

NASHVILLE

From presidential figures to delectable cuisine to its musical impact, the Capital of Country is a learning hub for artists and historians alike. Explore the state capitol, enter the Country Music Hall of Fame, eat local barbecue, and more!

Why Brightspark?

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Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Visit the **Tennessee State Capitol**. Built in 1859, the building is one of the oldest working capitols in the United States and is one of only 12 capitols without a dome. It houses the Tennessee General Assembly, the Governor's office, and the tomb of President James K. Polk. The building's architect is buried in the north facade.
- Enjoy lunch at the **Nashville Farmers' Market**.
- Embark on a guided tour of the **Frist Center for the Visual Arts**. Housed in what used to be Nashville's main post office, the museum inspires visitors to use art to view the world from new perspectives. The **Martin ArtQuest Gallery** is an interactive environment where visitors of all ages can explore a range of creative approaches.

Day 2:

- Visit the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**. In the heart of downtown, this striking modern building showcases priceless artifacts and historical documents from country music's immigrant origins to its modern-day chart-toppers.
- 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. You'll even see the original piano Elvis played during his sessions!
- Explore **Music Row**, the heart of Nashville's entertainment industry.
- Ignite curiosity and wonder at the recently-renovated **Adventure Science Center**, where new exhibits let students explore the science of music and sound and access cutting edge technologies in a variety of hands-on STEAM activities. The center has brought science to life for almost 75 years through interactive exhibits, innovative programs, and its state-of-the-art planetarium.
- Enjoy a traditional barbecue dinner.

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, the former tabernacle still features pew seating for audiences. This National Historic Landmark has hosted performances by diverse artists, from Aretha Franklin to Hank Williams to local bluegrass bands.
- Stop at **Hatch Show Print** and learn the historic craft of letterpress printing. The print shop began printing handbills and flyers in 1875. Throughout the decades, they grew to create posters and signs that adorned buildings across the country. Housed for years behind the Ryman Auditorium, they created some of the most iconic show posters in country music history.
- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
- Depart for home.

