

The Music Road: A Music Cities Road Trip



Branson - Memphis - Nashville - Pigeon Forge



May 2 - 13, 2019 (12 days)

HIGHLIGHTS

Memphis & Nashville Tours

Historic Theatres

Great Shows

Rock 'n Soul Museum

Elvis's Graceland

Stax Museum

Showboat Cruise

Beale Street

Sun Studio

Grand Ole Opry Show

Ryman Auditorium

Backstage Tour

Studio Tours

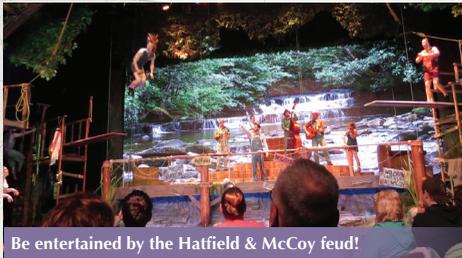
Country Music Hall of Fame

George Jones Museum

Johnny Cash Museum

Fontanel (Barbara Mandrel)

Budding Artists Show



Be entertained by the Hatfield & McCoy feud!



Greetings from a Opryland balcony!

Music Row

Memphis BBQ

"Cruisin', a tribute to the Birth of Rock & Roll" at the Rosewood

Dailey & Vincent Bluegrass Show at the Shipshewana Blue Gate Theatre

Country Tonite Show

Gaylord Opryland Resort

Tour Bonus: Springtime in the Ozarks, Tennessee, Smoky Mountains and Kentucky



MAP AT A GLANCE

This is it: The **Road Trip** of a Lifetime for nostalgic **music lovers** everywhere!
Travel with us to many of the **iconic, classic cities** that claimed their **fame on music**.

Branson - Memphis - Nashville - Pigeon Forge - Shippshewana - Delavan



Day 1 - Home to Delavan, WI

Travel day today. Take advantage of the "down time" to preview and prepare for the full and fabulous days ahead. Tonight we see "Cruisin', a tribute to the Birth of Rock & Roll" at the Rosewood. Take a trip down memory lane to your favorite 50's & 60's songs. Cruise to the rhythms of the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Bill Haley and the Comets, Chuck Barry, early Elvis, Five Satins, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Diana Ross & the Supremes, Grease and more!

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites

Day 2 - Delavan to Shippshewana, IN

After an included breakfast at the hotel, we'll journey on to Shippshewana, an inviting village, the heart of one of the country's largest Amish communities. Small, modest and rural, just like our stop the day before, it surprises you with its flair, quality and big time offerings. After some leisure time to explore, an Amish family style dinner is served at the Blue Gate Restaurant and Bakery. After dinner, we board the coach a short distance to the Event Center for the Dailey & Vincent's Bluegrass Show! These two "brothers from different mothers" have the closest thing to brotherhood - a true musical partnership with amazing Bluegrass at its core!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Farmstead Inn

Day 3 - Shippshewana to South Cincinnati, OH

Big Time Breakfast?! You agree? We'll have some leisurely time this morning to experience some Amish shopping. You may want to take a buggy tour of Shippshewana, if you so desire. Find a place to grab some lunch before we part town and head off to South Cincinnati for our night's rest.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 4 - South Cincinnati to Pigeon Forge, TN

No hurry this morning. Take your time for breakfast and absorb the surroundings before we continue our journey along the Music Highway through Knoxville to Pigeon Forge. This area of the Smoky Mountains is kind of a "new Branson," with lots of theatres and family entertainment offered. Today we will become part of one of the longest running feuds in history at "The Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Show!" Enjoy a Tennessee country dinner with all the trimmings, served family style. Before our evening event we will check into our lovely and welcoming accommodations at The Music Road Inn. (Appropriately named!) Our highly entertaining show this evening is the Country Tonite Show featuring a variety of dynamic singing and dancing, side-splitting comedy, powerful gospel, and American patriotism!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: The Music Road Inn



