# Holiday with ELVIS....

## Featuring Memphis and Nashville

### **December 3-10, 2023**

#### **Itinerary**

#### **December 3, 2023**

Depart - Stop in Pittsburgh for a visit at Phipps Conservatory. This will get you in the holiday spirit with it's beautiful flowers and holiday decorations. You will have additional time to grab a bite to eat in the café. Depart for Florence KY for your overnight stay. Dinner tonight at the Cracker Barrel (D)

#### **December 4, 2023**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart for Memphis with a stop in Louisville where we visit the Payton Glass Center and Flame Run Hotshop & Gallery. Lunch on own in route before departing for Memphis. Check into your Memphis Hotel Located a few blocks from the Famous Beale Street at 6PM. You will find Beale Street decked out for Christmas and full of lively entertainment, Music and great food choices. (B)

#### **December 5, 2023**

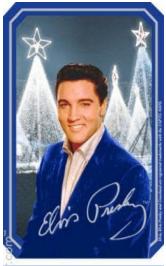
Enjoy Breakfast at the hotel

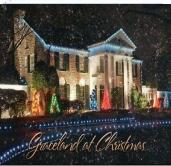
Travel to Tupelo – The Birthplace of Elvis. Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935, to Vernon and Gladys Presley. Born in a two-room house built by his father, grandfather and uncle. Financially, times were hard on Vernon and Gladys, and they had to move out of the house where Elvis was born when he was only a few years old for lack of payment.~ Here you will take the Grand Tour, which includes Elvis Birthplace, the Elvis Presley Museum and Memorial Chapel, and Elvis Presley Park. Have a tour of downtown Tupelo with a special stop at the Hardware Store and time to grab a bite "on your own" Return to Memphis and Tour Sun Studios. Tonight we'll enjoy a local dinner and have a special guest 'entertainer'. Who could it be??? (B,D)

#### **December 6, 2023**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Christmas at Graceland—The centerpiece of this trip is Graceland. During the holiday season, the tour of Graceland is extra special with the interior and exterior of the mansion decorated for the holidays. See traditional lights and decorations including hundreds of blue lights along the driveway, a life-size Nativity scene, Santa and his sleigh and much more originally displayed by Elvis. The interior of Graceland mansion is decked out in Christmas decor and includes his traditional red velvet drapes and Presley family Christmas artifacts on display. You have a big day at Graceland. You will have the Mansion tour, plus explore exhibits showcasing Elvis' career, his automobiles, his Airplanes, his wardrobe, his gold records and much more from the Graceland Archives. Graceland Mansion Audio-Guided Tour with New Orientation Film NEW - Full Access to all-new Elvis Presley's Memphis Entertainment Complex, which includes: Self-guided tour of Presley Motors Automobile Museum, Self-guided tour of Elvis: The Entertainer Career Museum and Self-guided tours of Elvis Discovery Exhibits. Return to the hotel and freshen up. Tonight dinner is at a Memphis Tradition since 1948—Charlie Vergo's RENDEZVOUS. Return to the hotel and feel free to explore Beale Street tonight. (B,D)













#### **December 7, 2023**

Depart Nashville. Today you will tour the Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium. Grand Ole Opry—Your knowledgeable guide will share stories about the Opry and country music greats, past and present (from Minnie Pearl to Carrie Underwood, you might say), show you photos from the Opry's biggest moments in history and take you to the artists' entrance where legends, new artists, and superstars alike enter 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 decades of artists have done. Board the General Jackson Showboat for a show and luncheon cruise. This 300-foot-long paddle wheel riverboat, which holds the distinction of being the largest showboat in the world, will take guests past natural and historical sights along the banks of Nashville's beautiful Cumberland River. Four massive decks offer excellent opportunities to see the beautiful sights of Nashville and the stunning countryside of central Tennessee. 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 Guided Backstage tour and discover what makes the Ryman, the "Soul of Nashville." Check into the Gaylord Opryland Resort, Enjoy the evening as you like. You might explore the famous Broadway, venue after venue of live music, food and great fun or stay on site and explore the amazing property. This is what . (B, L)

#### **December 8, 2023**

Hot breakfast included at your leisure. Today you will tour RCA Studio B and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Nashville is home to great music and southern cooking. They will come together today at the Country Music Hall of Fame with your "Legends, Lunch and Lyrics Package." After you have toured the studio and museum, enjoy a traditional southern lunch while being entertained by the songs, stories and insights of a Nashville song writer. Return to the hotel where you can enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants on site, on own. Later, Sit back and relax for a performance at the Grand Ole Opry. This is sure to be a highlight. You never know what famous performer could show up!!!!! (B,L)

#### **December 9, 2023**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and depart Nashville—Travel to Natural Bridge State Park for their luminary nights and the festival of trees, on site dinner and stay. (B, D)

#### **December 10, 2023**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out and head home with memories of music and the holiday spirit! (B)

#### **Hotels:**

3rd—Holiday Inn 7905 Freedom Way Florence KY 859-980-1700

4th-6th—Comfort 100 North Front St Memphis TN 901-526-0584

7th-8th—Gaylord Opryland Resort 2800 Opryland Dr, Nashville 615-458-2831

9th—Natural Bridge Hotel 15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge VA 540-291-2121

#### **Terms & Conditions**

Our standard terms and conditions apply.

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An initial deposit of \$250pp is required to confirm reservation. The balance is due October 1, 2023.

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Baggage ~ Portage of baggage is included in program, it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person. You may bring and be responsible for a carry-on.

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#### Package Price: \$1,899pp Double Occupancy / \$2,299pp Single Occupancy

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