

## FAYE'S FUN TRAVELS

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### CHRISTMAS IN MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

With a stop-over in Tupelo, Ms, where Elvis was born

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This is going to be a very special trip, one which I have been trying to book for years. You have to book this one more than a year before. They have not had this special for the last 2 years, so I am more than excited that I was able to get in on this wonderful trip.

We will depart Vermilionville at 6:00 am, traveling to Memphis first. We will make breakfast and lunch stops along the way. Your car can remain there for our trip. They lock the gates at 6pm and have all night security. Neither I nor Vermilionville are responsible for vehicle at any time during our trip.

You may bring anything you want to eat and drink on the bus, within reason. You may also bring share items for everyone. Everyone is responsible for their own trash on the bus. We always have plenty of trash bags. This is a casual dress trip, but wear whatever you feel good in. Comfortable shoes are always a must. The temps will be as following: Memphis 53/36 and Nashville 51/31 (?). Dress in layers, so you can add or remove for comfort.

I will only put 44 people on the bus and I only have 28 seats remaining to sell, so register early. The costs are as following:

Single \$2,595      Double \$2,095      Triple \$1,895      Quad \$1,795

#### ALL COSTS ARE PER PERSON

A deposit of \$200 is required at time of registration, with the total balance due on October 22, 2022. You may make as many payments as you like until all is paid in full. Please send me a note as to who you are rooming with and if you are traveling with others so I can put your rooms together. Please also inform me as to whether you want travel insurance for this trip.

We will have a luncheon before we travel on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Fezzo's on Ambassador Caffrey. Call me or email me if you plan to attend, so I can make the proper reservations.

The itinerary is enclosed for your viewing and I may add some more to it in Nashville. I will update trip closer to time of travel.

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**Package Price Includes:**

**Elvis Blue Christmas**

- \* Elvis Holiday Concert
- \* Graceland Private Evening & BBQ Dinner
- \* Merry Merry MoJo Tour
- \* Sun Studio Tour
- \* Memphis Rock N Soul Museum
- \* Tina Turner Schoolhouse

**Nashville Country Christmas**

- \* Oak Ridge Boys Dinner Show
- \* "Ice" and the Delta River Flatboats
- \* General Jackson Luncheon Cruise
- \* Nashville Troubador Tour
- \* Musicians Hall of Fame

- \* Five Nights Lodging
  - Two Nights Gaylord Opryland
  - Two Nights Guest House at Graceland
- \* Five Hotel Breakfasts
- \* One Luncheon
- \* Four Dinners
- \* Luggage Handling
- \* All Taxes & Tips on these services

## Day 1 Tuesday, December 6

### **Lodging at The Guest House at Graceland**

Your first day on this wonderful Country Blue Christmas Tour is a drive to Memphis. Where you check into the Guest House Hotel at Graceland for a 2-night stay. Experience an extraordinary resort hotel in the heart of Elvis Presley's Graceland! Located just steps away from the iconic Graceland Mansion. The Guest House welcomes music fans, Graceland guests, Memphis visitors and groups from around the world with Southern hospitality, royal treatment and luxurious amenities that would make the King of Rock 'n' Roll himself proud. (440 miles)

### **Elvis Holiday Concert**

This evening is a special dinner as you join a dozen other tour groups the Blue Christmas Holiday Dinner Show. This feature event is an Elvis Holiday Tribute show with a live band, back-up singers, full stage lighting and sound, as well as one of America's best known tribute artists. You'll hear such great songs as "Merry Christmas Baby", "White Christmas", "I'll Be Home For Christmas", and many other traditional Holiday Songs all performed in the classic Elvis-style including his title song "Blue Christmas". Plus you can be sure a few of his greatest hits will be featured too.

## Day 2 Wednesday, December 7

### **Merry, Merry MoJo Tour**

Daytime features "The Merry, Merry Mojo Tour" with a Memphis MoJo musician tour guide showing you the sights of the city while history sings. As you rock on down the road, you will also visit Sun Studio, the Birthplace of Rock n' Roll. And walk the halls where Elvis, Jerry Lee, Johnny, Carl Perkins and a hundred others made music.

