

TRI-STATE TRAVEL

Nashville...Then and Now

4 Days March 14-17, 2024

On March 16, 1973, the Grand Ole Opry moved from the Ryman Auditorium to the new Grand Ole House. Join us and help celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Opry House with two nights at the Gaylord Opryland and a special performance of the Opry. We will also tour the Ryman Auditorium and enjoy time in Owensboro, KY at the Bluegrass Museum.

Tour Highlights:

- Admission to the Bluegrass Hall of Fame
- Opry House 50th Birthday Party Dinner
- Nashville Troubadour Sightseeing Tour
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Ryman Auditorium Tour
- Grand Ole Opry
- Three Nights First Class Lodging
 - Two Nights Lodging, Gaylord Opryland Resort (Traditional Rooms)
 - One Night Hampton Inn on the River, Owensboro, KY
- Three Breakfasts
- Two Dinners including:
 - Opry Backstage Grill
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, and Meals
- Luggage Handling
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Full Time Tour Director

Per Person Prices:

\$1,565 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,509 TRIPLE...\$1,459 QUAD...1,935 SINGLE

\$250 per person deposit due with reservation
Final Payment due February 1, 2024

**Travel Insurance is available
and strongly recommended.**

(see page 2 for details)

**For Additional Information
Or To Make A Reservation Contact:**

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Day 1 – Owensboro, KY - At the end of the travel day, your group will arrive in Owensboro, KY. Check into the Hampton Inn, located on the banks of the Ohio River, beside the Bluegrass Hall of Fame, for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Day 2 - Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame – Nashville, TN – Opry House 50th Birthday Dinner - This morning is spent touring the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame. Located on the riverfront in downtown Owensboro, it is a state-of-the-art museum shining a light on Kentucky's signature brand of music . . . Bluegrass. Come, immerse yourself in the sights and sounds built on the foundations of gospel, jazz, and blues by the Father of Bluegrass Music, Bill Monroe. A Kentucky native he cultivated bluegrass music as a sound built on rhythm and harmonies.

Just inside the front door your visit begins with a Pickin' Porch. A room filled musical instruments where your travelers can pick up a guitar or fiddle, banjo or bass and together work out a few tunes of their own. The Hall of Fame tells the story of the greats who played this music including Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, The Stanley Brothers and more. The story is still growing with new performers, such as Alison Krauss, Kentucky greats Ricky Skaggs and Sam Bush, and many others who are re-shaping bluegrass for a new era. Following this visit you will have lunch on own in Owensboro then travel to Nashville, TN.

Arrive in Nashville, TN this afternoon and check into the Gaylord Opryland Resort for a two-night stay. Enjoy a one-of-a-kind resort experience where you can explore 9 acres of airy, indoor garden atriums, a wide selection of award-winning restaurants & bars, the world-class Relâche Spa, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

Tonight, enjoy an Opry House 50th Birthday Party Dinner in the Ballroom at the Inn at Opryland with live entertainment that celebrates the music from the legendary music from the old Ryman Auditorium to the music today's stars at the Grand Ole Opry House. **(B,D)**

Day 3 - Nashville Troubadour Tour - Country Music Hall of Fame - Ryman Auditorium - Grand Ole Opry - This morning, enjoy a Troubadour Music Sightseeing tour, an “Only in Nashville” kind of experience. Bringing new meaning to the phrase “Entertaining Narrative” it’s sightseeing with a singer/songwriter guide. The tour will include Downtown Nashville’s colorful history with drive-bys of the historic Ryman Auditorium, Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge, Honky Tonk Row, Ernest Tubb’s Record Shop and The Bluebird Cafe. Plus, you will hear what it’s like trying to break into Nashville’s music scene, both the struggles and the victories. As an added bonus your Troubadour will perform some of his or her original songs!

Enjoy a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame, the keeper of priceless Country Music Treasures. Your self-guided tour is a walk through history, one that leads you from the earliest folk traditions to the music that thrills millions of fans today. Every tour ends in the Hall of Fame Rotunda, the never-ending circle, and storied home of the inductees.

This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of the Ryman Auditorium, the “Mother Church of Country Music.” From 1943 to 1974 the Ryman was the home of The Grand Ole Opry. The legends of country music all played here, and it’s a romantic and historic landmark that is often used today. After this tour you will be able to say, you were on the Ryman Stage.

The Opry broadcasted its last Friday show from the Ryman on March 15, 1974. George Morgan closed out the show with "Candy Kisses." After the Opry, Johnny and June Carter Cash sang "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" on the following Grand Ole Gospel Time to end the evening. The next night, Roy Acuff opened the first show in the new 4,440-seat Grand Ole Opry House with a performance of "The Wabash Cannonball." President Richard Nixon was in attendance and lead the Opry audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to First Lady Pat Nixon. The night featured a packed lineup, so each artist was limited to performing just one song.

Dinner is included this evening at the Opry Backstage Grill. The most famous show in country music is now making its mark on Southern cuisine, in this new Nashville restaurant as uniquely entertaining as the Grand Ole Opry itself. Your dinner this evening is at the Backstage Grill, where country cooking and music define the menu.

Next, it’s showtime. Enjoy a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Opry House. For more than 85 years, country’s best performers have mesmerized audiences at the Grand Ole Opry – a continuously broadcast Live Radio Show. Each Opry features a variety of new stars, superstars and the legends of music. You’ll hear the very best in country with a little bluegrass and comedy added in. This is live and unrehearsed, you never see the same show twice. **(B,D)**

Day 4 - Depart for Home - After breakfast, depart for home. **(B)**

The Travel Protection Plan: is not included but is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package.

For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to www.tripmate.com/Plan_TPD013 for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-Existing conditions will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received within seven days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received; and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

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