



A Branson Christmas November 18-23, 2019

Monday, November 18, 2019

What better way to start out our Christmas Season than with a return trip to Branson, MO! Our first day will be a long travel day so we will take rest breaks along the way and fill the rest of the time with games and a movie (or two). We will stop for our **included lunch** at the **Thunder Bay Grille** in Rockford, IL. The rustic décor and cozy fireplaces make it a perfect gathering spot for our group. Fenton, MO, is where we will stop for the

evening and have our **included dinner** at one of our favorite spots, **Cracker Barrel**. Of course afterward we will have a bit of time to spend in the gift shop before heading to our hotel – the **Drury Inn & Suites**. We will have time this evening to check out the indoor heated pool or maybe you will choose to relax a bit before calling it a night.



Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Good morning! Take time to head downstairs to enjoy the wonderful **hot included breakfast** right here at our hotel. After packing up, we load the motorcoach and continue on our way to Branson. We will take a morning rest stop and have our **included lunch** at **Culvers Restaurant** in Springfield, MO. We will also take time this afternoon to stop at the granddaddy of All Outdoor Stores, the **Bass Pro Shop**. This is a great store to find just about anything from socks and shoes to tents and boats. Besides shopping, there are plenty of animals to see throughout the store along with seven aquariums and an indoor swamp with alligators and turtles! It will be interesting once back on the coach to see what kind of animals everyone found. Once we arrive in Branson, we will check into our hotel the **Holiday Inn**



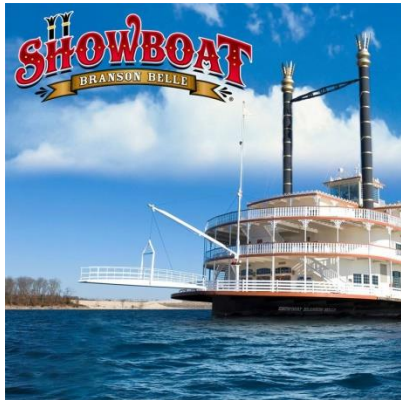
Express. We will be staying here for the next three nights. Once unpacked, we travel across the parking lot to our **delicious included dinner** at **Shoney's**. Our **included show** this evening will be at **Hamners' Theater** for the **Hamners' Unbelievable Variety Show**. The Hamners' have an incredible show with a ton of things to see, from magic, music and impressions to feathered friends, dancing and animals. What will be your favorite? After the show we will return late evening to our hotel.





Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Rise and shine to another beautiful day on our Branson trip! We will have our **included breakfast** at the hotel. Our first **included stop** this morning is the **Tanger Outlet Mall** for a little bit of shopping. The Outlet Mall is a fun place to find items you love at a discounted price. After shopping we set sail on Table Rock Lake aboard the beautiful



Showboat Branson Belle. Our **included cruise** has a magical Christmas performance you won't soon forget. We will hear music from the 1960's to today with Christmas favorites sprinkled throughout the show. Watch how the toe-tapping Showboat Dancers light up the floor with their spectacular rhythm and footwork.

Is your toe tapping along? Our cruise



also **includes** a delightful **three-course meal** prepared fresh in the ship's kitchen just for us. What a wonderful performance

to make our day merry and bright! We have a late evening planned for tonight, so we will take a short break at our hotel. Enjoy the time to relax or take a quick nap. Once back on the coach we are traveling to **Dolly Parton's Stampede.** This **included** Christmas show is spectacular!



Watch the amazing live nativity unfold as you see the beautiful angels above and the three kings riding on camels as they travel to Bethlehem. The stampede arena is magical with the twinkling lights, evergreens, poinsettias and lovely holiday music. The festivities get playful when the elves appear and serve up our **included festive four-course feast!** Be careful with elves as you never quite know what will happen next.

