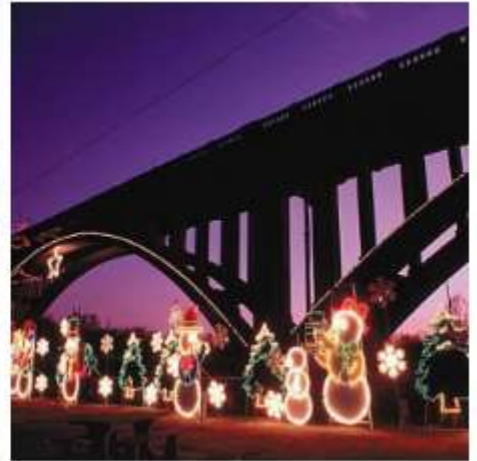
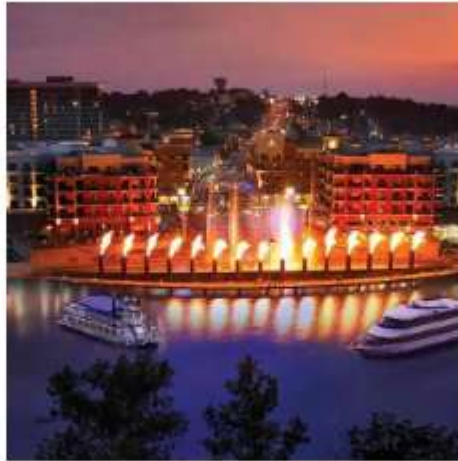


# BRANSON, MO – CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!



**Departing Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 for 7 days / 6 nights**

## **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!**

If you haven't been to Branson during the holidays, you're in for an amazing surprise. If you've visited during this special season before, it's easy to figure out why this is part of your family's holiday traditions.

As a visitor, you will see Christmas lights glowing in every direction, celebrities and stars filling the stages and shopping bags in everyone's hands. Branson is known for its live entertainment and there's no exception at Christmas time! It's not called the Live Music Show Capital of the World for nothing! There are many shows completely dedicated to the holidays and nearly every theater incorporates Christmas music into at least half of the performance. You'll hear traditional Christmas music, carols and hymns, sounds from the past and sounds from today. You'll see Christmas lights, decorated sets and displays, costumes and more. And, you'll feel the Spirit of Christmas everywhere you go...

## **The shows...**

- Raiding the Country Vault
- Clay Coopers Country Express
- Miracle of Christmas at the Sight and Sound Theater
- Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede
- Andy Williams Ozark Mountain Christmas with Jimmy Osmond and the Lennon Sisters
- Presley's Country Jubilee Christmas

## Day to Day Itinerary:

### Day 1: Black Hills to Dakota Dunes, SD (430 miles)

Today our journey begins as we leave the Black Hills and travel to Dakota Dunes, SD. We will make regular stops with lunch being at Al's Oasis. Our expected arrival time in Dakota Dunes is late afternoon and there will be time to freshen up at our hotel before supper.

***Overnight Dakota Dunes, SD - No Meals Included***

### Day 2: Dakota Dunes to Clinton, MO

This morning we travel to Kansas City and visit the 'Steam Boat Arabia' Museum located in downtown Kansas City. After our visit we continue our journey for our overnight stop in Clinton, MO.

***Overnight Clinton, MO - Breakfast Included***

### Day 3: Clinton, MO to Branson, MO via Springfield

This morning we journey to Springfield and visit Fantastic Caverns! Fantastic Caverns is a show cave located in Springfield, Missouri. Fantastic Caverns is the only cave in North America to offer a completely ride-through tour, which lasts 55 minutes and is held in a Jeep-drawn tram. The trams drive along the path left behind by an ancient underground river. The cavern was discovered by John Knox and his hunting dog in 1862. Knox did not want the cave to be exploited by the Union or Confederate governments as a possible source of saltpeter, so he kept the cave's existence quiet until 1867. Knox put an advertisement in the Springfield paper for someone to explore the cave, and it was first explored on February 14, 1867. On February 27, almost two weeks later, the Springfield Women's Athletic Club explored the cave. These twelve ladies are considered the first explorers of the cave, since they carved their names into the rock as graffiti and are mentioned in an article published in the Springfield Tri-Weekly Patriot newspaper. The caverns were used as a speakeasy during the Prohibition years and hosted music concerts during the 1950s and 1960s. The temperature inside Fantastic Caverns is about 60 °F year-round and the cave was renamed "Fantastic Caverns" in the 1950s. After our visit we make a stop at Bass Pro with time to browse, maybe shop a little (It's almost Christmas) and of course there's time for lunch. Just some 50 miles further south is Branson, our home for the next three nights. We arrive into Branson mid-afternoon with time for a freshen up before leaving the hotel at to embark on our city tour then arriving at our restaurant for Supper – Florentinas. Entrée selections are: Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Marsala, Lasagne Del Casa or Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo. Served with house salad and dressing, bread, dessert and iced tea and coffee. After Supper we travel to our first show of the tour called Raiding the Country Vault at the Americana Theater. This is one of Branson's more recent additions and has tapped into country music's top industry talent to take audiences through the greatest hits of Country Music. After the show we return to our hotel for overnight.

