

Day 5: After a visit at the Hallmark Card Visitors Centre, we'll continue to St Louis Missouri. A visit to the Gateway Arch with a city view 630 feet above ground will conclude the day in St Louis. The Gateway Arch is an architectural wonder, built in recognition of the epic Lewis and Clark exploration journey, commissioned by Thomas Jefferson after the Louisiana Purchase. Overnight: St. Louis Missouri.

Day 6: We will learn about this beautiful city, Saint Louis by having a guided city tour. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore this beautiful city!

Day 7: Prior to departing to Nashville, we will visit the spectacular Botanical Gardens in St Louis. Founded in 1859, the Missouri Botanical Garden is one of the oldest botanical institutions in the country and a National Historic Landmark. The Garden is a center for botanical research and science education, as well as an oasis in the city of St. Louis-79 acres of beautiful horticultural display, including a 14-acre Japanese strolling garden, the Climatron® conservatory, and Garden founder Henry Shaw's original 1850 estate home.

Day 8: Nashville, ground zero for the origin of country music! After an extensive tour of Nashville, experience the grandeur of the Grand Ole Opry Hotel, shop in Opry Mills, or visit the Grand Ole Opry Museum. Wow! Then to the performance of the Grand Ole Opry!

Day 9: Arriving in Memphis Tennessee, music is just the beginning! En route to Memphis, we will visit Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Casey Jones Village. Later our big adventure will include a visit to Graceland, home of the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis Presley.

Day 10: Another day in Memphis, discover the importance of Beale Street, where "Rhythm and Blues" were born. The Blues were born on Beale Street, and it was the home to famous blues musicians such as W.C. Handy who wrote the first blues song here in 1909. Beale Street is one of the most famous streets in Memphis, and it is the soul of old Memphis. Aside from the bustling cotton trade on the cobblestone banks of Front Street along the Mississippi, no other Memphis landmark has held such mystique, intrigue, fame and infamy over the years. In the afternoon, we will cruise down the mighty Mississippi, aboard the Memphis Riverboat Queen.

Day 11-15: View Cotton and Rice fields as we make our way into Branson Missouri, settled in the Ozark Highlands of southern Missouri. In Branson, settled in the Ozarks, we will enjoy the entertainment of many well-known entertainers such as The Duttons, The Presley's, The Acrobats of China, Yakov Smirnoff and The Dixie Stampede. There will be an opportunity to visit the shows of your choice on your free time and budget. We'll visit Silver Dollar City, "Where America Lives" with an extensive chance to experience the best of American music, tastes and crafts. A wine tour and a shopping spree is also on the agenda.

Day 16: Homeward Bound, the Ozarks give way to the majestic wheat fields of Kansas on our way to Topeka Kansas. On our way to Topeka, we will make a heart-warming stop at the Precious Moments Chapel Centre. Precious Moments creator Sam Butcher began drawing the endearing teardrop-eye children he called "Precious Moments" as gifts for family and friends. That was more than a quarter century ago, and today, his Precious Moments artwork is among the most recognized art in the world.

Day 17: As we leave Kansas, we will enter Colorado. Katherine Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful" atop Pikes Peak overlooking Colorado Springs. Colorado has the highest mean altitude of all the states and 75% of the land area of the U.S. with an altitude over 10,000 feet lies within Colorado. The Colorado Rockies are part of the North American Cordillera, which stretches 3,000 miles from Alaska, through western Canada and the United States, into northern Mexico. The centerpieces of this dramatic uplift are the peaks over 14,000 feet, or "Fourteeners", as climbers affectionately call them. There are 52 Fourteeners in Colorado. Our destination will be the mile high city of Denver Colorado. The 13th step of the state capital building in Denver is exactly 1 mile high above sea level.

Day 18: Departing Denver, look for cowboys and cattle herds as we enter ranch country. Watch for a Wyoming license plate, which features a man on a bucking bronco. In the wild and untamed west, ironically, Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote. We'll bed down in the heart of the old Wild West, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Day 19: Envision and experience the solemn atmosphere of the Little Big Horn Battlefield, site of Custer's Last Stand. In the spring and summer of 1876 the United States Government launched a military campaign upon a portion of the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians, who refused to live within the boundaries of the Great Sioux Reservation. On June 25th, 1876, after the battle was over, 263 7th Cavalrymen lay dead, including George Custer. Visiting this historic site is a sombre experience. We will proceed near the Crazy Mountains as we continue to Great Falls Montana.

Day 20: With a stop at Duty Free in Sweetgrass Montana, our last chance at a U.S. bargain, we're homeward bound to Edmonton.

Included in your holiday is first class transportation on **Alberta's most luxurious motor coach**, standard accommodations and taxes at all hotels, baggage handling (one piece per person), and 20 full-filled days of memories. We hope that you will decide to join us for this exciting and fun-filled tour of Nashville & Branson. We look forward to offering you luxury. You deserve it!

"Welcome Aboard, Luxury awaits you!"

Questions? Please feel free to call us at **(780) 986-7766** or **Toll Free 1-866-522-7766**.

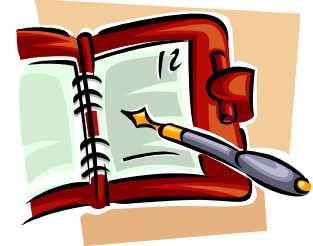
Sincerely,

Mike & Diane Lorentz
Carson Tours Ltd.

PS: Visit the heart of Americas' Country Music. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Ozarks. Experience memorable sights of cotton fields. This tour has great variety. Make your reservations today! Itineraries are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Travel Notes

To help you enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday, we remind you of the following:



The medical information and liability waiver must be completed to assist you in the event of an emergency. Bring this form when first boarding the coach.

As a Canadian citizen, until at least the summer of 2008, travel into the United States by land will requires two forms of identification - one with a photograph (for example, a driver's license) ,along with your birth certificate, if you do not have a passport. Remember, a passport is the preferred form of proof of citizenship.

See http://www.pptc.gc.ca/usa/north_america.aspx?lang=e for additional updated passport information.

We clearly tag your baggage for easy handling and identification. In order to accommodate all passengers, we ask that you restrict luggage to one large suitcase (for hotel staff to handle) and one carry on bag (that is your responsibility) per person.

In order to keep the coach clean and neat, and for your comfort, we ask that you refrain from eating and drinking (except water!) on the coach. Our frequent stops (every 2-3 hours) allow plenty of opportunity for filling our tummies.

If you are diabetic, or have a medical condition that requires food more often, let us know. We'll be pleased to meet your needs.

While your rooms, tours and special events are included, in order to accommodate the variety of individual tastes, meals are your responsibility. We endeavor to arrange suitable eating establishments en route – enjoy!

If you have questions or concerns, please let us know at once. We look forward to making your holiday a memorable experience.

Trip cancellation and medical insurance are available, call for details.



Don't forget your camera!