The entire Stampede, including the 32 magnificent horses, will take you on a holiday adventure with all your favorite Christmas songs. And no holiday celebration



would be complete without a visit from Santa himself. This is truly a show you will not want to miss! Our next **included stop** is the **Promised Land Zoo** to see a sparkling winter wonderland of lights. It is a zoo by day and a fantastic display of lights at night. Sit back, relax and enjoy a 2 mile ride in our own warm coach and see this amazing display of lights -which is the largest drive





through in the Ozarks! Afterwards we will park the coach and visit Candy Land Courtyard. There are many things to see here including beautiful musical trees, lighted displays and a live nativity. Also, we just might get lucky and meet the guy in red – Santa! From here we return back to our hotel arriving late.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

It is another wonderful morning in Branson and we will have our **included breakfast** at our hotel. Our first stop this morning will be to our **included** show the **Hughes Brothers**.



It has been awarded the Best Christmas Show 10 times! The show is filled with wonderful music, exciting dances and plenty of light-hearted humor. There



will be festive surprises along the way and of course a visit from Santa himself. **Cicis** is our **included lunch**

stop. It is a delicious Italian restaurant offering a buffet of pizza, pastas and salads – something for everyone. Our **included show** for this afternoon is **The Duttons**. With trees up and holiday decorations out we will enjoy a wonderful and festive show with three generations of



performers! Their show features beautiful voices along with many different instruments including the guitar, drums, mandolin and keyboards. It will be interesting to see just how many different instruments they play! This family-fun show is most enjoyable as it is filled with lots of Christmas Spirit.

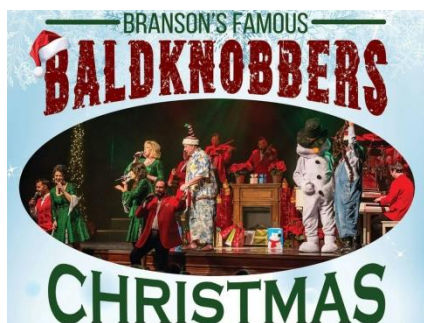
Are you ready for some shopping? After the show, we will walk next door to **Abby's Tourist Trap** for a chance to find that perfect souvenir to take home. This place

definitely has something for everyone! For dinner this evening we are visiting **Jackie B. Goode's Uptown Café**. You will have the option to choose one of four delicious **included dinner** entrées.

To end our fun day we will be stopping by to see our **included show** the **Baldknobbers**.



With the perfect blend of country music, gospel music and comedy the included Baldknobbers show will wow us with their family variety show. During the holiday season the first half of the show features the best of this year's show while the second half is dedicated to the Christmas holiday. You will enjoy celebrating the holiday season with the Baldknobbers! After the show we will return to the hotel.





Friday, November 22, 2019

We will have our **delightful included breakfast** at our hotel. Afterwards we will load up the coach and travel to Springfield, Missouri, to see the **Fantastic Caverns**. This **included** stop is the only cave in North America to offer a tram ride through the caves. How were the caves discovered? What are all these beautiful formations? Listen as our tram guide takes us on a journey through the caves and answers these questions and many more. We continue our way home taking time for our **included lunch and dinner** stops. We will stop for the evening in Clive, IA, and check into our hotel the **Country Inn & Suites**. Once settled in you will have the chance to take a swim in the indoor heated pool or enjoy chatting with friends by the pool. It will be a relaxing and fun evening for all!



Saturday, November 23, 2019

Rise and shine for our **included hot breakfast** at our hotel this morning. We will pack our luggage and load up for our continued day of travel home. We will pass the time with plenty of games and a few movies along the way. We will have a couple of rest breaks and our **included lunch** stop as well. We will arrive in Wausau in time for our **included dinner** at **McDonalds**. Afterwards, we will say good bye to our friends as we continue the rounds to our other drop off locations. We arrive home early evening.

Activity Level: High

**Tour Includes:
All Attractions
All Meals
Lodging for Five Nights
Motorcoach Transportation
Tour Director and Chaperones
Refreshments & Snacks**

Cost: \$1,535.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy

Pick-up areas: Spencer, Marshfield, Junction City and Wausau