***Overnight Branson, MO - Breakfast & Supper Included***



#### **Day 4: Branson**

Breakfast is served in the hotel and is available from 6.30am. At 9.15am, we depart the hotel and travel to Clay Coopers Theater for the Clay Cooper's Country Express Show. Clay brings us singing, dancing, 24 entertainers (including one very funny comedian Matt Gumm), great visual effects and a variety of music old and new. We then head to McFarlains for Lunch around 12.30pm. After lunch we travel to the amazing Sight and Sound Theater to enjoy their performance of the Miracle of Christmas. We follow the extraordinary journey of Mary and Joseph and witness the miraculous birth of Jesus, the Saviour. After this moving performance we travel to Charlies for supper. We enjoy a family style dinner of smoked ribs, Brisket & Chicken Breast served with salad, baked potato, roll, dessert & coffee. After our fantastic meal we travel to the Presley's Country Jubilee Christmas. In 1967 they built the first music theater in Branson. Today, that theater is a Branson Landmark & the Presley family is still entertaining audiences with a one of a kind mix of country, gospel, bluegrass and hilarious comedy! After the show on our way back to the hotel tonight we take a drive through the most amazing display of Lights.

***Overnight Branson, MO - Breakfast & Supper Included***



#### **Day 5: Branson**

Breakfast is served in the hotel and is available from 6.30am. At 9.00, we depart the hotel for a visit to the Craft Mall followed by a tour of the College of the Ozarks. After our tour we head to Branson Landing and Old Town Branson and to enjoy lunch as well. After we return to the hotel for a recharge and break. We depart the hotel at 3.15pm and head over to the Dixie Stampede for Dolly Partons Christmas Stampede Dinner & Show (you will not go hungry!). We will enjoy a fabulous feast and enjoy a show with 32 magnificent horses with an amazing cast of top notch riders. After our Dinner show we travel to the Andy Williams Performing Arts Center for our final show in Branson – Andy Williams Ozark Mountain Christmas hosted by Jimmy Osmond and starring the Lennon Sisters. After the show we return to our hotel for our last night in Branson.

***Overnight Branson, MO - Breakfast & Supper Included***

**Day 6: Branson to Council Bluffs, IA**

This morning we leave the hotel at 8am and head north to Springfield and then Kansas City and finally Council Bluffs Iowa, making appropriate comfort and meal breaks throughout the journey. Watch out for a surprise stop in today's itinerary! Tonights stop is at a Casino Resort so win big! 😊

***Overnight Council Bluffs, IA - Breakfast Included***

**Day 7: Council Bluffs, IA back to the Black Hills**

This morning we leave Council Bluffs at 8am for our journey back home to the Black Hills of South Dakota arriving around 4.30pm. We make appropriate comfort and meal stops along the way. Welcome home 😊

***Breakfast Included***

## Itinerary at a glance

**Price:** \$1,595 (pp based on double occupancy)

**Single Supplement:** \$795

**Triple occupancy:** Deduct \$115 pp

**Starts:** Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Ends:** Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

## What's included?

- Fully escorted with departures from Spearfish, Sturgis & Rapid City plus East along I-90
- Luxury transportation throughout – all entrance fees included for sightseeing listed
- 6 amazing show experiences with 6 nights' accommodations
- Breakfast each day & 3 Suppers
- Baggage handling and all taxes

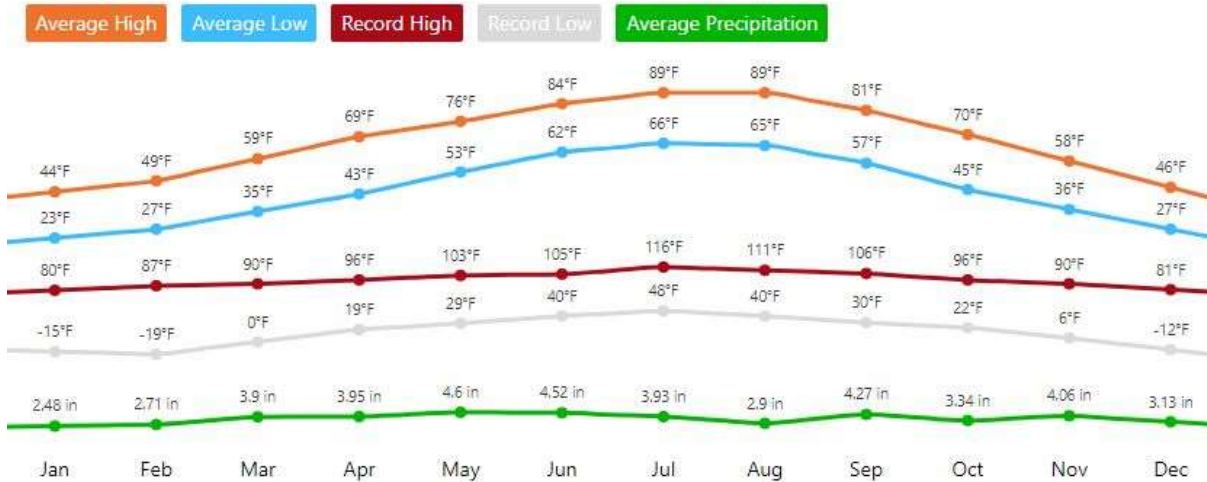
## How to book

- Deposit due of \$500 per person
- Balance due by September 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

## What you'll need

- Christmas Spirit ☺

## Weather



July is on average the WARMEST month.

January is on average the COOLEST month.



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