

## SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS....

# **OZARK MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY**

FEATURING 6 LIVE SHOWS IN BRANSON, ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

**NOVEMBER 2-8, 2012 ~ 7 DAY TOUR** 



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit Branson in November the perfect time of year to take in 6 live shows featuring
   Veterans Day and Christmas themes including: Shoji Tabuchi, Andy Williams, Tony
   Orlando, Yakov Smirnoff, The Gatlin Brothers & Debbie Boone, and Daniel O'Donnell
- A guided tour of Branson with a local guide including Lake Taneycomo and the College of the Ozarks
- Two-night stay in St. Louis including a city tour with a local guide highlighting the Gateway Arch, the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and the majestic St. Louis Cathedral
- In Kansas City, a guided tour of the Hallmark Cards factory and a visit to the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts, a brand new architectural masterpiece
- Guided tour of Eureka Springs including the Thorncrown Chapel and the Christ of the Ozarks Statue

#### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Nights 1-2 Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch St. Louis, MO
- Nights 3-6 Radisson Hotel Branson, MO

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 12 meals 5 dinners, 1 lunch, 6 breakfasts
- Services of a professional tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- Admissions per itinerary
- Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Transportation on a luxury motorcoach
- Luggage handling throughout the tour
- Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

## PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double **\$1,499** / Single **\$1,899** • Deposit **\$250**Roundtrip group airfare available from \$395

Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

#### ~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

There's no better time to embark on a journey to discover the best of Missouri and the Ozark Mountains. While the six spectacular productions in Branson will be featuring their holiday revues they will also have a patriotic tone to them as Veterans Day approaches. Along this journey you'll discover why St. Louis became the Gateway to the West, why Branson is the "Music Capital of the World," and why Eureka Springs and Kansas City have become world-renowned for their cultural and architectural significance.



#### **◆DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE IN ST. LOUIS◆**

Our journey begins with optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning to LAX for a flight to St. Louis. Located near the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, St. Louis was named after King Louis IX of France. The city has many nicknames, the most popular being the "Gateway City" or "Gateway to the West" on behalf of the many people who migrated west through St. Louis on the first leg of the Oregon Trail. Upon arrival we'll be met by our deluxe motorcoach for a transfer to our downtown hotel, our accommodations for the next two nights. The hotel is in a perfect location, within walking distance of the St. Louis Gateway Arch and the Mississippi River. Enjoy a nightly reception featuring food and drinks at the hotel before an included welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. (Dinner)

## ◆DAY 2 ~ ST. LOUIS◆

An included breakfast this morning before we're joined by a local guide for a panoramic tour of St. Louis. Visit **The Gateway Arch Riverfront** highlighted by the majestic **Gateway Arch**. At 630 feet, our nation's tallest man-made monument is more than just a structure. Take the optional **tram** 



ride to the top for unforgettable views of St. Louis and the Mississippi River. Visit the Museum of Westward Expansion and take a journey into the past and see the tools, guns, animals and wagons of the explorers, pioneers, cowboys and Native Americans who helped forge our nation. Our guided tour continues with visits to the historical sites and the more recent additions to the city. See the Old Cathedral, the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (New Cathedral) and Laclede's Landing, a historic district located on the riverfront. See the Old Courthouse, built from 1839-1862, and the site of the infamous 1847 Dred Scott Slavery trials. See the site of the 1904 World's Fair in Forest Park and inspiration for the movie and song "Meet Me in St. Louis." No visit to St. Louis would be complete without a visit to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. This is the oldest and largest of their breweries and you'll discover how Budweiser is crafted and packaged by following it through the steps of the brewing process on a **brewery tour**. Then sit back, relax and taste some of the many different products created by Anheuser-Busch. Visit the historic Clydesdale Stable and learn about these majestic giants. Return to the hotel with the remainder of the evening at your leisure. (Breakfast)



#### RESERVATIONS

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#### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- \*Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)
  - ◆ Good Times Travel will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

### TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

#### **DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

Roundtrip airport transfers are available as follows: From one of our departure points: \$69 p.p. Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

From home: \$159 and higher (contact us for quote)

Exact departure times are provided 2 weeks prior

## **LAND ONLY PRICES**

We've listed land only rates with the optional airfare price separately. You have the option of taking advantage of our group discount or making your own air arrangements. Generally air prices get higher as the departure date approaches so it's best to book early.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS**

