

---- Highlites of *Chris' Country Music Tour* --- Oct. 28 – Nov. 13, 2011 ---

Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 – motor coach departs for **3 Dinner-Shows & 9 Theatre Shows + 2 sit-down group dinner**... be ready for a long day today, as we have to reach Ontario on our first day – but you will be able to enjoy leisurely travel the rest of the trip.

Saturday, 29th :-today we will enter the US via Windsor/Detroit border crossing.... **you must have a valid passport**, otherwise, you may be refused entry and would have to return home at your own expense (this hasn't happened yet and we don't want you to be the first!!) -

Monday, 31st: we will visit the **St. Louis Arch**. This engineering marvel is a must-see. If you are not afraid of confined spaces, a trip to the top is well worth the price. Then on to **BRANSON**... there are about 100 shows to see in Branson.... In the 3 days we are here, we will see *Daniel O'Donnell, Andy Williams, Moe Bandy, Mickey Gilley*, the incredible *Presley's* and also do some shopping

Thursday, 3rd – travel to **MEMPHIS** with afternoon visit to *Graceland* where you can tour the mansion and stand by Elvis' grave - tonite, we stay at the **Drury Inn** where we can enjoy their fabulous **5:30 Kickback** which consists of hot food & cold beverages (chicken strips, egg rolls, charbroiled meatballs, beer, wine, mixed drinks & non-alcoholic drinks) until 7pm.

Friday, 4th: on to **NASHVILLE!** With stops to *Loretta Lynn Ranch & Casey Jones Village*; Our first stop in Nashville is at the corner of Broadway & 5th Ave. N.. The first thing the real country fans do is run 50 feet up the sidewalk to touch the brick corner of the **Ole Ryman**. You may want to do the inside tour (ticket not included, approx \$9.). Some of us also wouldn't miss going to the legendary *Tootsie's Orchid Lounge*. We will be staying at *Fiddlers Inn*, which is surrounded by plenty of County Clubs, most notably the *Nashville Palace*, where Randy Travis once worked in the kitchen; you really never know who you might meet at one of those clubs—one year, Ivan & Agnes talked with *Lil Jimmy Dickens* at the bar; **Grand Ole Opry** Saturday nite at **The Ryman** @ 6:30pm. It is too early to find out who will be on stage..... They don't announce until approx. 2 weeks before the date. But it doesn't matter... we haven't been disappointed yet !! We realize you may be kind of pooped-out by the time we get back to our hotel but you really should go to the *Midnite Jamboree*, just around the corner from the hotel. Last year, the MC was David Frizzell and the surprise unannounced guest was Stonewall Jackson, up-close & personal!

Sunday, 6th to Thursday, 10th : - **PIGEON FORGE** – a lot of our guests have told us that Pigeon Forge is their favorite part of their trip.... The scenery is beautiful..... It is easy to see why they're called **Smoky Mountains**. You will never forget the quaint little town of **Gatlinburg**. And really, you should take the *Cable Car* or preferably *The Skylift* to the top of the mountain..... spectacular !! Be sure to bring your hand-sanitizer when dining at the **Dixie Stampede** – they don't provide utensils!! On the 8th, you may want to skip breakfast at the hotel - we will be having a hearty breakfast at **The Blackwood Variety Breakfast Show @ 10am**. Other shows we'll see are the *Cirque de Chine Chinese Acrobats*, & *Tennessee Shindig* stage shows, plus a great sit-down group dinner at the *Great American buffet*. During your leisure day, you can travel anywhere by way of the trolleys, which are an easy and inexpensive mode of transportation

Saturday nite, we get together in the breakfast room for an informal sing-along & chit-chat.

Sunday, 13th:- Stop at the Duty-Free on the way home

Leisurely travel:-we stop approx. every 2 ½ hours for rest stops & lunch.... We usually book into our assigned hotel between 5-6pm. Smoking & alcoholic beverages are not permitted on bus. We charter our modern, air conditioned coach from Can-Am Coach Lines, Saint John and our professional driver is safe and experienced with this tour. Coach seating is rotated on a daily basis while traveling. Don't forget your personal travel insurance!-Call us if you need a quote. Luggage: - 1 carry-on per person; 1 overnite bag which will be kept in the bus compartment and taken out every night; 1 large luggage which will stay on the bus until we reach Branson. Useful tips: if you wear prescription eyeglasses, bring along an extra pair if possible as you will not want to miss a single minute of your trip in case something happens to your glasses! Also, bring a wine corkscrew & an extension cord with you.... It might come in handy! Also, **you are welcome to bring a guitar** for impromptu on-board jam session **Cancellation Policy: if you have to cancel due to illness or other emergency up to 30 days before departure, all your money will be refunded without penalty. There would be a \$150. fee if cancellation occurs 1-30 days prior to departure.** (Doctor's note not required). **If you're a passionate fan of traditional & classic country music, then you'll love this trip and you'll love the people you're traveling with because we're all together for a good time !!**