Enjoy three spectacular shows in Branson including The Oak Ridge Boys who have been entertaining in Branson for many years. They will perform their major country hits and a little bit of rock, blues, and gospel.

Enjoy a performance by the famed Grand Ole Opry.

Our sightseeing tour of Memphis includes Mud Island, Sun Studios, and the Martin Luther King assassination site.

Enjoy an evening on Beale Street including a BBQ dinner at the famous Kings Palace.

Tour Elvis Presley’s Graceland including the mansion, Elvis Automobile Museum, and a memorabilia museum, “Sincerely Elvis”.

Stay two nights at the famous Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The hotel includes several acres of stunning indoor landscapes and atriums.

Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville. It is a tribute to Country Music and the artists who have made it great.

Days 1-2 ................. Chicago to Branson
Day 3 ....................... Branson
Day 4 ....................... En Route / Memphis
Day 5 ....................... Memphis
Day 6 ....................... Nashville
Days 7-8 ................... En Route Chicago
Day 1: Depart Chicago

Musical America travelers will meet their Tour Director in Chicago’s Union Station. You will board the Texas Eagle for its 1:45 p.m. departure for St. Louis. Sit back and relax in your reclining coach seat. You may want to visit the Sightseer Lounge car for some refreshments and good conversation with fellow tour members.

Dinner in the diner is an option or for lighter fare you can visit the lower level of the Sightseer Lounge car. Arrival into St. Louis is scheduled for 7:21 p.m. Upon arrival we’ll transfer to the Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch, our home for the night.

Day 2: Branson

Enjoy a Drury QuikStart® breakfast in our hotel this morning. This morning we’ll visit the world famous 630-foot high Gateway Arch. Options include: a trip to the top of the Arch and a 45-minute film chronicling the history of the Old West.

We’ll board our deluxe motorcoach for Branson. We will stop for an “on-your-own” lunch en route. This afternoon we’ll arrive at the attractive, full service Radisson Hotel, our comfortable accommodations for the next two nights in Branson. The Radisson is convenient to many shows, shopping, and attractions.

Following an included dinner in our hotel we’ll transfer to the Mickey Gilley Theater for the evening performance by SIX.

SIX is a group of six multitalented brothers who have perfected the vocal sounds of more than just lyrics, but also instrumentation and sound effects. Their music includes everything from Elvis, Frankie Valli, Beach Boys and Tom Jones to MC Hammer, Kansas, and Journey. CB & D

Day 3: Branson

A full breakfast in our hotel is included this morning.

We will transfer to Dick Clark’s American Bandstand Theater for The Brett Family Show. Each member of The Brett Family is dynamic enough to carry his or her own solo show, but when they come together on stage, the harmony and power of the group creates a totally unique and captivating experience.

You’ll enjoy an “on-your-own” lunch at Mel’s Hard Luck Diner at Branson’s Grand Village where you’ll be entertained by your talented wait staff vocalists.

Following lunch we’ll embark on a sightseeing tour of Branson, Table Rock Lake, and the scenic Ozark countryside. Dinner tonight will be at the Grand Country Buffet.
Following dinner you will enjoy a performance by one of America’s most popular groups, the Oak Ridge Boys. One of the longest-running groups in country music, they bring a lot of country and a little bit of rock, blues and gospel to Branson.

The Boys have ten Gold Albums, two Platinum, and one Double Platinum album as well as 25 No. 1 hits including: “Elvira,” “American Made,” “Bobbie Sue,” “Thank God for Kids,” and “Y’all Come Back Saloon.”

**Day 6: Nashville**

This morning we’ll embark on a sightseeing tour including historic downtown, Fort Nashborough, the state capitol, the Parthenon, and homes of the stars.

We’ll visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This 37-million-dollar facility is a beautiful tribute to Country Music and the artists who have made it great. Enjoy an “on-your-own” lunch at the Museum’s popular Two Twenty Two Grill.

We will conclude the day with an evening performance of the famous Grand Ole Opry.

**Day 7: En Route**

This morning we’ll enjoy a brunch cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat while being entertained by a musical review.

Following an “on-your-own” lunch, we’ll board our deluxe motorcoach and head east through the beautiful hills of Tennessee. An included dinner stop will be made en route.

Our home for the next two nights will be the famous Gaylord Opryland Hotel. After you settle in, you’ll want to experience the opulence of this world-class resort.

The hotel features stunning indoor landscaping across several sprawling atriums that make this hotel America’s largest non-casino resort!

**Day 8: En Route to Chicago**

This morning we’ll transfer to the Carbondale Amtrak station where, at 7:30 a.m., we’ll board a Saluki Train for Chicago. Snacks and beverages are available in the Café Car.

Our arrival into Chicago’s Union Station is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Travelers will continue to home destinations.

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REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:
A deposit of $200 per person ($500 for cruise), of which $100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise). If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Cruises: If reservation is made after final payment due date, prevailing rates and availability apply.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:
If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise), $100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply (90 days for cruise):

- 76-90 days prior to departure: (cruise only) 20% of total tour cost.
- 46-75 days prior to departure: 25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades. Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment/cancellation exceptions are noted on tours.

All pricing is per person/double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION
Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS
All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains. Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class.

Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS
Cruise tours include inside staterooms (double occupancy) on cruise ships. Upgraded staterooms may be available at an additional cost.

HOTELS
Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS
Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes are available at a single cost.

SIGHTSEEING/ADMISSIONS
Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

MEALS
All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants/trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE
For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and porterage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stops/ports. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. An overnight bag is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item.

Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS
Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES
All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides, and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for porters and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion; $3-$10 per person per day is the industry standard. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:
The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:
A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender, passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:
America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs or individually prescribed devices such as prosthesis, eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant.

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AMTRAK STATEMENT:
The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall be the sole and exclusive contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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