

Nashville – Branson Showtime

October 14 - 30, 2024 Depart AB & SK

“Without music, life is a journey through a desert.”

Oct. 14 Brooks, AB to Estevan, SK

Put your cares behind you as we begin our journey to **Nashville** and **Branson** with a first overnight in the border city of Estevan.

Oct. 15 Fargo, ND (B)

Today we enter the United States and travel through North Dakota for an overnight in Fargo.

Oct. 16 Waterloo, IA (B)

Travelling via the Twin Cities, we continue south to the farmlands of Iowa. Home to John Deere, Waterloo is our destination.

Oct. 17 St. Louis, MO (B)

On arrival in St. Louis we take a ride to the top of the 630-foot **Gateway Arch** where you look down upon the city and the busy Mississippi River below. Featuring six themed exhibit areas, the interactive **museum** celebrates America’s pioneering spirit. Trace the story of the Native Americans, explorers, pioneers, and rebels who made America possible.

Oct. 18 Louisville, KY (B)

The bluegrass country of Kentucky beckons. Visit world famous **Churchill Downs**. Walk through the Grandstands to the rail of the legendary dirt track where every Derby winner has raced. View a **360°multi-media show** and explore two levels of interactive exhibits at the **Kentucky Derby Museum**. With **“Horsey Bucks”** in hand, learn the **techniques of wagering** at the track with a little group competition.

Oct. 19 Nashville, TN – 3 nights (B)

Nashville is the heart of country music. On arrival, a **local guide** shows us notable landmarks and homes of the stars on an **afternoon tour**. The **Grand Ole Opry** is the showcase of country music’s best and legendary entertainers. The live performance is an opportunity not to be missed. Accommodation while in Nashville is at the fabulous **Gaylord Opryland Resort**.

Oct. 20 Nashville, TN (B, L)

This morning we **tour** the **Ryman Auditorium**. As the original home of the Grand Ole Opry the Ryman holds historical significance in American music history. Enjoy stunning views, a delicious southern meal and toe-tapping entertainment while

rolling down the Cumberland River on board the **General Jackson Showboat**.

Oct. 21 Nashville, TN (B)

Enjoy a relaxing **“free day”** to explore the vibrant entertainment district of Broadway. **Tickets** are **included** for a visit to the **Country Music Hall of Fame**. Exhibits focus on the many who have dedicated their lives to country music.

Oct. 22 Memphis, TN/Tunica, MS (B)

Travelling to **Memphis**, our afternoon is dedicated to the “King of Rock & Roll”. A visit to **Graceland** includes the **Mansion Tour**, exhibits showcasing Elvis’ career, his automobiles, wardrobe, gold records, custom jets and much more from the Graceland Archives. Sitting adjacent Memphis is the Mississippi gaming community of **Tunica**. Try your luck in the casino or simply enjoy this riverside community for overnight.

Oct. 23-26 Branson, MO (B x 4, D x 4)

The excitement builds as we travel through the **Ozark Mountains** for a **four-night-stay** in **Branson** during fall festivities. Pumpkins, scarecrows and all things autumn decorate the community. The humble beginnings as a post office and tackle shop, has morphed into one of the country’s most popular tourist destinations. During our stay we enjoy an **area tour** including a visit to **College of the Ozarks**, as well as **seven shows/top attractions** including perennial hillbilly favourites – **The Presley’s; Clay Cooper; Dublin’s Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies; Hamner’s Unbelievable Variety Show; New Jersey Nights; The Haygoods** and **Silver Dollar City** during **Harvest Festival**. A visit to **historic downtown** and the **factory outlet mall** rounds out our stay. **Dinner is included daily**. (Shows subject to change)

Oct. 27 St. Joseph, MO (B)

We bid a fond farewell to the Ozarks as we travel north via Kansas City to St. Joseph. A visit to **Fantastic Caverns** features an amazing drive through cave adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. On arrival in St. Joseph, we will learn of the history of **Jesse James** and the **Pony Express**.

Oct. 28 Mitchel, SD (B, D))

Following the Missouri River, we stop at **Boystown Historical Site**. Learn how Father Flanagan established a school to help

troubled youth become responsible, productive members of society. The school continues its mission today. We visit downtown Mitchel to view the **World-Famous Corn Palace** adorned with native grains and grasses. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a **Corben Tours Appreciation Dinner**.

Oct. 29 **Minot, ND (B)**

The farmlands of the Dakotas lead the way for our last overnight.

Oct. 30 **Minot, ND to Brooks, AB (B)**

Our tour draws to a close with our return to Canada.

Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes

Twin: \$4729 | Triple: \$4629 | Quad: \$4579 | Single: \$6519

Depart AB/SK - 16 Night's accommodation

Package Includes:

Motor Coach Transportation * Nightly Accommodation with Baggage Handling (one suitcase per person) * All Breakfasts; 1 Lunch; 5 Dinners * Professional Tour Director * Inclusions as **highlighted** in itinerary

B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner

Important Information:

Departure Points: You may depart from any location along the first day of travel. Please discuss your options when making your reservation.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is required at time of booking. Your booking is **NOT** confirmed without this deposit. Should you need to cancel, this deposit will be retained. Travel Insurance is strongly encouraged. In the unlikely event Corben Tours needs to cancel, all deposits will be returned in full.

Forms of Payment: In an effort to reduce overhead costs for our guests, forms of payment include Cheque, Certified Cheque (payable to Corben Tours), Cash or E-transfer (cbconsult@myaccess.ca).

* In the event of the devaluation of the Canadian Dollar, all tours are subject to surcharge until 60 days prior to departure.

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Cancellation: 60 – 31 days before departure – 25% penalty; 30 – 22 days before departure – 50% penalty; 21 – 0 days before departure – 100% penalty. Cancellation penalties may vary depending on tour, and suppliers.

Travel Insurance: Trip Cancellation, Interruption, Out of Province Health and Baggage Insurance are highly encouraged and available by contacting the insurance provider of your choosing or for your convenience...

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* INSURANCE MUST BE BOOKED within 72 hours of applying your tour deposit.

Accommodations: are constantly evaluated for their service and quality. All properties are selected for safety, amenities and cleanliness. Our guests needs and comfort are taken into consideration with the selection of all accommodation. At time of booking please indicate if you require 1 or 2 beds and any special needs (welcomed but can't be guaranteed). Single-Travelers may request a share. Although not guaranteed, every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. Special Needs Passengers must be accompanied by a fully capable companion.

Single – one person - 1 bed; **Twin** – two people – two beds; **Triple** – three people – two beds; **Quad** – four people – two beds. Cots are at the expense of the traveller and cannot be guaranteed.

Transportation Suppliers: Are selected based on quality, safety record and reputation. Each operator is closely scrutinized for quality and safety.

Identification: Passports are required for Canadian citizens travelling outside Canada. All others should check with the appropriate authorities for further requirements. Customs/immigration fees are the responsibility of the traveller. Corben Tours will not make refunds if you or your travelling companion(s) are denied entrance to a foreign country.

Not Included in your Tour: Meals other than those listed as inclusions; Optional sightseeing admissions; Items of a personal nature; Optional gratuity to Tour Director and Driver.

Photo Waiver: Be advised photos taken during any tour may be used for promotional purposes. All photos displayed are copy-written and may not be reproduced without consent.

Our Commitment: is to ensure every traveller has a memorable travel experience. Your health, well-being and enjoyment are our top priority.