



## Itinerary

America's Music Cities Holiday featuring Nashville, Memphis & New Orleans

Dec 4, 2020 - Dec 11, 2020

### Pre Night: Gaylord Opryland Resort



Gaylord Opryland Resort invites you to experience the energy and excitement of Music City. On the banks of the Cumberland River, Gaylord Opryland Resort is centrally located and close to everything. You'll be amazed at the nine acres of indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls and an indoor river with its own Delta flatboat. Within this lush landscape, you'll discover fine dining and casual restaurants, unique shopping experiences, and a 20,000-square-foot resort spa and fitness center. This spectacular resort is the flagship property of the Gaylord Hotels family. It features 2,881 stylish guest rooms, each featuring high-speed wireless Internet access and two phones, including one cordless.

### Day 1: Nashville, Tennessee - Tour Begins



Step back in time on a holiday getaway that opens in the "Music Capital of the World" – Nashville – and the glorious Gaylord Opryland Resort. This impressive property is a year-round wonderland, but during the holidays, it truly sparkles even brighter!

#### Hotel

Gaylord Opryland Resort  
Nashville

#### Culinary

Dinner

#### Weather

High 10°  
Low -1°  
Rain 4"

### Day 2: Nashville



Your day begins with a tour of the historic Ryman Auditorium,\* the original home of the Grand Ole Opry! What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. Then discover the flavour of the region at a family-owned distillery when you tour the facility and taste its Tennessee whiskey. Later this evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry.\*\*

#### Hotel

Gaylord Opryland Resort  
Nashville

#### Culinary

Breakfast

#### Weather

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### Day 3: Nashville



Today, explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the largest museum of popular music in the world. Check out the museum's vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings and instruments, artfully presented in cutting-edge exhibits that relay the colourful histories of country music and its artists. Afterwards, a tour of RCA Studio B gives you an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton and Charley Pride once recorded some of their classic hits. Learn how each artist recorded their chart-topping music in this famous studio – you may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! This evening gather for a spectacular dinner and holiday show at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Then, the choice is yours! Embark on a cosy horse-drawn carriage ride -OR- take in your resort's amazing lights and décor on a relaxing river cruise.

**Hotel**

Gaylord Opryland Resort  
Nashville

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 10°  
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Rain 4"

**Day 4: Nashville - Memphis**



This morning you travel to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul. Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of the city of Memphis. Local musicians board the coach and tell the story of Memphis' musical heritage and history as you view the city's many highlights. Then, put on your blue suede shoes and get ready to visit Graceland, the opulent home of the "King" himself, Elvis Presley. Enter Elvis' 14-acre estate and visit his home decorated in its holiday best with impressive poinsettia displays and Presley family holiday trinkets. You will have access to Elvis' original business office, trophy building with exhibits depicting Elvis' life at Graceland, racquetball building, and the Meditation Garden, where Elvis and members of his family have been laid to rest. Later, enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland.

**Hotel**

The Guest House At Graceland  
Memphis

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 10°  
Low -1°  
Rain 4"

**Day 5: Memphis - New Orleans, Louisiana**



Travel south and step back in time to the "Jazz Capital of the World" – New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and an incomparable soundtrack.

**Hotel**

Sheraton New Orleans  
New Orleans

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

High 16°  
Low 5°  
Rain 4"

**Day 6: Choose French Quarter Walking Tour or Motorcoach Tour of New Orleans**



It's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter where you'll see the majestic St. Louis Cathedral, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks; continue to the bustling French Marketplace where you'll explore Pirates Alley and view the Cabildo, the Presbytere and the Pontalba -OR- set out on a panoramic motorcoach tour of New Orleans with a local guide that begins along historic Esplanade Avenue and rolls on to see St. Louis Cemetery #3 which opened in 1854 and holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries; on St. Charles Avenue, marvel at gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Tulane and Loyola. Whichever you choose, stop to taste a true New Orleans favourite – beignets at Café Du Monde. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter.

**Hotel**

Sheraton New Orleans  
New Orleans

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

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**Day 7: French Quarter**



Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise\*\*\* narrated by your captain. Learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem whilst keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Then, celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World, the working warehouse where artisans create the spectacular floats for the famous parades. You'll even get to indulge in a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy a festive New Orleans-style farewell dinner.

**Hotel**

Sheraton New Orleans  
New Orleans

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 16°  
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Rain 4"

**Day 8: New Orleans - Tour Ends**



Your musical holiday journey comes to a close today.

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## Post Night: Sheraton New Orleans



Experience the heart and soul of the city when you stay at the Sheraton New Orleans. The many amenities ensure a comfortable stay. It is just steps away from the French Quarter and many restaurants. Nearby, explore Royal Street, Jackson Square and the French Market. Feel the excitement of New Orleans, and at the end of the day, return to your comfortable room to unwind.