

# The BEST Branson Tours! The FUN way to get there!



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April 14 - 21

**Featuring**  
The Oak Ridge Boys  
Mickey Gilley  
Shoji Tabuchi

Jim Stafford  
Shanghai Circus/  
Acrobats of China

**\$2,295\***  
Per person  
double occupancy

**\$3,090\***  
Single occupancy

## Day 1: Los Angeles / En Route

Auburn and Roseville-area tour members will board an early morning motorcoach and arrive in Sacramento at 7:37 a.m. The Tour Director will greet them there.

Sacramento tour members will meet the Tour Director at the Sacramento Amtrak station. At 7:45 a.m., you'll depart on an Amtrak motorcoach for the brief journey to Stockton. You'll join Stockton and other tour participants in boarding our Amtrak San Joaquin train at 9:17 a.m.

East Bay tour members will board a San Joaquin service train in Emeryville at 7:40 a.m. Your Tour Director will be boarding in Stockton.

There is comfortable seating on this double-decker train. Move about at will. Snacks, sandwiches, beverages and meals are available in the dinette car. Modesto tour members will board at 9:45 a.m., Merced at 10:31 a.m., and Fresno tour participants at 11:35 a.m.

We're scheduled to arrive in Bakersfield at 1:50 p.m. Bakersfield tour members will join us at this time. We'll board an Amtrak motorcoach for the two-hour, twenty-minute run over the "Grapevine" to Los Angeles. We'll arrive at Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal at 4:10 p.m.

Passengers from Southern and Central California points will in Los Angeles during the afternoon on Pacific Surfliner trains.

Olivera Street, with its Mexican Market, is across from Union Terminal. We'll prepare to board the famous Southwest Chief at 5:30 p.m. Departure is at 6:15 p.m. We'll travel 1819 miles to Kansas City.

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

After settling in, you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge. It's a great place to view the passing scenery. Coffee, bottled water and juice are available in the your sleeping car throughout the day. All meals on the trains are included beginning with dinner in the diner tonight. **D**

## Day 2: En Route

Enjoy a delicious dining car breakfast this morning and then head for the Sightseer Lounge Car. You'll want to take advantage of the fascinating scenery of Arizona and New Mexico. **B, L & D**

## Day 3: En Route / Branson

Breakfast will be early this morning. Our arrival into Kansas City is scheduled for 7:24 a.m. We'll board an awaiting deluxe motorcoach for the 213-mile journey through the Ozarks to America's top entertainment mecca, Branson.

At noon we'll arrive at Missouri's major attraction, the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Springfield. It's the world's largest sporting goods store. There are several options for an "on-your-own" lunch.

At mid afternoon we'll arrive at the attractive, full service Radisson Hotel, our comfortable accommodations for the next three nights in Branson. The Radisson is convenient to many shows and attractions.



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

After dinner we'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 head-lined Branson's most popular show. **B & D**

## Day 4: Branson

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

We're off to see the Shanghai Circus featuring the Acrobats of China. Over 40 acrobats of China bring the Orient to Branson in a fast-paced, exciting production featuring internationally award-winning acts. The New Shanghai Circus presents a revolving line-up of favorite acts such as Big-Big Drums, Diabolo (Chinese Yo-Yo), Bicycle Tricks, Pole Climbing, Russian Bar, Aerial Fish Ballet, Adagio, Plates Spinning, Magic Clock, Roller Skating, Handstand Art, Human Top, Chair Stack and more.

The New Shanghai Circus celebrates the exotic wonders of China and the dramatic interpretation of classic Chinese dance and



**THE OAK RIDGE BOYS**

physical performance art. Featuring spectacular backdrops, beautiful costuming, and state-of-the-art lighting this show is a thrill a minute! The show combines extraordinary and inventive feats of strength and skill, control and balance.

You'll enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch at Mel's Hard Luck Diner at Branson's Grand Village.

After lunch we'll embark on a three-hour sightseeing tour of Branson and the awesomely scenic Ozark countryside. Be sure to visit Dick's old-fashioned 5 and 10 cent store in Downtown Branson.

For dinner we're off to McFarlain's Family Restaurant and Pie Shop. "Homestyle cookin' like it's supposed to be!" The pie is served first.

