

BRANSON, MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our **Branson** line up of shows is unsurpassed!

You will see Mickey Gilley, Shoji Tabuchi, The Brett Family and Jim Stafford. We'll tour the nearby Ozarks.

- **Nashville** is the home of the **Grand Ole Opry**. We'll visit the Opry and spend two nights at the world-famous **Gaylord Opryland Hotel**. We'll visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and tour downtown, Fort Nashborough, the Parthenon and homes of the stars.
- In **Memphis** we will tour Elvis Presley's Graceland and enjoy dinner at the King's Palace on Beale Street.

Days 1-3Sacramento to Indianapolis

Days 4-5Nashville

Day 6Memphis

Days 7-8Branson

Days 9-11Branson to Sacramento

PRE TOUR CONNECTION

Not included in the price of tour*.

America by Rail will arrange for **Branson, Memphis & Nashville** participants from Southern California to travel to Sacramento the day prior to DAY ONE. They'll spend the night at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento*

Day 1: En Route

Branson, Memphis & Nashville tour members originating in Bakersfield will board a northbound San Joaquin train departing at 4:55 a.m.

There is comfortable seating on this double-decker train. Move about at will. Snacks, sandwiches, beverages and meals are available in the dinette car. Tour members will board in Fresno at 6:50 a.m., Merced at 7:48 a.m., and Modesto at 8:28 a.m.

Arrive into Stockton at 9:01 a.m. In Stockton we'll transfer to an Amtrak Thruway motorcoach for the brief trip to Sacramento. The arrival into Sacramento is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Sacramento and Southern California participants will join the group. At 11:09 a.m. everyone will depart on the famous California Zephyr for the 2353-mile journey across five states to Chicago. This is the most scenic long distance rail journey in the U.S. (additional tour members can join the tour in Roseville at 11:35 a.m.)

The Zephyr features the double-decker Superliner equipment. Relax in your private Roomette. A shower room and four lavatories are available to Roomette occupants. Bedrooms, with private lavatory and shower, are available at an additional cost.

**An additional \$75 p.p./d.o.; \$150 Single for those requiring a pre-tour night in Sacramento.*



After settling in, you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car with its comfortable seats. It is a great place to view the passing scenery. Coffee, juices and bottled water are available in your sleeping car throughout the day. All meals on the trains are included beginning with a full-course lunch in the dining car.

As you travel eastward, you leave the lush green landscape and palm trees of California and enter the rugged terrain dotted with pine trees of the of the High Sierra Nevada mountains. Pass through the famous Donner Pass this afternoon. **L & D**

Day 2: En Route

This morning you'll pass through eastern Utah and western Colorado. Following your delicious dining car breakfast this morning, you'll want to view the spectacular scenery from the Sightseer Lounge car. The train leaves Glenwood Springs at 12:10 p.m. and travels through the towering, narrow Glen Canyon. You'll then begin to

climb through the awesome Rockies toward the Continental Divide. You'll encounter the famous 6.2-mile long Moffatt Tunnel and go under the Continental Divide. The mountain vistas continue throughout the afternoon. You'll arrive Denver at 6:38 p.m. where there may be time to get off the train to stretch your legs. **B, L & D**

Day 3: En Route / Chicago

The California Zephyr will roll across Iowa and Illinois and arrive in Chicago Union Station at mid afternoon. Upon arrival, we'll board a comfortable motorcoach and continue south 178 miles to Indianapolis, where we'll spend the night at the Double Tree Hotel. A dinner stop will be made en route (included). **B, L & D**

Day 4: En Route / Nashville

This morning you'll reboard your motorcoach and continue south 305 miles to Nashville. Arrival is scheduled for mid afternoon.

TOUR DATES: Wed., May 9 to Sat., May 19

\$2,895

PRICE PER PERSON (BASED ON DOUBLE-OCCUPANCY)

\$3,890 Single.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- First-class hotel accommodations for six nights.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the trains for four nights (\$895 additional per person for Bedrooms).
- 21 meals.
- Admission to four shows in Branson, sightseeing tours plus admissions to all included attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

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Our home for the next two nights will be the famous Gaylord Opryland Hotel. After you settle in, you'll want to experience the opulence of this world-class resort. The hotel features stunning indoor landscaping across several sprawling atriums that make the hotel America's largest non-casino resort! There are several hotel restaurant options.

Conclude the day with an evening performance of the famous Grand Ole Opry.

Day 5: Nashville

This morning embark on a sightseeing tour. Travel to historic downtown, Fort Nashborough, the state capitol, the Parthenon and homes of the stars. Tour the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This 37-million-dollar facility is a beautiful tribute to Country Music and the artists who have made it great. Enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch at the Museum's popular Two Twenty Two Grill.

This evening the Tour Director will host a grand dinner in the magnificent Opryland Hotel. **D**

Day 6: Memphis

After a full breakfast, say goodbye to the beautiful Opryland Hotel and continue east by motorcoach 212 miles to Memphis.

Arrive at Elvis Presley's Graceland in time for an "on-your-own" lunch.

