Opry House on the night of an Opry show. You may even have the chance to step on stage and into the famed wooden circle as generations of artists have done. Last we make a stop in Studio A, a live television studio and former home of Hee Haw.



At the conclusion of your Opry Backstage Tour, a **singer-songwriter step-on guide** will take our group on a tour of Music City, including world-famous **Music Row**, where the group will learn about the recording industry straight from an aspiring songwriter. The city tour also takes you through the heart of Downtown Nashville and past many of our historic buildings, including the **Ryman Auditorium, Tennessee State Capitol, Bicentennial Mall State Park, Vanderbilt University, Belmont University, Centennial Park, the Parthenon** and much more. The Songwriter guide will also perform a few of his/her original songs along the way.

At the conclusion of the city tour, enjoy lunch and shopping on your own in Downtown Nashville. Your local guide can make great recommendations for top lunch spots.

Dinner tonight will be at **Paula Deen's Family Kitchen** where we will enjoy classic Deen family recipes in a unique family-style setting just like they do in their very own homes. The restaurant serves up endless portions of Southern-Style entrees and side dishes, and every visitor ends their meal with a dessert of their choice! It's a one-of-a-kind dining experience you're sure to remember.



Tonight we will enjoy the **Grand Ole Opry Radio Show**. What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is today an entertainment phenomenon showcasing a mix of country music greats– new stars, superstars, and legends. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Three – Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Begin your morning with a visit to Historic **RCA Studio B**, home of over 1,000 Top Ten hits! See where Elvis recorded over 200 songs! Explore the control room where the greats, like Chet Atkins, produced countless hits, and stars like Elvis, Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Marty Stuart, Martina McBride, Carrie Underwood, the Everly Brothers, Waylon Jennings, and Roy Orbison have all recorded.

Next it's onto the **Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum**. This place is the definitive home of America's music, safeguarding more than 2.5 million priceless artifacts, including countless recordings and photographs, numerous stage costumes, musical instruments, and more.

Following the museum we will tour the **Belle Meade Plantation & Winery** where we will also enjoy an included lunch in the Carriage House. On this tour experience, guests will



enjoy a guided mansion tour, 3-course meal and complimentary wine tasting. Group Tours are exceptional and feature the intimate stories of the various people that created Belle Meade Plantation, its beautiful grounds and architecturally significant buildings. Throughout the 45-minute guided tour of the 1853 Greek-Revival Mansion, a century of Belle Meade Plantation's history is told through

the eyes of the Harding and Jackson Family and the skilled laborers who collectively worked to make the Plantation America's premier Thoroughbred Horse Farm.

At the conclusion of your time at Belle Meade we will check into the **Gaylord Opryland Resort** for a two night stay. **(Breakfast & Lunch)**

Day Four – Thursday, November 30, 2023

Gaylord Opryland Resort!

Today is to enjoy and explore this amazing resort which is transformed into a **Christmas wonderland** under roof. Some of the Opryland features include nine acres of indoor gardens lavishly decorated for Christmas with over two million lights, an outdoor nativity display that features special lighting effects and an audio rendition of the biblical story of the birth of Christ, a water fountain show, a 141 foot southern lights Christmas tree, three waterfalls, 25 restaurants, tons of shops and more! Tonight's farewell dinner will be the **Gaylord Opryland Christmas Dinner Show. (Breakfast & Dinner Show)**



Day Five – Friday, December 1, 2023

Ryman Auditorium & Home



After breakfast we are off to the “Mother Church of Country Music”, The **Ryman Auditorium**. Your visit to this famous National Historic Landmark begins with “Soul of Nashville”, a state-of -the-art theatre experience that puts you in the center of the Ryman’s fascinating history as more than a century of legendary performance come to life all around you. NEXT, enjoy five new exhibits where you can peruse genuine artifacts as video

hosts Charles Esten (He played “Deacon” on the show Nashville), Marty Stuart, Nicole Kidman, Ricky Skaggs, Robin Roberts and Trisha Yearwood take you through each chapter of the Ryman’s illustrious history.



After the Roman Auditorium we head for the airport and fly home with memories of a Tennessee Christmas. **(Breakfast)**