

NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS

November 8, 2019 - 9 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$5645 double/twin

\$6745 single

\$5540 triple



- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$200 discount on first 12 seats; \$100 on next 8
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 109 points from this tour.
Redeem **109 points** if you book by **August 1**.

Includes

- Transportation to Seattle Airport
- 8 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Flight from Seattle to Memphis
- Current air taxes and security fees
- 8 days of coach transportation in Tennessee
- Locally-guided tour of Memphis
- March of the Ducks at Peabody Hotel
- Rock 'n' Soul Museum
- King's Palace entertainment
- Tour of Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion
- Sun Studio
- Tour of Loretta Lynn's Ranch
- Locally-guided tour of Nashville
- Wildhorse Saloon
- *Music of Nashville* show at Troubadour Theatre
- Cheekwood Mansion, Gardens & Art Museum
- RCA Studio B
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Ray Stevens' CabaRay Dinner Show
- GooGoo candy-making class
- Johnny Cash Museum
- Performance in a Nashville Honky Tonk
- Grand Ole Opry performance
- Flight from Nashville to Victoria
- Gratuities to local guides and Tennessee drivers
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **16 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners

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Itinerary

Friday, November 8:

Transportation is provided to Seattle where we stay overnight at the Embassy Suites Hotel near the airport.

Saturday, November 9:

We fly to Memphis, arriving in the early evening. Welcome to Tennessee! Our coach meets us at the airport. We stay three nights at the newly-opened **Guest House at Graceland**, one of Memphis' top-rated hotels.

Sunday, November 10:

Meals: B,L,D

The morning is devoted to a tour of **Memphis**, the "Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll." Highlights include Overton Park where Elvis Presley did his first paid performance in 1954. We pass Galloway House and the Methodist church where **Johnny Cash** and the Tennessee Two put on their first performance. Lunch is included at the renowned Peabody Hotel, famous for its ducks in the lobby fountain and the **March of the Ducks**. In the afternoon, we visit the **Rock 'n' Soul Museum** which tells the story of musical pioneers who, for the love of music, overcame racial and socio-economic barriers to create the music that shook the entire world. Afterwards, there is free time to stroll along famous **Beale Street** with dinner and entertainment at King's Palace Café.

Monday, November 11:

Meals: B,D

Memphis is **Elvis Presley**, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. The Guest House is adjacent to the Graceland complex, consisting of the mansion, museums and galleries, and we spend the morning immersing ourselves in the Elvis Experience. Tour the mansion, visit the Elvis the Entertainer Career Museum, explore the Automobile Museum, and see his airplanes. This afternoon, we tour **Sun Studio**, the recording studio opened by rock 'n' roll pioneer Sam Phillips in 1950. Country music and rockabilly artists including Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, Charlie Feathers, Ray Harris, Warren Smith, Charlie Rich, and Jerry Lee Lewis recorded their music here through the late 1950s.

Tuesday, November 12:

Meals: B,L,D

Leaving Memphis, we head east across Tennessee with a stop at **Loretta Lynn's Ranch**. There are five museums on site, highlighted by the fascinating Coal Miner's Daughter Museum where she has amassed a huge collection of personal memorabilia and awards from her career. **Welcome to Nashville**, home of Country Music, USA. Our ac-

commodation for the next four nights is at the fabulous **Opryland Hotel**. With almost 3,000 rooms, this incredible building will keep you exploring its three large tree-filled atriums, its multitude of restaurants and lounges, and its indoor gardens with extensive water features including a river. We are booked in Atrium View rooms in the Cascades section and dinner is in the Cascades Restaurant.

Wednesday, November 13:

Meals: B,L,D

We enjoy a locally-guided sightseeing tour around Nashville featuring Music Row, **Ryman Auditorium**, the Parthenon replica, and Printers Alley, and past the homes of several stars. A barbecue lunch is included at the iconic Wildhorse Saloon. After free time in downtown Nashville, we attend the **Music of Nashville show** at the Texas Troubadour Theatre.

Thursday, November 14:

Meals: B,D

This morning, we visit **Cheekwood Mansion**, built in the 1930s by a grocery magnate. The property was donated in 1960 to create a Museum of Art and Botanical Gardens. In the afternoon, we take a tour of **RCA Studio B** where Elvis recorded more than 200 songs. It became famous in the 1960s for the production style and technique known as the Nashville Sound which revived the popularity of country music. Next, we visit the extraordinary **Country Music Hall of Fame** housed in a striking limestone and glass building that resembles a curved piano keyboard. This evening, we attend Ray Stevens' CabaRay Dinner Show.

Friday, November 15:

Meals: B,D

The morning is leisure time at the Opryland Hotel. The GooGoo Cluster is a famous Nashville candy product, created locally in 1912, and we have the opportunity to attend a candy-making class. Next is the **Johnny Cash Museum**, dedicated to one of the best-known musicians of Nashville. We have an exclusive dinner performance at a Honky Tonk, followed by one of America's most renowned shows, **The Grand Ole Opry**, performing at the historic Ryman Auditorium. Running since 1925, the Opry features about 20 performers from its exclusive membership of about 70 stars. However, we cannot tell you who will perform as the stars are announced just a few days prior.

Saturday, November 16:

Meals: B

We fly with Westjet from Nashville to Toronto, change planes, then continue to Victoria. A transfer is provided to your pickup point.



Activity Level: Moderate activity including short distances to walk in Memphis and Nashville. Touring the historic mansions usually requires some stairs and standing. There can be longer walks in the airports; please request a cart or wheelchair in advance if this could be an issue for you. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. The coaches cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director, local guides, and drivers have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 1, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$200 discount on first 12 seats and \$100 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 1.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 28, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From June 29 to August 1, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From August 2 to August 30, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From August 31 to October 1, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After October 1, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to currency exchange rates and taxes, and surcharges from the airline and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until departure.

Airline luggage fee: Please note that this fee of US\$30 from Seattle to Memphis is not included as the airline requires payment individually at airport check-in. The luggage fee is included for the flight home.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

Home pickups may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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e-points: This tour earns 109 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 1.

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