

Honoring Veterans, Active Duty and Families!

<u>Day 1:</u> We're off and on our way South with comforts stops and lunch along the way to Des Moines, IA for our first overnight at the Drury Inn. We'll enjoy the (included) Manager's Kickback in the lobby this evening and share in the company of our new friends and traveling companions before settling in for the evening.

<u>Day 2:</u> After our (included) breakfast we're out and on the move to Oseola, MO where we will enjoy one of our traveler's favorites, an (included) lunch at Sugarfoot BBQ. You'll sink your teeth into one of the 7 in-house dry rubbed, hickory

smoked meats and with all the fixins'. We're out the door and headed to Branson where we will stay the next 4 nights.

Tonight, you'll have to tighten your bootstraps for a powerful performance featuring 32 magnificent horses and a cast of top-notch riders in a 35,000 square foot arena. Thrill to a friendly competition, horseback stunts at top speed, spectacular special effects, and phenomenal musical productions, all while you enjoy a mouthwatering (included) four-course family feast at Dolly Parton's Stampede.





<u>Day 3:</u> Start your day with an (included) breakfast before we head over to visit the Veterans Memorial Museum, a national tribute to the brave men and women who defended our liberties during the 20th Century. A visit to the museum is a powerful, emotional experience. As you wander the great halls of the museum you'll be captivated by the stories of these men and women who gave us so much. The museum is filled with the most incredible collection of wartime exhibits covering the heights and depths of human experience.

After the museum we'll grab an (included) bite to eat then see the afternoon performance of the Hughes Brothers and family who will transport you to a Christmas wonderland filled with the best vocal harmonies, exciting dances, inspiring instrumentals, and of course, the enchantment and light-hearted humor that everyone loves about the Hughes Brothers Show. Along with all the festive surprises and treasured family traditions, see Santa in a new light when he explains the symbols of Christmas in the most moving Christmas presentation you've ever witnessed.





The Ozarks are truly one of the best places to celebrate Christmas and Clay Cooper's Country Express will definitely put you in the holiday spirit tonight after our (included) dinner. Clay and his exceptional cast of singers, dancers, featured performers, and live band will perform the best of 2019 in the first half and change the entire second half of the show for Christmas. Family gatherings, festive tunes, and a remembrance of the reason for this season will be displayed in the celebration of the Christmas season.

<u>Day 4:</u> Another day filled with excitement, but not before having your (included)

Breakfast. We'll start out the day at Branson's Craft Mall to do a little shopping from 200 vendors, artists and crafters. We'll also enjoy an (included) lunch here at the Pickin' Porch Grill before we depart. After our visit we'll head to the Sight and Sound Theatre to get an exclusive backstage access to everything that happens behind the Scenes for the production of "Noah". A million watts of lights, sixty-thousand watts of sound, a massive stage over twenty-thousand square feet in size that wraps around the audience on three sides and four-story tall set pieces towering right in front of you. You'll be amazed at all the work that goes on behind the scenes!

After a little rest and relaxation, we'll enjoy an (included) dinner at the Grand Country Buffet which is sure to please anyone's taste buds! After diner we will see Branson's most popular show — "the Haygood's Christmas Extravaganza". The Haygood's bring the house down night after night with incredibly tight harmonies, innovative, energetic choreography, incredible special effects and amazing performances on over 20 different instruments! With over 28 seasons, 7,500 shows and over 6 million tickets sold, the Haygood's are creating a new show for us in 2020!





<u>Day 5:</u> Begin your day with an (included) breakfast and a little relaxation before we head to the Welk Theatre for an (included) lunch. Next up, it's the world-renowned, successful and beloved country entertainer from Ireland, Daniel O'Donnell. The star teams up with Mary Duff, one of Ireland's top female vocalists to give you a lend of traditional Irish ballads, country favorites, and traditional gospel for a truly unique and sensational show.

Tonight, we'll enjoy an (included) dinner before we see the landmark production that takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages, as live animals fill the stage and aisles with "Noah". Returning for one season only, this show brings to life the inspiring story of one determined man's fight to stay ahead of a disastrous, world-wide flood in order to save his family and the future of God's many precious creatures. You'll be immersed in the hope, despair, anticipation, and inspiration of Noah's seemingly insurmountable task of constructing the history ark to answer God's call to protect precious life.





<u>Day 6:</u> After an (included) breakfast, we leave Branson behind and make our way to St. Louis, MO. We'll visit the world's tallest man-made monument in the Western Hemisphere, the "Gateway Arch". We'll enjoy an (included) lunch at the Arch Café before heading to our overnight in Springfield, IL. Before settling in the evening, we'll have an

(included) dinner together in the nearby area.

<u>Day 7:</u> Enjoy an (included) Breakfast before we visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum which documents the life of the 16th U.S. President, Abraham Lincoln, and the course of the American Civil War. Combining traditional scholarship with 21st-century showmanship techniques, the museum ranks as one of the most visited presidential libraries. After our visit to the museum, we will continue our journey North to our final overnight at the Riverside Casino. After an (included) dinner buffet, indulge yourself and relax in the luxury of your unique state-of-the art room



where everything is literally at your fingertips! It's an awesome chance to relax before our final day home. Those that have been there before, just rave about it! Those that have not been there will be pleasantly surprised!

Day 8: It's our final (included) breakfast together before we depart for home. That's right! I can't believe the time went by so fast! We'll have plenty of time to make a stop at the all-time favorite Russell Stover to savor your sweet tooth or perhaps get a last-minute gift. Before long, we'll be back in our homes to share all of the wonderful stories and memories with family and friends that we had on our Branson Salute to Veteran's tour.

Highlights Include:

- Motor Coach Transportation
- 7 Nights' Lodging
- Luggage Handling
- Daniel O'Donnell
- Dolly Parton's Stampede
- The Haygood's
- Hughes Brothers Family
- Clay Cooper's Country Express
- Sight & Sound Theatre "Noah" & Behind the Scenes Tour
- Lincoln Presidential Library
- Veteran's Memorial Museum
- St. Louis Arch
- Riverside Casino
- 19 Meals



DON'T WAIT! - REGISTER EARLY!

\$200 Deposit Per Person required by September 1, 2020 to reserve your spot! Final Payment due October 1, 2020.

Personally Hosted Together By:

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