

NASHVILLE....

Gaylord Opryland Resort

June 15 - 20, 2010

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Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Depart Middletown for the Holiday Inn Knoxville. Dinner included at Carrabba's Italian Grill

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for Nashville. Check into the Gaylord Opryland Resort. **GAYLORD OPRYLAND** is the flagship property of Gaylord Hotels. Recognized around the world for its flawless service, luxurious accommodations and critically heralded entertainment. You will stay within the nine-acre complex to enjoy our lush indoor gardens and cascading waterfalls. Enjoy Luncheon at the famous Loveless Café. Nationally acclaimed and frequented by celebrities, world travelers and local appetites alike, the Loveless Cafe serves up award-winning country ham and red eye gravy, real Southern-fried chicken, and Nashville's favorite scratch biscuits with homemade preserves cooked right in the kitchen. The Loveless story has been told the world over, from Gourmet Magazine and Bon Appetit to U.S. News and World Report, CBS Television, and People Magazine. Enjoy a visit to the original Grand Old Opry Ryman Auditorium for a guided tour. Ryman Auditorium, a National Historic Landmark and former home of the Grand Ole Opry (1943-1974), continues its more-than-100-year music tradition by offering the best in entertainment. Return to the Opryland resort to enjoy the evening. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Breakfast at hotel with voucher. Enjoy the morning at the resort. Lunch is included today at the famous Wild Horse Saloon. The Wildhorse Saloon is **Nashville's #1 Dining and Entertainment destination** and a mecca of entertainment in America. To capture the attention of Nashvillians and country music visitors, on June 1, 1994, the history of the World Famous Wildhorse Saloon began with country superstar Reba McEntire hearing a stampede of live cattle through the streets of Music City, also known as Nashville, Tennessee. The cattle were herded down Second Avenue and past the front doors of the newly opened club. After a full belly we are off to the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum has been the home of Country Music since 1967. Located on the west bank of the Cumberland River. Inside, the Museum presents the crown jewels of its vast collection to illustrate country music's story as told through the turns of two centuries. A treasure trove of historic country video clips and recorded music, dynamic exhibits and state-of-the-art design, a regular menu of live performances and public programs, a museum store, live satellite radio broadcasts, on-site dining, and fabulous public spaces all contribute to an unforgettable Museum experience. Next we are off to the Famous Studio B. Historic RCA Studio B is one of the world's most important recording studios. More than 35,000 songs were brought to life by the Studio B magic, including more than 1,000 top ten American hits, and over 150 Elvis Presley recordings (by far more than any other studio). Enjoy a Nashville Duck tour...A tour that is fun, exciting and quacky! The tour will take you through the streets of downtown and then splash you into the river for a short boat ride. You'll learn history of Nashville, TN during this tour like it has never been told before! Before returning to the resort enjoy some time downtown for dinner and Honky Tonkin'.



Friday, June 18, 2010

Buffet Breakfast at the Rainforest Cafe. Today enjoy backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry & museum.

The Opry House Backstage Tour takes guests back into this amazing history, showing them firsthand where their favorite stars stood, dressed, rehearsed, laughed and performed. Fans will also enjoy a look at what happens behind the scenes during performances, showing them how the magic is accomplished and the staggering number of people required to make a show a hit. General Jackson is our next stop for a show stopping 2 hour luncheon cruise. After the cruise enjoy some shopping time at Opry Mills or relax at the resort. Dinner is on your own this evening before we depart for an evening performance of the Grand Ole Opry! Return to the resort after the show.



Saturday, June 19, 2010

Full Buffet Breakfast at the resort. Say farewell to Nashville as we head for our next stop. Lunch will be on your own today. Arrive at the Natural bridge and check into the Natural Bridge hotel. Dinner is included at the hotel. Enjoy the Drama of Creation, On May 22, 1927 then President of the United States Calvin Coolidge pressed the button that inaugurated the night illumination of Natural Bridge. Phineas Stevens, celebrated lighting engineer, had designed and installed an impressive system of lighting which at night transforms the Bridge and glen into a marvel of living stone. To this, musical accompaniment was added to form a moving drama of creation, interpreted by some of the greatest symphonic compositions of all time and vocal music of unusual quality and appeal. During the night pageant, mountain sides form a vast stage. Scenes move and change with the mood of gripping music in a spectacle which takes the onlooker back into the eternal ages.



Sunday, June 20, 2010

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Before heading home experience the beauty of the Natural Bridge. Natural Bridge and Niagara Falls were the two wonders of the new world that Europeans visited during the 18th and 19th centuries. Of the two sights, Natural Bridge, without clear explanation of its formation, was the more mysterious. Next we will visit the Indian Village. Natural Bridge and the Monacan Indian Nation of Virginia have joined together to construct a living history Native American Village complex. Visitors will be invited to step back in time and see what life would have been in a typical Native American Village 300 years ago. Learn about cooking, construction, fishing, gardening, and more. To end our wonderful journey step back in time at the Toy & Wax Museum. On display are more than 45,000 different toys in thousands of different collections that span almost 300 years. Inside the Toy Museum visitors can see various games, toys, and childhood relics that date all the way back to 1740, as the Toy Museum has on display two dolls made in England in 1740 that were played with during the Colonial period and American Revolution in Savannah Georgia. The Wax Museum features figurines and scenes from Virginia's history and the Natural Bridge. Featuring legends of the Revolution and the historical generals of the Confederacy, this Wax Museum in VA has wax figurines of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other historical figures. Enjoy lunch on your own. We will depart for home at 2:00 PM. Approximate arrival back 8:00 PM.



Package Price Includes:

Transportation, 5 Nights Lodging (3 at the Opryland Resort), 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, Luncheon Cruise, 2 Dinners, Ryman Auditorium Guided Tour, Country Music Hall Of Fame, Studio B Tour, Grand Ole Opry Backstage Tour, Grand Ole Opry Museum, Nashville Ride The Duck Tour, Natural Bridge, Drama of Creation, Indian Village, Toy Museum, Wax Museum, Taxes and Gratuities.

(driver gratuity is not included)