

# Holiday Cheer in Branson Missouri

November 9 – November 13, 2022

(Fly tour – 5 days/4 nights)



What better way to welcome the cool weather and holiday season than with a trip to heartwarming Branson, Missouri? Holiday music, festive lights and spectacular decorations will greet us! This unique entertainment city nestled in the Ozark mountains will take us back to simpler times, with

Southern cooking and charm on full display as we enjoy an assortment of wonderful once-in-a lifetime activities.\*

## Day #1 – Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Fly from DIA to Springfield, Missouri.

Meet your Tour Manager at DIA\*\* and let the adventure begin. We will board private transportation when we land for the short journey to Branson. Explore the **Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum**, which rewinds history to a time when massive animals roamed the area. The Museum houses one of the most significant collections of Native American artifacts in the world and showcases the geological history of the Ozarks, as well as rare Civil War and American West relics. Located



at award winning Top of the Rock Golf Course, Johnny Morris, the founder of Bass Pro Shops and Tracker Boats, spent his youth spelunking in a vast cave and hunting for mushrooms on the land that is now home to Top of the Rock. Years later, as part of his goal to sustain and share the Ozarks history, he acquired the land and worked with a team of craftsmen to unearth Top of the Rock using the natural landscape as a guide. **Lunch** will be held inside this

Championship Golf Course Clubhouse at **Arnie's Barn**. This is a 150-year-old barn found right in

Arnold Palmer's own back yard in Latrobe, PA. Johnny Morris commissioned local Ozark craftsmen to carefully disassemble the barn and its 46-foot timbers, numbering each piece, transporting, and re-erecting the barn at Top of the Rock. Some of the timbers from the barn – which included the now extinct American chestnut – are so old that Top of the Rock historians are carbon dating them. From Arnie's Barn we can enjoy magnificent views that will have you falling in love with the Ozarks scenery. Next stop is our hotel to check



in and relax before the evening activities. Let's begin our holiday-themed memories with **dinner and a show** at the award-winning **Hughes Brothers Theatre**. The largest performing family in the world features a live band and is "keeping it in the family" with a cast of over fifty family members. They will share not only their spectacular singing but original choreography from multiple different dance

styles, including waltz and ballet. Incredible production numbers with state-of-the-art sound and lighting adds to this amazing performance to make for an unforgettable evening. (**Lunch, Dinner**)



## Day #2 – Thursday, November 10, 2022

### **Breakfast at the hotel.**

We promised unique activities, and this is definitely one. The morning will find us at the



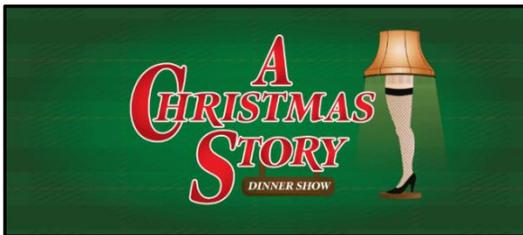
### **Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery and Conservation Center.**

Situated in the shadow of the Table Rock Dam, this hatchery serves as the primary source of rainbow and brown trout in Lake Taneycomo. A large aquarium showcases some of the largest trout you will ever see, and a guided tour explains the process of raising trout. A delicious freshly prepared 3-course **lunch** awaits us onboard the **Showboat Branson Belle**. Listen to music from the 1960s to today, with Christmas favorites sprinkled

throughout the show while we sail on **Table Rock Lake**. The Master of Ceremonies will keep us laughing while the Showboat Dancers and five-star singers with powerhouse vocals and tight harmonies are backed by a four-piece band. Our evening focuses on the hilarious family favorite, A Christmas Story on stage at the Playhouse Theatre



at Shepherd of the Hills. Set in the 1940's, 9-year-old Ralphie Parker only wants one thing for Christmas: A Red Ryder BB gun. The holy grail of Christmas gifts. But every time he mentions it, the common response is "You'll shoot your eye out!" All the favorite scenes from the movie will be



presented in the play. Join Ralphie while he goes on a quest to receive a Red Ryder Air Rifle, and get into the Christmas spirit with, A Christmas Story. Afterwards, we will stop for hot chocolate and complete our evening with a drive through the award winning "Trail of Lights" at Shepherd of the Hills.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