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

## Day 5: Branson

This morning you'll have the option of shopping or relaxing in your hotel, attending a show or visiting the Landmark Titanic Museum /Attraction.

This afternoon we'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.

This evening our Branson travelers will enjoy a performance by one of America's most popular groups, the Oak Ridge Boys. The Oak Ridge Boys, one of the longest-running groups in country music, are back on America by Rail's Branson schedule and bringing a lot of country and a little bit of rock, blues and gospel.

The talented quartet's four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have resonated with fans across the country, pop, and gospel genres, 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**

## Day 6: En Route

Following breakfast, we'll board our deluxe motorcoach and head north 213 miles to the Kansas City area.

After an "on-your-own" lunch, we'll arrive at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence. An exhibit about the Missouri native's presidential years features a film tracing Truman's life from childhood to his presidency.

We'll stop for dinner (included) near Kansas City. We'll then continue north to Omaha, Nebraska, where we'll arrive at the Amtrak station at 9:30.

At 10:55 p.m. our Branson travelers will board the world-famous California Zephyr for the 1850-mile journey across five states to Sacramento. You'll enjoy the same kind of accommodations and amenities you experienced on the Southwest Chief between Los Angeles and Kansas City. **B & D**

## Day 7: En Route / Colorado Rockies

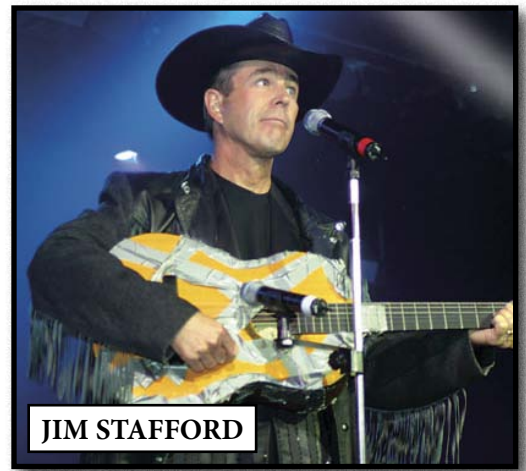
Plan to get up early, have a piping hot breakfast in the dining car and find a seat in the glass-walled lounge car for the spectacular scenery that will unfold before you the rest of the day.

The Zephyr will pull out of Denver at 8:05 this morning and begin its climb over the Front Range. About an hour later we'll encounter the famous five-mile-long Moffat Tunnel and, literally, go under the Continental Divide. Throughout the day the train will wind around sharp mountain curves and through numerous tunnels. The mountain vistas will continue until late afternoon. We'll pass through Salt Lake City around midnight. **B, L & D**

## Day 8: En Route / Donner Pass

Today's scenery will be almost as spectacular as that experienced yesterday in Colorado as the Zephyr ascends the high Sierra Nevada mountains through the famous Donner Pass. Our arrival into Roseville is scheduled for 12:57 p.m.; Sacramento (2:13 p.m.); Emeryville (4:10 p.m.).

San Joaquin Valley tour members will depart Sacramento on a southbound San Joaquin train at 4:55 a.m. and arrive in home destinations as follows: Modesto (8:07



**JIM STAFFORD**

p.m.); Merced (8:47 p.m.); Fresno (9:55 p.m.); Hanford (10:28) and Bakersfield (11:56 p.m.).

Southern California residents (Los Angeles and South) will spend the night in Sacramento\* and continue home tomorrow on the Coast Starlight to Los Angeles; continuing south on a Pacific Surfliner train. **B & L**

### TOUR DATES

Sat., April 14 to Sat., April 21

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation via Amtrak rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- Three nights hotel accommodations, four nights on Amtrak trains with private Roomette sleeping accommodations (double basis). The Bedrooms are available at an additional \$895 per person (double basis).
- 17 meals.
- Admissions to five major musical attractions.
- All baggage handling, taxes, tips, etc.
- Services (from Sacramento) of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

### PRICE PER PERSON:

\$2,295\* (based on double occupancy)  
\$3,090\* Single

\*\$75 additional for Southern California participants requiring an additional night stay in Sacramento (\$150 for singles).