The WCSU Alumni Association presents

AMERICA’S MUSIC CITIES
featuring Branson, Memphis and Nashville

2012 Departure Date
September 30

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS

• 10 Meals (4 dinners and 6 breakfasts)
• Round trip airport transfers
• See 2 fabulous shows in Branson including the Presley’s, Branson’s first family of entertainment, as well as dinner, cruise and show aboard the Showboat Branson Belle
• Spend 2 nights in Branson, America’s Music Capital
• Commemorate 100 years of the Titanic tragedy at the Titanic Museum, a one-of-a-kind attraction featuring the Grand Staircase and more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship
• Spend 2 nights at the newly-remodeled Opryland Resort and enjoy Southern hospitality at its finest
• Narrated “musical” tour of Memphis including Beale Street, Cotton Row, the Lorraine Motel and the early homes of Elvis Presley, BB King and Johnny Cash
• Visit Elvis’ 14-acre estate, Graceland and see the living rooms, music room and “jungle” den, along with the trophy building and Meditation Garden
• Reserved seats to the granddaddy of all country shows, The Grand Ole Opry
• Guided tour of Nashville including Ryman Auditorium and the Country Music Hall of Fame
• Narrated tour of St. Louis including the Gateway Arch and Museum of Western Expansion
• Visit the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Center
• $40 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – We Begin Our Musical Journey
Join us as we embark on a journey to some of America’s most musical cities. Arrive in Saint Louis and meet your Tour Manager for a welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. with your traveling companions. Dinner...

DAY TWO – St. Louis City Tour and Branson
This morning a local step-on guide joins us for a narrated tour of St. Louis. Later, we continue to Branson, Missouri, for an evening with Branson’s “First Family of Entertainment,” the Presleys, for an unforgettable show featuring four generations on stage nightly. From new country favorites to country classics, the zany antics of Herkimer and Cecil to the soulful reflection of southern gospel music, this is one of the must-see shows in Branson. Breakfast...

DAY THREE – 100 Years of Titanic and Showboat Branson Belle
We begin the day with a visit to one of the world’s most unique attractions. The Titanic Museum. The world remembers the most famous luxury liner and 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the Titanic tragedy. This one-of-a-kind museum allows “passengers” to experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and the Grand Staircase of the Titanic and touch a real iceberg while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. Have free time in Branson before boarding the magnificent Showboat Branson Belle for a cruise on the crystal clear waters of Table Rock Lake. You will enjoy a delicious dinner while being entertained by an electrifying array of exciting musical artistry which will leave you breathless. Breakfast and dinner...

DAY FOUR – Clinton Presidential Center and Memphis
We depart Branson and travel into Arkansas to the town of Little Rock where we stop at the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Center. The...
Center includes permanent exhibits from the Campaign through the Inauguration and his time in the White House. There is also full-size replica of the Oval Office where you’ll feel as if you were standing at the helm of American power and prestige. The Center also includes the Presidential Library, the Rock Island Railroad Bridge and Chactaw Station. Breakfast

**DAY FIVE – The Music of Memphis and Elvis’ Graceland**

Today a local guide joins us for a narrated “musical” tour of Memphis. We’ll see famous Beale Street, historic Cotton Row and the Lorraine Motel. We’ll also see the early homes of Elvis Presley, BB King and Johnny Cash along with Sun Studios and Stax Records. Later, don your blue suede shoes for a visit to Elvis’ 14-acre estate, Graceland. See the living rooms, music room and the “jungle” den. A highlight of the tour is Elvis’ trophy building which houses his enormous collection of gold records and awards, along with stage costumes, jewelry and photographs. See the Meditation Garden where Elvis and his family members have been laid to rest. Breakfast and dinner

**DAY SIX – The Opryland Resort**

We depart Memphis this morning and travel east. Our destination is Nashville and the world-renowned Opryland Resort. Experience southern hospitality and stroll through nine acres of lush gardens and flowing waterfalls inside a glass atrium. Your afternoon is free to see the newly-renovated atrium, take a scenic flatboat tour along the indoor river or enjoy one of the many different restaurants. The Opryland Resort is an experience in itself. Breakfast

**DAY SEVEN – Nashville and The Grand Ole Opry**

Today a local guide joins us for a guided tour of Nashville including Music Row and the Ryman Auditorium. This shrine to country music pays homage to its rich musical heritage. You will also visit the Country Music Hall of Fame where you’ll see an enormous collection of country music artifacts including Garth Brook’s string tie, famous Gibson guitars and vintage film clips. Tonight, we are treated to the granddaddy of country shows, The Grand Ole Opry! Sit back, relax and enjoy “The Show That Made Country Music Famous” from your reserved seats. Breakfast and dinner

**DAY EIGHT – Home**

After breakfast we depart with a group transfer to the Nashville airport for flights out after 12:00 p.m.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Day One – Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri

Days Two and Three – Radisson Hotel, Branson, Missouri

Days Four and Five – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee

Days Six and Seven – The Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee

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**Per Person Rates**

- Twin $1,699
- Single add $599
- Triple deduct $14

*Special Holiday departure*

Call for air rates and schedules from your city to St. Louis and from Nashville.

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in St. Louis is $139 and in Nashville is $219, tax included.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

EASY 1 2 3 4 ENERGETIC

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**Graceland, Memphis**

**Travellers Protection Plan (TPP) – $100**

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 luggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travellers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

**Without Travellers Protection Plan (TPP)**

- Within 46 days or more Deposit Amount
- 45 to 31 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior 50% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 days prior 100% of tour cost
- Departure day 100% of tour cost

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