Shippshewana - home to a large Amish community

*"Best trip with R&J -
Brought back many great
memories."*

*Eileen, Maplewood-MN
The Music Road 2018 Traveler*

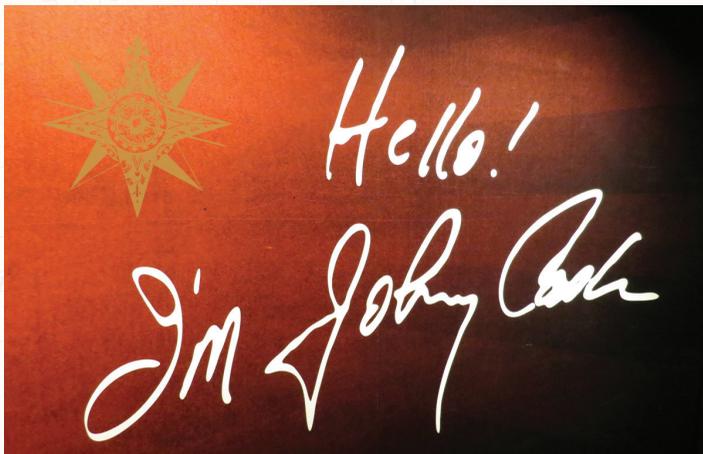
Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville - we'll spend 3 nights in Atrium rooms at this beautiful and unique accommodations!



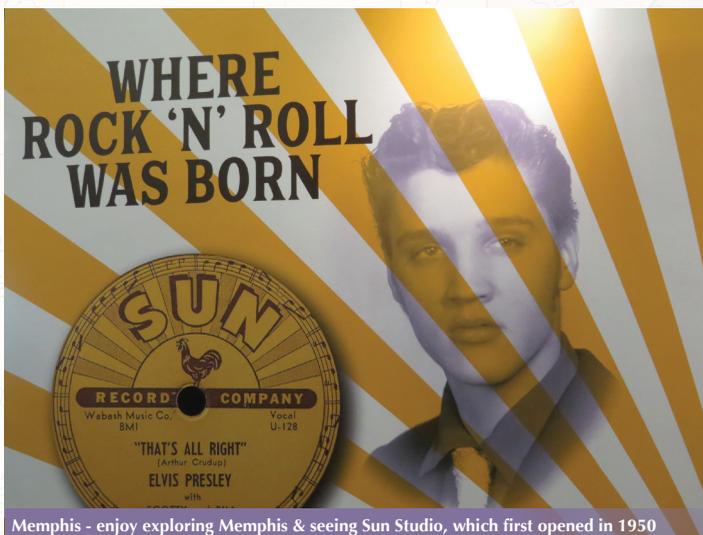
Pierce Arrow Show - fantastic music, hilarious comedy...we are in for a real treat!!



Fontanel - Traveler playing piano at the magnificent former residence of Barbara Mandrell



Nashville - our fun tour of Nashville includes visiting the Johnny Cash Museum



Memphis - enjoy exploring Memphis & seeing Sun Studio, which first opened in 1950

Day 5 - Pigeon Forge to Nashville, TN

We arrive just in time for a wonderful included lunch at Café Fontanella. The Café is located at Fontanel, the incredible former residence of Country Music Hall of Famer Barbara Mandrell. The home is an amazing 33,000 sq ft log mansion situated on beautifully landscaped grounds in Whites Creek just outside of Nashville. Following lunch we are privileged to an inside tour of the home guided by an aspiring musician. The mansion is the biggest log residence of its type in the world and was conceived and designed by Barbara and her husband. Leaving Fontanel, we arrive at The Gaylord Opryland Resort, our home base for the next three days! This world renowned lavish hotel is set under three mammoth glass atriums. Our rooms are all situated on the atrium side, providing amazing views. You'll have the entire late afternoon and evening to explore this expansive place. You are on your own for dinner tonight to select from many restaurants, grills, bars, delis, etc. The entire tour would be worth it just for this extended stay at this wonderful place!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Gaylord Opryland Resort (3 Nights)

Day 6 - Nashville

Wow! Pinch yourself. Am I really waking up in this splendid place? This will be a hugely informative and entertaining adventure. Lots of "One & Onlys" today. The Country Music Hall of Fame, Historic RCA Studio B where Elvis himself recorded more than 260 songs! Plus a lunch cruise with fabulous Nashville Sound entertainment on the General Jackson Showboat. We think the best musicians in the world are in Nashville! Later on, the day is capped with a live radio show of the Grand Ole Opry. We not only see the show but are privy to a behind-the-scenes, backstage tour to see how it all happens and possibly rub shoulders with some of the music legends themselves. Truly a spectacular day!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Cruise