Also included is a visit to the Memphis Rock n' Soul Museum, a Smithsonian Institution, it features the complete history Memphis Music. It tells of the musical pioneers and legends of all racial and socio-economic backgrounds who, for the love of music, overcame obstacles to create the sounds that changed the world.

### **Free time on Beale Street**

You will have free time on Beale Street to have lunch on your own at one of the several restaurants.

### **Graceland Private Evening Tour**

Tonight is the Highlight of your tour. Arrivals a Elvis Presley's home should start at 5:30pm. Typically the Graceland Mansion closes at 4:00pm, by special arrangement it is available exclusively to our groups this evening. we have rented the entire complex as you enjoy an experience not available to the General Public.

The highlight of this evening is, of course, your visit to the Mansion. Holiday decorations just aren't the Same in daylight as they are at night. You will see traditional lights and decorations including hundreds of blue lights along the driveway, a life-size Nativity scene and Santa on his sleigh. the interior is decked out in Christmas decor and includes his traditional red velvet drapes and the Presley family Christmas artifacts - just as they were displayed by Elvis.

### **Memphis Barbecue Dinner Graceland**

The evening also includes a buffet dinner in the new Elvis Presley Memphis Complex. It's a Memphis Barbecue with buffets and tables in set locations. While here you will be able to tour the Presley Motors Automobile Museum where you are surrounded by an awesome collection of hot cars, motorcycles and toys. Plus, the Elvis the Entertainer Career Museum with artifacts: photos, Gold Records, Costumes. You also have time to see the Elvis Discovery Exhibits showcasing the influences, and important things in his life.

## Day 3 Thursday, December 8

### **Tina Turner Schoolhouse**

On the way to Nashville you visit the Western Tennessee Heritage Center celebrating the music, cotton and beauty of the Tennessee Delta. Located on the Heritage Center grounds is the one-room schoolhouse attended by a young Anna Mae Bullock (aka Tina Turner). It is now home to a collection of the Queen of Rock's personal memorabilia including costumes and gold records. Even her high school yearbook is included among the treasures.

### **ICE! and Delta River Flatboat**

You will have tickets to visit ICE! and take the Delta River Flatboat ride during your stay at the hotel. You may do this at your leisure before departing.

## **Gaylord Country Christmas - Two Night Traditional Rooms**

*Arrive in Nashville for a Country Christmas celebration at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel for a two night stay. Your group will marvel at more than 3 million holiday lights and acres of magnificent decorations, plus spectacular holiday activities and events that are sure to get you in the spirit of the season and create lasting memories.*

*Dinner on own.*

### **Day 4 Friday, December 9**

#### **Nashville Troubadour Tour**

*Troubadour Music Sightseeing is 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! (Troubadour tour subject to availability)*

#### **General Jackson Lunch Cruise**

*Today enjoy the lunch cruise and show on the General Jackson Showboat.*

*The balance of your day is free time to explore the garden conservatories, holiday displays and shops inside the Gaylord Hotel.*

#### **A Country Christmas - Christmas Dinner & Show**

*Tonight you enjoy the Gaylord Hotel's Country Christmas Dinner Show. Entertainment to be announced.*

### **Day 5 Saturday, December 10**

#### **Step-on guided tour of Tupelo**

*This morning you leave Nashville for Tupelo, MS. Here following a lunch on own break you meet your local guide for a sightseeing tour. See where Elvis Presley was born and raised as well as other local attractions including Elvis' boyhood Home, the High School he attended, the Hardware store where his mama bought his first guitar and more.*

#### **Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum**

*You also visit the Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum, a modest, two-room house where the King of Rock & Roll was born. The museum was completely renovated in 2006, the state-of-the-art museum still pays tribute to that friendship and displays new exhibits containing Tupelo artifacts, large photo-murals and graphics and audiovisual presentations that focus on Elvis, his childhood and his first music.*

#### **Overnight at the Tru by Hilton**

*Tonight's lodging is at the new Tru by Hilton Hotel in Tupelo*

#### **Dinner at a Local Restaurant**

*Tonight after checking into your hotel you will have dinner at a local restaurant.*

### **Day 6 Sunday, December 11**

#### **Depart for Home**

*This morning following breakfast you depart for home. (400 miles)*