



## NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS

September 25, 2022 – 9 Days

*Two music cities with great entertainment*

For music lovers, there is no treat better than a visit to Nashville, "Country Music USA", and Memphis, "Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll." This tour flies to Memphis for 3 nights at the popular Guesthouse at Graceland. A highlight is a tour of Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion, but Memphis offers so much more – the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, a stroll down Beale Street, the March of the Peabody Ducks, dinners at BB King's and Marlowe's, and Sun Studio. Then we drive through rural Tennessee to Nashville with a stop at Johnny Cash's Storytellers Museum. Our accommodation in Nashville is the renowned Opryland Hotel and of course the Grand Ole Opry tops all the entertainment choices. Other special places are Belle Meade Plantation, RCA Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Ray Stevens' CabaRay Dinner Show, lunch at the Wildhorse Saloon, and a GooGoo candy-making class. Come and enjoy Music Cities USA.

Activity Level: 2



17 Meals Included:

8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners

Fares per person:

\$5,860 double/twin; \$6,970 single; \$5,770 triple  
Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers:

\$250 discount on first 12 seats; \$125 on next 8

Experience Points:

Earn 115 points on this tour.

Redeem 115 points if you book by July 21, 2022.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Sunday, September 25

We cross the border and follow I-5 south to Seattle for an overnight stay at the Embassy Suites near the airport. Meet your fellow travellers during an evening reception.

**Accommodation:** Embassy Suites Sea-Tac

### Day 2: Monday, September 26

We fly on Delta Airlines via Salt Lake City to **Memphis, Tennessee**. Our coach meets us at the airport. We stay three nights at the Guest House at Graceland, one of Memphis' top-rated hotels.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Guest House at Graceland

### Day 3: Tuesday, September 27

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 BB King's.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Guest House at Graceland

### Day 4: Wednesday, September 28

Memphis is **Elvis Presley**, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. The Guest House is adjacent to **Graceland**, consisting of the mansion, museums, and galleries, and we spend the morning immersing ourselves in the Elvis Experience – the mansion, the Elvis the Entertainer Career Museum, the Automobile Museum, and 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. Dinner is at Marlowe's Restaurant, famous for 45 years for its ribs and Elvis memorabilia.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Guest House at Graceland

### Day 5: Thursday, September 29

Leaving Memphis, we head east across Tennessee with a stop at **Johnny Cash's Storytellers Museum**. This was the farm used by Johnny Cash to escape from public life. We visit the museum, the Hideaway Farmhouse, and the "One Piece at a Time" Cadillac, and meet Johnny's nephew, Mark Alan Cash. **Welcome to Nashville**, "Country Music, USA." Our accommodation 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 cascading stream. We are booked in Atrium View rooms in the Cascades section.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Opryland Hotel

### Day 6: Friday, September 30

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. This afternoon, we visit **Belle Meade**, a fine example of a southern plantation, built in 1807 by John Harding. Today it is a state museum that tells the stories of enslaved African Americans who lived there. Dinner is at Paula Deen's Southern Restaurant, followed by the renowned show, **Grand Ole Opry**. 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.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Opryland Hotel

## Day 7: Saturday, October 1

The morning is free time. You may wish to do some shopping at adjacent Opry Mills. 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**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Opryland Hotel

## Day 8: Sunday, October 2

A barbecue lunch is included at the iconic Wildhorse Saloon. The **GooGoo Cluster** is a famous Nashville candy product, created locally in 1912, and we have the opportunity to attend a candy-making class. The **Johnny Cash Museum** is next, then finish at the Santa Fe Grill for a private dinner featuring a performance by a Nashville singer or songwriter.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Opryland Hotel

## Day 9: Monday, October 3

We fly with WestJet from Nashville to Vancouver with a connection in Toronto.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation to Seattle Airport
- 8 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Flight from Seattle to Memphis
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Transfer from Memphis Airport to hotel
- 6 days of coach transportation in Tennessee
- Locally-guided tour of Memphis
- March of the Ducks at Peabody Hotel
- Rock 'n' Soul Museum
- BB King's entertainment
- Tour of Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion with museum and airplanes
- Sun Studio
- Tour of Johnny Cash's Storytellers Museum
- Locally-guided tour of Nashville
- Belle Meade Plantation
- Grand Ole Opry performance
- RCA Studio B
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Ray Stevens' CabaRay Dinner Show
- Wildhorse Saloon
- GooGoo Cluster candy-making class
- Johnny Cash Museum
- Private dinner performance at Santa Fe Grill
- Transfer from Nashville hotel to airport
- Flight from Nashville to Vancouver
- Oct 3 airline luggage fee for 1 per person
- Gratuities to Tennessee guides and drivers
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **17 meals:** 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners



## TOUR NOTES

- Airline luggage fee is not included for the flight from Seattle to Memphis, as this must be paid individually at check-in. Please budget about US\$30 per suitcase. The luggage fee is included for the October 3 flight on WestJet.



**Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity including short distances to walk in Memphis and Nashville. Touring the historic mansions usually requires some stairs and standing. Seeing everything mentioned in this itinerary requires participation at Activity Level 2. 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 coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. There can be longer walks in the airports; request a wheelchair or cart in advance if this could be an issue for you. If Activity Level 2 could be challenging, you are urged to bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver 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 tour days. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due July 21, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$250 discount on first 12 seats and \$125 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 21, 2022.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to June 21, 2022, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 22 to July 21, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From July 22 to August 19, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After August 19, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes and surcharges from 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 until departure.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy.

**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, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

**Home pickups** are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$50 per person round trip. September 25 transfer is to the coach route along Highways #17 and #1 from Tsawwassen; October 3 transfer is from YVR to your home. Please request no later than at final payment.

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 115 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 July 21, 2022.

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