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# Musical Highways of the Midwest

featuring Saint Louis, Branson and Nashville

Tour Dates: Sept 20 – 27, 2026



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See the impressive Gateway Arch in Saint Louis



Tour Sun Studio, known as "The Birthplace Rock'n'Roll"

**DAY 1 Arrive in Saint Louis, Missouri:** Arrive in Saint Louis and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Manager and fellow travel companions at 5:30 p.m. during the Pear Tree's Managers Reception featuring food and beverages.

**Meal: D**

**DAY 2 Saint Louis Touring and National Blues Museum:**

This morning a local guide conducts a narrated tour of Saint Louis. See the impressive Gateway Arch, the monument to westward expansion, the Old Cathedral the new Busch Stadium and Millionaire's Row. Learn about the city's rich musical heritage that includes blues, jazz, ragtime and rock and roll. Lunch today is in Saint Louis' historic Italian neighborhood known as "The Hill." This afternoon tour the National Blues Museum which explores the Blues and celebrates the genre as the foundation of all modern American music. Tonight, again enjoy the Pear Tree's Managers Reception featuring food and beverages. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 3 See Two Exciting Branson Shows:** Travel to the heart of the Ozark Mountains to the live entertainment capital of Branson. This afternoon take a trip back to the good 'ole days when poodle skirts and soda shops were all the rage. The *Hot Rods & High Heels* show features stunning costumes, fun dance routines and toe-tapping tunes. Following dinner, tonight's entertainment is at the state-of-the-art Sight & Sound Theatre. Based on theatrical themes of stories from the Bible, the shows feature exciting special lighting effects and sound system that will leave you amazed. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 4 Memphis Musical Tour:** Today, the "Home of the Blues" comes alive on a Musical City Tour of Memphis conducted by a professional Beale Street musician who will play and sing selections from the city's rich musical heritage. Learn the history of Memphis, hear behind-the-scenes stories while be entertained with music and comedy. See famous Beale Street, the infamous Lorraine Motel and the legendary Peabody Hotel along with the early homes of Elvis, B.B. King and Johnny Cash. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion and Estate:**

Today is devoted to Elvis Presley's *Graceland*. You will tour the mansion, the heart of the 14-acre estate and see the living rooms, music room and "jungle" den. You will also see the meditation garden where "The King" is laid to rest. Also tour Elvis' two custom airplanes, the Car Museum, The Entertainer Career Showcase Museum as well as the new state-of-the-art Visitor Entertainment Complex. Truly a day of musical history to remember. Visit Sun Studio, known as "The Birthplace of Rock'n'Roll", as musical legends from the 50s began here. Imagine standing on the very same spot where Elvis was first recorded. Then, enjoy some delicious Memphis cooking at Central BBQ. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Muscle Shoals Sound Studio:** Depart Memphis today and continue your musical adventure with a stop at Muscle Shoals Sound Studio. This historic recording studio was formed in 1969 and has attracted noted musical artists from across the planet. Sonny and Cher, Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones have all recorded songs here. Later, arrive in Nashville and enjoy a panoramic tour of this musical city. **Meal: B**



**DAY 7 Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame and Grand Ole Opry:** Begin your day with a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Called the "Smithsonian of Country Music" because of its collection of artists' artifacts, photographs, recorded sound and vintage video, the museum is highlighted by its core exhibit *Sing Me Back Home: A Journey Through Country Music*. Then, get that Nashville feel at historic RCA Studio B. Once the recording home of popular music titans such as Elvis Presley, Chet Atkins and the Everly Brothers, it was here that the Nashville sound was born. After time to freshen up at the hotel you have reserved seats at the Granddaddy of Country shows, the Grand Ole Opry. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 8 Travel Home:** Following breakfast, a group transfer to the Nashville International Airport is available for flights out after 11:00 a.m. **Meal: B**



## Tour Highlights

- 13 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in Saint Louis with a narrated tour and lunch in "The Hill" neighborhood
- See Scott Joplin's house and tour the National Blues Museum which explores the history of the Blues
- Spend one night in Branson, at the heart of the Ozark Mountains
- Experience two exciting live shows in Branson including the fun *Hot Rods & High Heels* as well as the state-of-the-art Sight & Sound Theatre
- Enjoy a Musical City Tour of Memphis conducted by a professional Beale Street musician and savor some real Memphis Bar-B-Que
- Spend the day at Elvis Presley's *Graceland* and tour the mansion, the meditation garden, his custom airplanes and Car Museum
- Tour Sun Studio, known as "The Birthplace Rock'n'Roll"
- Visit Muscle Shoals Sound Studio once used by Sonny and Cher, Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones
- Spend two nights at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Nashville
- Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the "Smithsonian of County Music"
- Tour historic RCA Studio B, the recording home of musicians Elvis Presley and Chet Atkins
- Reserved seats to the Granddaddy of Country shows, the Grand Ole Opry

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Spend two nights in Nashville

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 1 and 2** – Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch, Saint Louis, Missouri

**Day 3** – Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills, Branson, Missouri

**Days 4 and 5** – Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, Tennessee

**Days 6 and 7** – Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in Saint Louis is \$239, and in Nashville is \$409, tax and breakfast included.

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
September 20, 2026	\$3,799	\$1,049

**Pricing includes Land and Air from Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) when booked within free air promotion.**

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$399 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



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