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PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- Oglesby, IL (1 night)
- Paducah, KY (1 night)
 - -National Quilt Museum
- Nashville, TN (3 nights)
 - -Free Time in Downtown Nashville
 - -Johnny Cash Museum
 - -Country Music Hall of Fame
 - -Locally Guided City Tour
 - --Parthenon, Ryman Auditorium
 - -General Jackson Lunch Cruise
 - -Visit Opryland Hotel
 - --Flatboat Delta River Ride
 - -Andrew Jackson's Hermitage
 - -Opry Mills Mall
 - -Backstage Tour of Opry House
 - -Dinner at Opry Backstage Grill
 - -Grand Ole Opry at Opry House
- Rockford, IL (1 night)
- Breakfasts t.b.a. & 2 Meals



SPRING NASHVILLE Paducah, KY · Nashville, TN (3 nights) April 20–26, 2021 7 Days



WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A FUN SPRING TOUR THAT SPENDS THREE NIGHTS IN NASHVILLE TO SEE, HEAR, AND TASTE SOUTHERN GOODNESS. VISIT DOWNTOWN, COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME, JOHNNY CASH MUSEUM, GENERAL JACKSON LUNCH CRUISE, AND OF COURSE THE GRAND OLE OPRY!

Tues., April 20: Oglesby, IL Join Utopia Tours as we start out on our Spring Nashville & Memphis Tour! Get to know your fellow travel companions as we travel through Wisconsin and into Illinois. Our first night is in **Oglesby, IL.**

Wed,. April 21: Paducah, KY This morning we make our way through southern Illinois and across the border to **Paducah, KY**. Paducah is known as the City of Crafts & Folk Art. This afternoon we'll stop at the **National Quilt Museum** which has three galleries of quilt and fiber art that you're sure to be impressed by. Then enjoy the night on your own here in **Paducah, KY**.

Thurs., April 22: Nashville, TN Traveling southeast on 24 we drive just a few hours to **Nashville**, **TN**! From the 1870's when the Jubilee Singers from Fisk University started becoming well known, to the current day with the stars that get their start here and come to entertain here, Nashville continues to uphold its Music City nickname. There are over 130 music venues here that keep this city alive. Once in Nashville, we will go to the **downtown area** where you can stroll the streets and go in to some of the venues where country singers got their start, like Tootsies, and others plus have time to shop and have lunch in the area. Later we will visit the **Johnny Cash Museum** featuring a large collection of Johnny Cash's memorabilia and artifacts. Then on to the **Country Music Hall of Fame** to experience country music's past and present. After this, you may stay downtown later in to the evening to explore more of this Nashville experience. Otherwise, we will go to the Opryland area to check in to our lodging for **3 nights at the Inn at Opryland**, a beautiful hotel close to many attractions in this area. There is a restaurant in the hotel or if you wish, we are not to far from the Nashville Palace, where you can enjoy some honky-tonk dancing and dining.

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner included that day

STATES VISITED ON THIS TOUR: MN-WI-IL-KY-TN

Fri., April 23: Nashville, TN (L) This morning a **local guide** will join our group for a **city tour of Nashville**, including seeing the *Parthenon*, a replica of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. Plus see the *State Capitol*. Then close by we will stop at the *Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park and see the World War II Memorial* honoring over 5700 Tennesseans who made the ultimate sacrifice. Plus we will tour the **Ryman Auditorium**, the original Grand Ole Opry Theatre started in 1943. After this, we will return to the Opryland area and go onboard the **General Jackson Showboat for a lunch cruise and entertainment** in this two story Victorian Theatre as we cruise along the Cumberland River. A highlight of our stay in Nashville. After we return from the cruise, we will go to the beautiful **Opryland Resort** which has 9-acres of indoor gardens and waterfalls, dining areas, shops and more to explore! Included is a **Delta flatboat ride on the Delta River** which meanders through the beautiful Conservatory. This evening is on your own with restaurants in the area close to the hotel.

Sat., April 24: Nashville, TN (D) The day starts at the Andrew Jackson Hermitage, a 1,120 acre National Historic Landmark. We will tour the beautifully landscaped grounds and mansion while here, learning more of the life of "the People's President," and his legacy. From here, we will go to the Opry Mills Mall for some shopping and lunch on own at the eatery. Then over to the Grand Ole Opry for a Backstage Tour of the Opry House seeing some of the dressing rooms, Studio A, plus the history of the GOO. This will last about an hour and then return a short distance to the Inn at Opryland for some relaxing time and then enjoy an included meal here at the Opry Backstage Grill. Tonight, we spend our last evening in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opry Show. The Opry is a radio show that has been entertaining audiences for over 90 years and is the show that made country music famous with its stars, superstars and legends all live on WSM Radio. It has been a fun day as we head back to the hotel for the night.

Sun., April 25: Rockford, IL A driving day today in the comfort of our motorcoach as we travel from Nashville, TN, crossing through Kentucky, and into Illinois. Our home tonight is **Rockford, IL**.

Mon., April 26: Home Homeward bound today after our Spring Nashville Tour experiencing the sights, taste, and sounds of this music city. We arrive home later this afternoon. Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.

Nashville Music City USA