Our Platinum Tour package includes the mansion tour as well as self-guided tours of Elvis' two custom airplanes, the Elvis Automobile Museum and a memorabilia museum called "Sincerely Elvis."

Following the Graceland visit, continue to the Westin Hotel Beale Street right in the heart of the entertainment area.

Spend the evening on Beale Street, starting off with dinner at the King's Palace (included). **B & D**

Day 7: Branson

After a full breakfast in our hotel, you'll depart on a 300-mile journey, basically the full length of Arkansas. Arrive at the attractive, full service Radisson Hotel, our comfortable accommodations for the next two nights in Branson. The Radisson is convenient to many shows and attractions.

Count on an exquisite dining experience this evening at our hotel's dining room.

After dinner you'll travel to the Shoji Tabuchi Theater where at 7:30 p.m., you'll enjoy the renowned Shoji Tabuchi. For a number of years, the Japanese violinist has headlined Branson's most popular show.

B & D

Day 8: Branson

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

At 9:00 a.m. embark on a three-hour sightseeing tour of Branson and the awesomely scenic Ozark countryside. You'll have time for an "on-your-own" lunch in downtown Branson. Be sure to visit Dick's old-fashioned 5 and 10 cent store.

This afternoon you'll continue to the Mickey Gilley Theatre for two hours of great entertainment. Gilley's show is a roller coaster of music and laughs, thanks to an award-winning band and comedian Joey Riley.

Dinner this evening is at the popular Grand Country Buffet.

Following dinner, you'll continue to the Jim Stafford show. Enjoy two hours of great entertainment by this multi-talented singer, songwriter and comic genius. **B & D**

Day 9: Branson / En Route

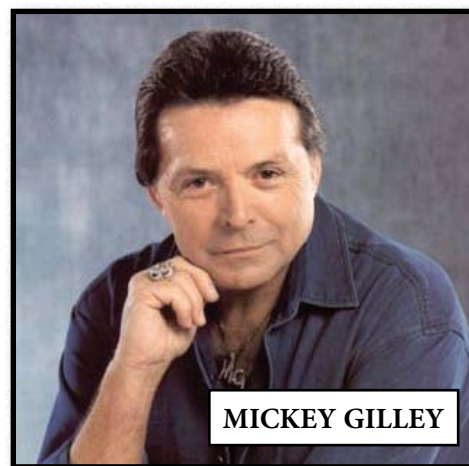
Following our full breakfast in our hotel, we'll transfer to the Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater for the morning performance by the Brett Family. From an amateur "family act" to an internationally known group of seasoned professionals, The Bretts are in a position millions of musicians have tried to achieve, but have never been able to reach.

While The Bretts have an incredible a cappella sound, it's hard to corner the group into any specific genre. The Bretts' musical versatility has now become their greatest strength.

We'll have an "on-your-own" lunch before leaving Branson.

At 1:30 p.m. we'll board our motorcoach and travel northwest 113 miles to Carthage, Missouri. We'll spend some time at the world-famous Precious Moments Chapel. Designed by artist Samuel J. Butler, the chapel features 13 stained-glass windows and dozens of murals of wide-eyed children depicting Biblical events. There will be an "on-your-own" dinner either at the Chapel or en route.

We'll reboard our motorcoach and continue north to Kansas City. We'll arrive at the Kansas City Amtrak station at 9:00 p.m. Our westbound Southwest Chief is scheduled to depart Kansas City at 10:45 p.m. You'll find the same kind of accommodations and on-board amenities you enjoyed on the California Zephyr. **B & D**



MICKEY GILLEY

Day 10: En Route

During the night we traveled across the state of Kansas. You will be near the Colorado border when you awake. Today you will begin to relive the excitement of the Santa Fe Trail as we cross New Mexico and Arizona. The huge train windows offer a panoramic view of the spectacular scenery. You will have time for a trainside walk when we arrive in Albuquerque at 3:55 p.m. Spend time in the Sightseer Lounge car. All three delicious dining car meals are included today. **B, L & D**

Day 11: En Route

You'll want to have an early breakfast (included) since we're scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles at 8:20 a.m.

Southern California participants will travel home on the Pacific Surfliner and arrive throughout the day.

Passengers for Ventura, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and other Central and Northern California points will depart on the Coast Starlight and will arrive home through the afternoon and evening.

At 10:45 a.m., Northern California participants board an Amtrak motorcoach for Bakersfield. Arrive in Bakersfield at 1:00 p.m. and bid farewell to Bakersfield tour members. The northbound San Joaquin train departs at 1:15 p.m. Lunch is available in the dinette.

As you continue north, you'll say goodbye to new-found friends in Fresno at 3:20 p.m., Modesto at 4:56 p.m., and Stockton at 5:26 p.m.

Some members will travel by Amtrak motorcoach for the short trip to Sacramento and arrive at 6:20 p.m. Some continue to Roseville at 7:32 p.m.

Final stops will be Emeryville at 7:20 p.m. and Oakland at 7:30 p.m. San Francisco members will transfer to the Ferry Building Amtrak Station. **B**