

# Country Roads & Memphis Soul

## Celebrate the Grand Ole Opry's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

October 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Join us as we head to Nashville & celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the iconic Grand Ole Opry! Take a backstage tour of the venue in the morning, then return in the evening for an exciting Country performance! In Memphis, visit The King's legendary Graceland, tour the renowned Sun Studios, feast on delicious BBQ, then quack along with the world-famous Peabody ducks! This is sure to be one memorable trip that you won't want to miss!

### Per Person Pricing

Double Occupancy \$2399

Single Occupancy \$2999

### Important Information

Transportation: Deluxe motor coach transportation is included.

Meals: Breakfast is included daily, as well as three lunches & one dinner.

Entrance Fees & Gratuities: All entry fees & tips for activities & guides are included as part of your tour package.

Deposit & Final Payment: \$300 per person is due at the time of registration. Final payment is due on/before *July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025*.

### Program at a Glance (See Next Page for Full Description)

Day 1: Travel via deluxe motor coach to Nashville, TN *Overnight Gaylord Opryland*

Day 2: Grand Ole Opry Tour; General Jackson Showboat; Grand Ole Opry Birthday Celebration Show (Breakfast, Lunch) *Overnight Gaylord Opryland*

Day 3: Travel to Memphis; Graceland (Breakfast, Lunch Voucher, Dinner) *Overnight Peabody Memphis*

Day 4: Sun Studio; Edge Motor Museum; Rock'n'Soul Museum; Peabody Duck March (Breakfast, Lunch) *Overnight Peabody Memphis*

Day 5: Return to Greenville (Breakfast)

## Day-by-Day in Detail

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - We will depart this morning and arrive in Nashville, TN by mid-afternoon. Check-in to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and the remaining afternoon & evening are yours to explore its nine acres of airy indoor gardens & award-winning restaurants.

Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Following breakfast, head to the Grand Ole Opry. On this guided tour, you'll be privy to the sights, sounds, & stories that only happen backstage - before country music magic happens onstage! After, board the General Jackson Showboat for a delicious buffet lunch & the exciting Tennessee Legends musical show. With guitars, fiddles, & voices ringing, the music and stories of some of country music's greatest legends make this a can't-miss experience. Later, you'll have free time to explore Opry Mills for shopping & dinner on your own. This evening, return to the Grand Ole Opry for their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration & Show!

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - After breakfast & hotel check-out, depart for Memphis. Arrive at Elvis Presley's Graceland and experience how the King of Rock'n'Roll lived as you explore on a self-guided tour. The Graceland Experience includes a Elvis Museum, his private jet & car collection, entertainment complex, shops, restaurants & much more. Your ticket also provides a meal voucher for lunch in the complex. Later this afternoon, check-in to the Peabody Memphis before walking to Charlie Vergos Rendezvous for dinner. The legendary BBQ joint has been serving Memphis for over 75 years!

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - After breakfast, arrive at Sun Studios for a guided tour. Known as "The Birthplace of Rock'n'Roll", it is the discovery location of musical legends & genres from BB King & Elvis to Johnny Cash & Jerry Lee Lewis, from Blue & Gospel to Country & Rock'n'Roll. Next, visit the Edge Motor Museum to explore the history of the American sports car. For lunch, arrive at Memphis' oldest café, Arcade Restaurant. Spend the afternoon at the Memphis Rock'n'Soul Museum, which tells Memphis' complete musical story. Offering a comprehensive experience from the rural field hollers & sharecroppers of the 1930's to Memphis' musical heyday in the 70's. Return to the hotel in time for the famous Peabody Duck March. How did the tradition of the ducks in The Peabody fountain begin? Back in the 1930s Frank Schutt, General Manager of The Peabody, and a friend, Chip Barwick, returned from a weekend hunting trip to Arkansas. The men had a little too much Tennessee sippin' whiskey, and thought it would be funny to place some of their live duck decoys (it was legal then for hunters to use live decoys) in the beautiful Peabody fountain. Three small English call ducks were selected as "guinea pigs," and the reaction was nothing short of enthusiastic. Thus began a Peabody tradition which was to become internationally famous! Dinner tonight will be on your own at the hotel or one of the many dining options along Beale Street.

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - Following breakfast & hotel check-out, we will start on the journey home, arriving later this evening. Meal & rest stops will be made en route.

