



BRANSON

BRANSON AND EUREKA SPRINGS HOLIDAY

The Oak Ridge Boys • Daniel O’Donnell • Shoji Tabuchi • A Tribute to Andy Williams with the Osmonds and Lennon Sisters • Eureka Springs

The Oak Ridge Boys celebrate 44 years of outstanding pop and country music in 2017. They have been entertaining America by Rail’s Branson tour members for many years. Count on their major country hits and a little bit of rock, blues and gospel.

Irish superstar **Daniel O’Donnell** has been entertaining audiences from the Sydney Opera House to Branson. He was the recipient of the Entertainer of the Year Award along with receiving the International Artist of the Year Award.

Stroll and shop in **Eureka Springs**, a unique resort village in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. The steep winding streets are filled with Victorian-

style cottages and manors. The city has an alpine character, with an extensive streetscape of well-preserved Victorian buildings.

A Tribute to Andy Williams features the **Osmonds** and the **Lennon Sisters**. They will perform many of Andy’s most memorable hits in a tribute to the late singer.

Famed Japanese violinist **Shoji Tabuchi** has been Branson’s most popular performer for many years. You’ll thrill to the lavish production.

Day 1.....En Route /
Springfield, Illinois

Day 2.....Branson

Days 3 - 4.....Eureka Springs /
Branson

Day 5.....En Route /
Springfield, Illinois

Day 6.....En Route to
Home Destinations

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Sun., Nov. 5 to Fri., Nov. 10

TOUR PRICE:

All prices are per person /double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

\$1,695 - 6 Days

SINGLE \$1,945

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation via Amtrak rail and deluxe motor-coach.
- Five nights hotel accommodations.
- Eight meals.
- Admissions to four major musical attractions.
- Sightseeing tour of the Branson Ozark area.
- Baggage handling, taxes, tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director from Chicago.

AMERICA BY RAIL WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO AND BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.

"THE TOUR MET AND EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS. WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE."

DONALD R.
BLOOMINGTON, IN

Day 1: En Route / Springfield

Branson and Eureka Springs Holiday tour members will meet their Tour Director and other travelers at Chicago Union Station.

You will board the Texas Eagle for its 1:45 p.m. departure. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages are available in the Café Car. Sit back and relax in your reclining coach seat as you roll southwest to Springfield, Illinois.

Arrival is scheduled for 5:14 p.m. We'll transfer to the Ramada Springfield North. "On-your-own" dinner options are nearby.

Day 2: Branson

A Continental breakfast is included in our hotel this morning.

Following breakfast we'll board our deluxe motorcoach. We'll arrive at one of Missouri's major attractions, the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Springfield, Missouri. It's the world's largest sporting goods store. There are options for an "on-your-own" lunch.

Later we'll arrive at the attractive, full service Radisson Hotel, our home for the next three nights. The Radisson is convenient to many shows and attractions.

Dinner is included this evening in our hotel's dining room.

Following dinner we'll see A Tribute to Andy Williams. The Lennon Sisters and the Osmonds will perform many of Andy's most memorable hits in a tribute to the late singer. **CB & D**



SHOJI TABUCHI

Day 3: Branson

A buffet breakfast in our hotel is included each morning in Branson.

We will board our motorcoach this morning for historic Eureka Springs. In the late 1800s the many springs in the area were believed to have medicinal qualities.

You'll have time to explore the exciting shops in this quaint town. Following an "on-your-own" lunch we will transfer to the Eureka Springs Tram Station where we will board an Open Air Tram for a 90-minute tour of this beautiful Ozark area.

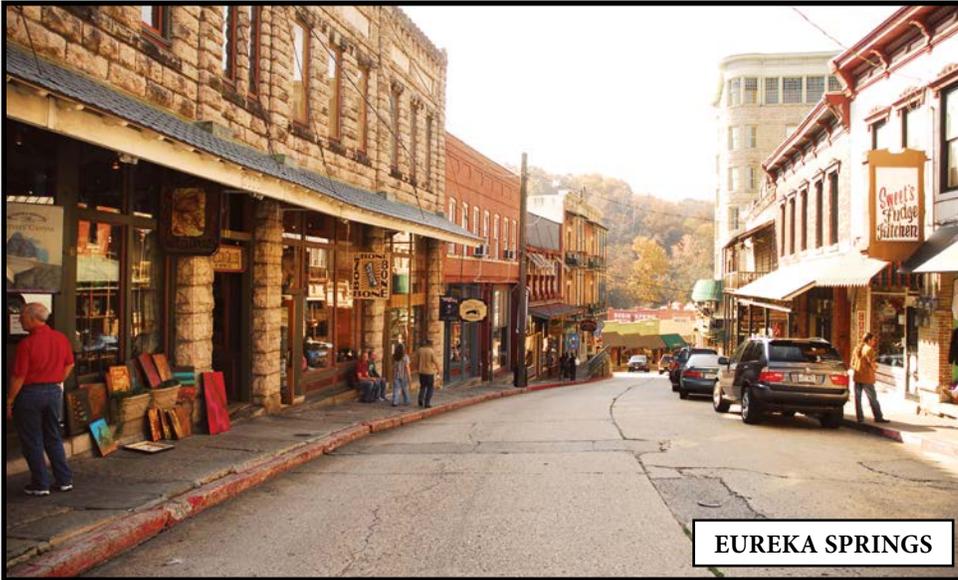
We will return to Branson and enjoy dinner at the ever popular Grand Country Buffet.