## Day #3 – Friday, March 11

### **Breakfast at the hotel.**

The entire world remembers the world's most famous luxury liner, the **RMS Titanic**, which we'll explore at the **Branson Titanic Museum**. We will walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the *Titanic*, as surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. You can touch a real iceberg, reach your hands into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks. Entering the ship, we will receive a boarding pass of an actual *Titanic* passenger or crew member. Many private artifacts are on display for the first time in the world with a collection valued at over four and a half million dollars. Discover your passenger or crew's fate in the *Titanic* Memorial Room where 2,208 names line this historic wall. The heart of the ship is the Grand Staircase, constructed from the original Harland & Wolff plans with its oak carvings and cherub statue. Here, a magnificent glass dome reflects light off oak wall paneling and elaborate railings and iron scrollwork. Wide, sweeping steps and landings provide a spectacular area where the original guests of the RMS *Titanic* made their appearances. You will be surprised to learn what the floor was made of – something considered most expensive for 1912. Lunch will be at the Fall Creek



Steak House, which offers an antique lover's paradise. The owners have collected these artifacts from all over the Ozarks and beyond. Sitting right next to Fall Creek for over 20 years it features a family friendly, roll tossing, good time! From his humble Irish roots to his growing success in Europe (and eventually around the world), **Daniel O'Donnell** grew to become one of the world's most prominent Irish singers. He has built an amazingly loyal region of fans who have catapulted him to the top of the charts and have resulted in more than 10+ million album sales. Launching his



superstardom in the United States, PBS has done several Daniel O'Donnell

specials – which have been some of the most requested and successful music programs that have run to date. On stage he shares some laughs, inspiration, and stories of his life and the music he performs – connecting with the audience in a way few people in show business are able to replicate. We'll return to the hotel to relax before heading out for dinner. BBQ is the



focus at **"Gettin Basted,"** which features multi-World-Championship winning live coal barbecue that proudly defines the flavor of the Ozarks. Our tastebuds will be treated to mouthwatering meats, signature sides and homemade desserts. Afterwards "An Evening with Shoji" will take us through the life of National Fiddler Hall of Fame Inductee and world-renowned fiddler and entertainer **Shoji Tabuchi**. Highlights will include his awe-inspiring life story, his love for the USA and the Ozarks, and his experiences having played such an important role in the burgeoning sensation that was to become the Live Music Capital of the World. Joined by his talented wife and daughter this is an unforgettable show! **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**



## Day #4 – Saturday, March 12, 2022

### **Breakfast at the hotel.**

Let's start our day by going back in time to explore **Main Street** in **Historic Downtown Branson**. Its free trolley cars can transport you to **Branson Landing**, a scenic boardwalk along the Taneycomo Lakefront, which boasts musical fountains, stores and restaurants. Enjoy meandering through your memories at Dick's Five & Dime. Visit



antique stores, flea markets candy shops and cafés, or shop for country



wear, jewelry, quilts and more. Lunch will take us to the very original **Mel's Hard Luck Diner**. Celebrating 27 years of talented servers (and sometimes cooks and bus staff) croon favorite songs while serving great food. This special 1950s themed diner is home to award winning talented professional singers, songwriters, and musicians.



These include one who appeared on American Idol! Branson's



**Christmas Wonderland** production is sure to boost your holiday spirits. It is one of the area's largest Christmas celebrations and brings joyous holiday songs, yuletide costumes, and two hours of lights, faux snow, and songs like, "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "The First Noel", and "Silent Night". You'll even see holiday characters like Frosty the Snowman and Santa Claus to

soak up some Christmas cheer. We'll head back to the hotel to freshen up before our evening activities. We'll celebrate our last night at **Dolly's Stampede** in Branson clapping our hands and stomping our feet to this spectacular show, which includes horses, cowboys & cowgirls, covered wagons, live buffalo and more. A special (video) visit from Dolly Parton herself concludes the evening! Beginning with a wonderful **4-course dinner** this evening will be festive, fun and unforgettable! **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**



**Day #6 – Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**Breakfast is included at the hotel and luggage is loaded onto the transportation.**

Our last stop highlights history as we visit **The Veteran's Memorial Museum**. This Branson must see is a national tribute to the brave men and women who defended our liberties during the 20th Century. As you wander the great halls of the museum you will be captivated by the stories of these men and women who gave us so much. This museum celebrates their memory.



We will relax with **lunch** at Fuddrucker's reliving special memories and friends we have made in Branson. Return from the Springfield Airport. **(Breakfast, Lunch)**

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