

## NASHVILLE PERFORMANCE TOUR

Step into the home of country music, where music lovers and history buffs can go backstage at the Grand Ole Opry, attend a concert at Schermerhorn Symphony Center, and record a session at Jack White's Third Man Records.

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### Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Participate in a **music clinic** at Vanderbilt University. The prestigious **Blair School of Music** is home to some of the country's top music education professionals.
- Explore **Music Row**, the heart of Nashville's entertainment industry. The historical district (split into two sections: Music Square East and Music Square West) is home to a large number of businesses in the country, gospel, and Christian music industries.
- Discover **The Hermitage** on a guided tour. The historic mansion was the home of Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States. Your group will learn about his life as a military man and politician while touring the house and gardens.
- Enjoy a traditional barbecue dinner.

### Day 2:

- Visit the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**. In the heart of downtown, and a stone's throw from the city's many honky tonks, this striking modern building showcases priceless artifacts and historical documents from country music's immigrant origins to its modern-day chart-toppers. Make sure to spot the Man in Black suit, Elvis's Cadillac, and handwritten lyrics by the prolific Dolly Parton.
- **Perform** for visitors at the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**.
- Enjoy lunch at the **Nashville Farmers' Market**. Choose between products made from local farmers and artisans in a quaint setting.
- Hone your skills at **Jack White's Third Man Records**. Visit the recording complex owned by the Grammy<sup>®</sup> Award-winning White Stripes front man. The site includes a record store, a live venue, record label offices, and a novelty emporium. Your group will get to **record with a professional sound technician** in the vintage-inspired, live-to-vinyl studio.
- Take in a performance by the **Nashville Symphony** at the **Schmerhorn Symphony Center**.

### Day 3:

- Get a behind-the-scenes look at the **Ryman Auditorium** on a guided tour. The home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974, this former tabernacle still features pew seating for audiences. The National Historic Landmark has hosted performances by diverse artists, from Aretha Franklin to Hank Williams to local bluegrass bands.
- After lunch, visit the **Johnny Cash Museum** in downtown Nashville. The small museum features photographs and other memorabilia from the life and career of this country and rock-and-roll icon. Time permitting, visit the **Patsy Cline Museum** upstairs.
- See the world at **Centennial Park**, home of the **Parthenon**, a full-scale replica of the Greek landmark. Nashville's version was built over 120 years ago as part of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition of 1897.
- Take a backstage tour before enjoying a show at the iconic **Grand Ole Opry House**.

### Day 4:

- Travel back to the 1800s on a tour of the **Belle Meade Plantation**. The Greek Revival mansion anchors a lush estate filled with gardens and stables that illustrate the site's rich history as a thoroughbred horse farm – every horse to race the Kentucky Derby since 2003 can trace its lineage back to Belle Meade!
- Step into history with a tour of the famed **RCA Studio B**, where icons like Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, and even Carrie Underwood recorded their biggest hits. Learn how the studio's distinct methods, characterized by strong backing vocals and strings, redefined country music in the 1960's with the creation of "the Nashville Sound." You'll even see the original piano Elvis played during his sessions!
- Depart for home.