THE LENNON SISTERS



THE OSMONDS





EUREKA SPRINGS

This evening we will transfer to the Shoji Tabuchi Theater where you'll enjoy the renowned Shoji Tabuchi. For many years this Japanese violinist has headlined Branson's most popular show.

We will return to our hotel following the show. **B & D**

Day 4: Branson

Following breakfast we'll embark on a three-hour sightseeing tour of Branson and the scenic Ozark countryside. You'll enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch at Mel's Hard Luck Diner and be entertained by the talented singing wait staff.

Following lunch we'll continue to the Welk Theater for one of the most memorable performances of your life.



DANIEL O'DONNELL

You'll be enthralled by the charming Daniel O'Donnell.

Daniel has become one of Ireland's greatest exports, performing to over 500,000 people every year from Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House to London's Royal Albert Hall and, of course, Branson! His many hits include "The Magic is There", "Give a Little Love", "The Way Dreams Are" and "I just Wanna Dance with You".

Dinner this evening is at the Fall Creek Steakhouse.

Following dinner we'll enjoy a performance by one of America's most popular groups, The Oak Ridge Boys. One of the longest-running groups in country music, they bring a lot of country and a little bit of rock, blues and gospel to Branson.

The talented quartet's four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have resonated with fans of country, pop and gospel, selling more than 30 million records.

The Boys have ten Gold Albums, two Platinum and one Double Platinum album as well as 25 No. 1 hits including: "Elvira," "American Made," "Bobbie Sue," "Thank God for Kids" and "Y'all Come Back Saloon." **B & D**



THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

Day 5: En Route

Following breakfast we'll board our deluxe motorcoach and depart Branson for Springfield, Illinois. An "on-your-own" lunch stop is scheduled for the St. Louis area.

At 1:45 p.m. we'll arrive at the world famous 630-foot high Gateway Arch in St. Louis. A visit to the Museum is included. Options include: a trip to the top of the Arch and a 45-minute film chronicling the history of the Old West.

We'll continue northeast 100 miles to Springfield, Illinois, where we'll spend another night at the Ramada Springfield North. **B**

Day 6: En Route

Following a Continental breakfast (included), we'll transfer to the

Springfield Amtrak station where, at 8:37 a.m., we'll board a Lincoln Service Train for Chicago. Snacks and beverages are available in the Café Car. Our arrival into Chicago's Union Station is scheduled for 12:20 p.m.

Travelers will continue to home destinations throughout the day. **CB**

"EVERYTHING WAS GREAT. IT WAS A REAL FUN GROUP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEE YOU AGAIN SOON."

NANCY M.
DILLSBURG, PA

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person, of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure. If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure, \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:

- 46-75 days prior to departure: 25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours. All pricing is per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains. Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class. Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a single cost.

SIGHTSEEING / ADMISSIONS

Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

MEALS

All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants / trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE

For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at

overnight stopovers. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. An overnight bag is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS

Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES

All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion; \$3-\$10 per person per day is the industry standard. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:

The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS :

A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender, passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:

America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs or individually prescribed devices such as prescription eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant. Tour Directors are prohibited from providing physical assistance or accommodations (beyond normal civil courtesies, such as holding doors open for passing). It is recommended that participants requiring assistance, including those requiring the use of a mobility device, be accompanied by a travel companion who will be responsible to provide required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

Those travelling with oxygen are required to advise America by Rail at least two weeks prior to departure. Amtrak requires all equipment, including oxygen concentrators, must be able to operate a minimum of four hours without available onboard electrical power (in the event of a power disruption onboard). Oxygen equipment must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) listed. The total weight of all tanks may not exceed 120 lbs. Within this limit, no more than 2

tanks 50 lb each, or no more than 6 tanks 20 lbs each

SMOKING:

Smoking is not permitted on America by Rail motorcoaches. Those who smoke may do so at any of the frequent stops we make. All Amtrak and VIA Rail trains are entirely smoke-free. If time is available at station stops, it will be announced by the conductor. Cruise ships policies vary from line to line, but all have designated areas to accommodate smokers.

PLEASE NOTE:

America by Rail reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or retain any individuals as members of the tour. The acceptance of any service provided as part of an America by Rail tour, or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent to these conditions.

All rates published herein are in U.S. dollars and based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on the printing date of the tour brochure. Prices and arrangements are subject to change without notice.

No persons, other than a representative of America by Rail, authorized by a document in writing, may vary, add or waive any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

A \$50 per person fee will be assessed for each itinerary alteration requested after final arrangements are confirmed.

It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour participants containing all tour participants' names and addresses. If you do not want your address included, you must let us know at time of reservation.

Times, schedules, entertainment and activities are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING

FUEL SUPPLEMENT:

Please be advised America by Rail reserves the right to apply a fuel supplement for all guests should the price of oil warrant it.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

America by Rail acts only in the capacity as an agent for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation, hotel or other services. All tour services, tickets and vouchers are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, hotel or other services are offered or provided. America by Rail shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever, for any loss, injury or damage from acts of God, sickness, theft, weather, strikes, war, or quarantine however caused or arising.

America by Rail reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event tour participation does not meet minimum requirements.

America by Rail shall not be obligated to honor any booking resulting from, nor shall be responsible or liable whatsoever in connection with, misprints or errors of any kind, whether in brochures, advertisements, on the Internet, during the booking process or otherwise, that result in traveler being undercharged for the tour. America by Rail reserves the right, prior to departure, to collect the correct fare or cancel the booking and refund any payment made by traveler.

AMTRAK STATEMENT:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and / or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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