



RESERVATIONS OPEN  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 9:00 AM

## A BRANSON CHRISTMAS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

There is nothing like an Ozark Mountain Christmas in Branson! For more than a quarter century, Branson has made its holiday lineup of events a treasured tradition. Join VISTA Club as we experience all Branson has to offer during the holiday season!

**Day 1** begins by heading to Branson via motorcoach with a lunch stop (on own) along the way. Upon arriving in Branson, we will check into our hotel for the next week, the beautiful Hilton Convention Center at Branson Landing. Our comfortable hotel is conveniently located near restaurants and shopping and will include breakfast daily during our stay. After check in, it's off to dinner at the White River Fish House, then we will enjoy



*Presley's Country Jubilee Christmas* for an evening show. In 1967, the Presley's built the first music theatre in Branson. Today, that theater is a Branson Landmark & the Presley family is still entertaining audiences with a one of a kind mix of country, gospel, bluegrass & comedy!



**Day 2** will take us to the Hughes Brothers Theater to experience *Cassandra's Voice of an Angel*. Cassandra's stunning world class voice and Timothy's mastery of multiple instruments backed by an incredibly accomplished band combines to form one spectacular show! Following the show, we will have lunch (on own) in downtown Branson. In the afternoon we will visit the Dewey Short Visitor's Center to experience the story of Table Rock Lake and the Ozark Lakes Heritage. Dinner tonight will be on the *Showboat Branson Belle*. You will enjoy a cruise of Table Rock Lake plus music from the 60's to today. Following dinner, we will experience the *Pierce Arrow Country Christmas*.

You will hear a variety of Christmas music all while laughing along to 2017 Comedian of the year and SNL comedy writer James Sibley. We will end our evening with a Christmas lights tour with over 300 displays!

**Day 3** We will experience what The Wall Street Journal described as "one of the most unusual little liberal arts colleges in the country" with a guided tour by a student at the College of Ozarks. The college was founded in 1906 and is best known for giving its students the opportunity to receive a tuition-free education. The afternoon entertainment will be the *Comedy Jamboree & Dinner* at the Grand Country Music Hall—a roller coaster of laughs, comedy, music, dance and family fun. This was winner of Branson's Best Comedy Show and is famous for family-friendly Ozarks fun. We will enjoy a buffet dinner after the performance. This evening will take us to the Sight and Sound Theatre for a performance and preferred seating at the *Miracle of Christmas* show. Back by popular demand, this story tells Noah's story of the Great Promise.



**Day 4** starts off with a visit to the Butterfly Palace. We will learn about the incredible life of a butterfly and see up to a thousand live tropical butterflies in a mystical, magical rain forest. After lunch time (on own), we will head to the Grand Village Shoppes for some free time and shopping. You won't want to miss the Kringles Christmas Shop! Dinner tonight will be at Mel's Hard Luck Diner—a 1950's themed diner that is home to talented professional signers, songwriters and musicians. This evening will be spent enjoying the *Haygood's Christmas* show. These five brothers & one sister combine incredible harmony, tap, gymnastics & instruments to present this high energy show.



**Day 5** will begin our journey back home, taking with us fond memories of our time in Branson with friends!  
(Itinerary subject to change)

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#### Tour Highlights:

- 2 included dinners at White River Fish House and Mel's Hard Luck Diner
- 2 included dinner shows at Showboat Branson Belle and Comedy Jamboree
- 5 included Branson shows including Presley's, Cas-sandre', Pierce Arrow, Sight and Sound & Haygoods
- 3 included activities including Christmas Lights Tour, College of Ozarks Tour and Butterfly Palace
- Breakfast daily
- Luggage Handling

**SIGN-UP TIME:** Registration opens Tuesday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. Cash, check or debit from First State Bank Account only. \$400 deposit due at registration, balance due 9/28/24.

**COST:** \$1380 Double/\$1669 Single. Fee includes transportation, tours per itinerary, meals per itinerary, shows per itinerary, hotel, all associated taxes and tips.

**PICK-UP:** 11/18/24—Mendota Civic Center at 6:00 AM, First State Bank Bloomington at 7:15 AM

**DROP OFF:** 11/22/24—Bloomington at approximately 5:30 PM, Mendota at approximately 6:45 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cancellations will be refunded **only** if we are able to fill your vacancy.

**Right to Decline a Traveler:** First State Bank VISTA Club reserves the right to prohibit any member from travel for general behavior, abusive language, misconduct, attitude, health/mental condition or physical infirmity which may impede or be deemed so, the operation of our tours.

#### Photo Consent Policy

By registering for a trip/virtual trip, you are granting permission to First State Bank VISTA Club to use the photographs or electronic media images in which you may be included. You may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying VISTA Club in writing. The revocation will not affect any actions taken before the receipt of the written notification. Images will be stored in a secure location and only authorized staff will have access to them. They will be kept as long as they are relevant and after that time destroyed or archived.

- Please be prepared to indicate how many seats you are reserving and names, contact phone number & form of payment.
- Please make payment for day trips upon signup. If you are paying by check, please make payable to: FSB Vista Club (sorry, no credit cards can be used for day trips).
- Any cancellation for **day trips & mini trips** after funds have been received will be refunded only if we can fill the vacancy or if the venues will provide a refund. Extended trips will be refunded per individual trip policies.
- All members and guests must sign a liability waiver prior to attending any trip (day or extended) with VISTA Club.