Day 7 - Nashville

Another awesome breakfast in paradise before embarking on another exciting day in Nashville. We are joined today by a local Nashville expert who will guide us through our Music City experience. Today we'll enjoy an insightful city tour that includes such enchanting places as Music Row, historic Ryman Auditorium, and the nostalgic George Jones Museum. We will visit the Johnny Cash Museum or opt to visit the Patsy Cline Museum. We are honored to enjoy lunch together at LuLa's Cafe attached to the Ryman Auditorium. We are guests this evening at a private dinner show with a local Nashville Songwriter. This will be a memory you will cherish - for a long time!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Show

Day 8 - Nashville to Memphis, TN

Breakfast at the hotel before an early start on the day. We are headed to Memphis, so appropriately we travel The Music Highway, a portion of Interstate 40 between Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, so designated by the Tennessee Legislature. Lunch will be on your own. We arrive in Memphis early afternoon and go directly to Graceland, the iconic home of the King of Rock 'n Roll, Elvis. This has been a pilgrimage for many people over the years and you will totally enjoy the experience! Departing from Graceland, we check into our hotel. We have handpicked the Hampton Inn, downtown Memphis, strategically located one block from Beale street. Tonight we dine together above the city for some spectacular views and fabulous food!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn Memphis off Beale Street (2 Nights)

Day 9 - Memphis

Eat a hearty hot breakfast at our hotel this morning. You'll need the energy as you prepare for a bountiful day. We are joined today by



a local expert guide who will unveil Musical Memphis like you've never heard before. Included will be many famous landmarks such as Sun Studio, Rock 'n Roll Museum and the incredible Stax Museum. A trip to this city is not official until you have experienced authentic Memphis BBQ, and this we will enjoy as our included lunch at one of Memphis' most celebrated BBQ cafés. You are on your own tonight to enjoy the authentic sights, sounds and food of this one and only "Home of the Blues," so designated by an Act of Congress in 1977. Also known as the birthplace of Rock 'n Roll, waiting to be explored are such iconic and historic places as BB King's Blues Club, Blues City Café, Miss Polly's Soul City, King's Palace, Dyers, Alfred's, The Hard Rock and Jerry Lee Lewis Café. Relish the experience of this musical & magical evening!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 10 - Memphis to Branson, MO

Great hot breakfast at our beautiful hotel before we continue our journey to Branson. Enjoy the beautiful springtime blossoms on display as we make our way through the Ozarks and across Arkansas. We'll have a convenient lunch stop on your own just before we arrive in Branson. We will check into our Radisson Hotel and freshen up for the remainder of the day's events. An amazing experience is planned at Sight & Sound Theatre. We start with an intriguing Behind the Scenes tour of the Musical Production of "Samson." Gain fascinating insight into "how it's done" on this amazing set before you see the show! It will give you an even greater appreciation of this compelling production as we will be immersed in the incredible live performance of "Samson." Unlike anything you have ever experienced! We'll enjoy an included dinner at one of our favorite dining places in Branson, McFarlain's Family Restaurant, with real home cooked Ozark vittles! Tonight, laugh 'til you think your sides will split and enjoy the great music of Branson's Hottest Show, Pierce Arrow, featuring the world's lowest base singer according to Guinness BOWR.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Radisson Hotel

Day 11 - Branson to Kansas City, MO

It's a travel day today, so fill up on a wonderful breakfast before we head towards home, with a stay in Kansas City tonight. Enjoy a manager's reception right at our hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn

Day 12 - Kansas City to Home

The Drury Inn always provides a great hot breakfast to prepare us for our journey home. We are probably satisfyingly exhausted as we wind down from this Music Road Adventure. What a trip! One we will never forget and likely never duplicate!

Included Meals: Breakfast



The Sight & Sound Theatre in Branson puts on a remarkable production of Samson!

2019 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	May 2 - 13, 2019 (12 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,599 Double	\$4,579 Single
	\$3,359 Triple	\$3,219 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	21 Meals & 1 Manager's Reception, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 per person deposit at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$226 Double (per person) / \$296 Single	
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking	
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$50 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour	

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