See *Good Times Travel* catalog or www.goodtimestravel.com

## ◆DAY 3 ~ ST. LOUIS TO BRANSON◆

Following an included breakfast this morning we are on our way to the music and entertainment capital of the Midwest, Branson, Missouri nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. Nicknamed the "Music Capital of the World," your time in Branson will feature some of the best and most dazzling productions offered. This afternoon we'll check-in to our Branson hotel - our accommodations for the next four nights. Following an included dinner this evening at a local favorite. Next, prepare for Shoji Tabuchi - this classically trained fiddler turned country music superstar, is a fitting tribute to this fun-loving city and is showcased in a theatre that is spectacular itself. A show that rivals the pure excitement of Las Vegas or New York, Shoji's show features extraordinary musical entertainment including superb dancers and a full orchestra performing everything from country to classics. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **DAY 4 ~ BRANSON**

An included breakfast this morning before we're joined by a local guide for a tour of the Branson area, including historic downtown Branson, Lake Taneycomo, the College of the Ozarks, Table Rock Dam and Table Rock Lake. We'll visit Big Cedar Lodge, a resort on Table Rock Lake that's tucked into the wooded hillside. An included lunch here served in the Worman House, a former country retreat for San Francisco Railroad executive, Harry Worman. This afternoon we'll take in the Daniel O'Donnell show. As seen on PBS and fast becoming a Branson favorite, Daniel O'Donnell will entertain you with cherished Irish and American tunes. This evening, after an included dinner at a Branson favorite, sit back and enjoy the Andy Williams Christmas Show featuring Andy Williams. This huge new production features singers, dancers, a choir and special guest stars making this the largest Christmas Show in Branson. Conceived and produced by Andy, this spectacular show is sure to exceed your expectations! (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### ◆DAY 5 ~ BRANSON◆

Following an included breakfast this morning, enjoy a leisurely morning to do some browsing or shopping in downtown Branson. This afternoon you're funny bone will get a work out at the Yakov Smirnoff Show. This Russian comedian delivers a dynamite comedy and side-splitting fun and laughter-packed show. Yakov's authentic Russian Dance Troupe is thrilling as they leap and spin on stage. Following an included dinner this evening, sit back, relax and enjoy legendary entertainer Tony Orlando with his celebrated show, *Great American Christmas*! Tony will sing all of your holiday favorites: the songs that have become part of the fabric of Christmas in America; and his greatest

hits: "Candida," "Knock Three Times," "Tie a Yellow Ribbon," "Sweet Gypsy Rose" and many more. It's a celebration of all that is great about the holiday season and a Branson must see! (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### \*DAY 6 ~ EUREKA SPRINGS, BRANSON\*

An included breakfast this morning before we travel south into Arkansas for sightseeing in Eureka Springs - the so-called Victorian mountain village. Time to browse and enjoy lunch at leisure in downtown Eureka Springs. A local guide will then join us for a guided tour of the area. Visit Thorncrown Chapel, containing 425 windows and over 6,000 square feet of glass, it rises 48 feet into the Ozark sky. Called the most beautiful chapel in the world, its simple design and majestic beauty combine to make it what critics have called "one of the finest religious and architecture spaces of modern times". Visit the Christ of the Ozarks Statue, a white mortar statue of Jesus Christ with arms outstretched reminiscent of His crucifixion. Visible from 20 miles away, the landmark weighs two million pounds, stands seven stories tall and spans 65 feet from fingertip to fingertip. What's more astounding is that every inch of the remarkable sculpture was built by hand! Completed and dedicated in 1966, the statue was sculpted by one of the artisans who sculpted Mount Rushmore. We enjoy an included dinner and return to Branson this evening for a Christmas show starring The Gatlin Brothers and Debbie Boone. One of the first-class acts in Country Music, the Gatlin's have 15 top-five hits including their #1 hits "All the Gold in California". Debby Boone's smash hit is "You Light Up My Life," but be ready for familiar holiday hits of the season including "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year". (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **DAY 7 ~ BRANSON, FAREWELL**

Following an included breakfast we travel north this morning to Kansas City. We'll visit the Hallmark Cards factory and headquarters to learn about the world's largest greeting-card company and see the creative process first-hand. Hallmark started in 1910 when a man named Joyce C. Hall began selling picture postcards from his fourth-floor room at the Kansas City YMCA. We continue on to the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. One of the most technically and architecturally advanced performing arts centers in the nation, the \$413-million Kauffman Center has become a much-celebrated set of massive, steel-jacketed clamshells that resemble a pair of sonic booms whose motion has been arrested and encased in cement. Late this afternoon we arrive at the Kansas City airport for our return flight back to LAX. The memories of the sights, sounds and holiday spirit of Missouri and the Ozarks will linger long after our return home. (Breakfast)