

Panhandle Senior Travelers

Branson & Eureka Springs

Featuring "Queen Esther" & The Great Passion Play

8 Days June 10-17, 2024

This great faith based tour begins in Branson with a performance of Sight & Sound Theater's new action packed musical "QUEEN ESTHER." Then you witness the story of a kind and gentle man who settled in these remote Ozarks in the late 1800s at the Shepherd of The Hills Outdoor Drama. Before spending a day in Eureka Springs to see the Great Passion Play.

Tour Highlights:

- **Five Branson Shows** (Shows TBD, pending availability)
 - Morning, Afternoon, & Evening Shows
 - Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther"
 - Shepherd of the Hills Farm & Outdoor Drama
- Branson Pink Jeep Tour
- Narrated Eureka Springs Tram Ride
- Visit the Bible Museum
- The Holy Land Tour
- The Great Passion Play
- Tour the Crystal Bridges Art Museum
- Visit the Walmart Museum
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Bachman-Wilson House
- William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum
- Seven Nights First Class Lodging
- Seven Breakfasts
- Three Lunches
- Four Dinners
- All Taxes and Tips on above services
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- Motorcoach Transportation & Driver's Tip

Per Person Prices Starting at:

\$2,295 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,095 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$200 per person deposit due with reservation

Final Payment due by March 19, 2024

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Day 1 – Memphis, TN - This morning, board your Colonial Trailways deluxe motorcoach and travel to the Memphis, TN area. Check into the Drury Inn Memphis South for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening, but you can take advantage of the hotel's 5:30 Kickback featuring a rotating menu of hot foods and cold beverages.

Day 2 – Branson, MO – Afternoon Show – Evening Show - Travel today takes you to Branson, MO where you enjoy a three-night stay at a local hotel and the chance to immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of the Ozarks. This afternoon, enjoy a live Branson Show. (2024 show schedule TBA) Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Following dinner, enjoy another Branson show sure to get your toes a tappin. **(B, D)**

Day 3 – Free Morning – Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther" – After breakfast, enjoy some free time this morning for shopping or sightseeing on your own. Lunch will be included today at a local restaurant.

This afternoon, enjoy a performance of Sight & Sound Theater's "Queen Esther." Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4 - Morning Branson Show – Pink Jeep Tour - Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama - After breakfast, enjoy a live morning show followed by an included lunch at a local restaurant.

The afternoon features one of the newest things to do in Branson, a Pink Jeep Tour. On this Lakes & Landmarks Tour, wind through Ozark valleys, along the shore of Table Rock Lake and to the summit of Baird Mountain on this guided adventure with an expert, local guide. Learn the history and geography of the Ozark Plateau and gain insights into local conservation efforts.

Hear stories behind Branson's showboats and riverboats while stopping near the Branson Belle, a 700-passenger, classic paddle wheeler. Pose for photos with Table Rock Lake as your background and capture memories to last a lifetime. Buckle up for a 4x4 adventure on an exclusive trail at Baird Mountain. On the journey home, you'll pass by Table Rock Dam and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery.

Then visit the Shepherd of the Hills Farm. This is the authentic setting of the word-famous novel, Shepherd of the Hills. Now in modern day, you explore the setting of the where the Ozarks began. Dinner is included here this evening. The Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama is the action-packed live reenactment of the famous historical novel by Christian minister, Harold Bell Wright. Published in 1907, this beautiful story tells of life in the rugged Ozark Mountains of Missouri in the late 1800's. There's a shoot-out, the actual burning of a log cabin, a love story, a mystery and a moral message that is as true today as it was over a century ago. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5 – Eureka Springs, AR - Narrated Tram Tour – Bible Museum – Holy Land Tour & Buffet Dinner – Great Passion Play – Depart Branson this morning and travel to Eureka Springs, AR. Enjoy a narrated tram tour of Eureka Springs and fully narrated by local guides. You will see literally 100's of historic homes and buildings on the tour. As well as beautiful scenery. Enjoy a refreshing stop at one of the historic springs that made Eureka Springs the famous health spa that it was in the 1800's.

The rest of the day is spent at The Great Passion Play. Start at the Bible Museum which is made up of more than 6,000 Bibles in 625 languages as well as 3,000 artifacts. The Sacred Arts Museum features a diverse mix of artistic mediums portraying Christ and the Christian life. There are over 1,000 works of art in 64 different forms with pieces dating back to the ninth century.

Next, enjoy The New Holy Land Tour, a unique opportunity to experience the people, culture, and history of the ancient Middle East. On this 2 ½ hour interactive Biblical teaching tour, you will explore the ancient Middle-Eastern culture in which Jesus was raised and meet characters from the time of Moses to the time of Christ.

Then enjoy a wonderful dinner in The Great Passion Play's Great Hall Buffet followed by The Great Passion Play. The performance begins with the resurrection of Lazarus and continues on the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem on the day known as Palm Sunday. During the performance, you will witness the significant events leading to and including Christ's crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven. End the day with an overnight stay in Eureka Springs. **(B, D)**

Day 6 – Bentonville, AR - Crystal Bridges Art Museum – Walmart Museum - Frank Lloyd Wright's Bachman-Wilson House – Travel to Bentonville, AR today and start with a visit to the Crystal Bridges Art Museum. See a world-class collection of American art, stunning architecture, and 120 acres of Ozark forest with five miles of trails. The Museum is the creation of Alice Walton, the daughter of the late Sam Walton, who founded Wal-Mart Stores. Alice Walton has achieved her dream of building a top-tier museum that celebrates American art in the American heartland.

Next, visit the Walmart Museum. Walmart created this temporary location to share a story. It is called the "Lab" because it's where they test new technologies, new exhibits, and new ways to share Walmart's heritage. As you go through the Lab space, take your time to try new things and to share your thoughts with us so that the "new Walmart Museum" on the square can be the best that it can be.

Visit the Bachman-Wilson House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. This structure is an example of Frank Lloyd Wright's classic Usonian architecture. The word "Usonian" was derived from an abbreviation of "United States of North America." Wright created this term to describe a distinctly American style of residential architecture he developed during the Great Depression to be within the reach of the average middle-class American family. At the end of the day, check into your Bentonville hotel for the night and enjoy a free evening for dinner on won. **(B)**

Day 7 - Clinton Presidential Library and Museum – Greenville, MS – This morning, depart Bentonville and make a stop in Little Rock, AR to visit the Clinton Presidential Library & Museum. The archival and museum holdings at the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum are the largest within the Presidential Library system. Included in these collections are approximately 76.8 million pages of paper documents, 1.85 million photographs and over 84,600 museum artifacts. Lunch will be included today at an area restaurant. End the day in Greenville, MS for an overnight stay. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(B,L)**

Day 8 - Depart for home - After breakfast, depart for home. **(B)**