

*FFG Ladies Club Brings You on a*

## **Missouri "Merry Christmas" Celebration**

*November 27th – December 2nd, 2018 (6 days)*



- **Branson** – "Live Music Capital of America"
- **St. Louis** – "Gateway to the West"
- **St. Charles** – "Christmas Traditions" Festival

*Music is central to the celebration of Christmas by allowing us to experience the peace, hope and joy of the season. What better place than our Missouri "Merry Christmas" Celebration to savor this wonderful experience!*

**DAY ONE: (Fairfield Glade to West Plains, Missouri)** ) – Off we go to legendary Branson and beyond. **Lunch is included at the famous Lambert's Cafe**, home of "thrown rolls." Afterward we hit the road again for an overnight stay in West Plains, Missouri at the **Holiday Inn Express**. (L)

**DAY TWO: (Branson)** It's show time in the "Live Music Capital of America!" Arrive late morning and head directly to Branson Landing, located on Lake Taneycomo waterfront. This is the place for beautiful shopping and entertainment – discover unique stores and great restaurants! This afternoon enjoy "**The Hughes Brothers Holiday show**" This show has been awarded Branson's Best Christmas Show for the past nine years. Afterward, dinner will be included at **Jackie B. Goode's Uptown Cafe**. Then it's off to the **Andy Williams Christmas Extravaganza** where the legacy continues with the Osmond Brothers, Lennon Sisters, Lennon Granddaughters, Special guests, Andy Williams Singers & Dancers and the Moon River band – a truly spectacular show! Afterward, check into your Branson hotel – the **Camden Hotel & Conference Center** for the next **two nights**. Each evening the hotel provides complimentary cobbler, ice cream and cookies. (CB,D & 2 Live Shows)

**DAY THREE: (Branson)** Begin with a visit to **College of the Ozarks**, overlooking Lake Taneycomo. Your **student-guided tour of the college** ends with an awesome view of the Ozarks from Point Lookout. **Lunch** is included and your dining experience includes work done by students. This afternoon's **Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies** will whisk you away for an enchanted visit to the Emerald Isle. Ireland's most talented tenors and its exquisite ladies perform popular music from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy the best of Dublin with a sprinkle of Christmas charm. This award winning show is produced and directed by David King who was responsible for the world-wide smash hit "Spirit of the Dance!" Dinner will be included at the **Outback Steak & Oyster Bar**. Your Branson Christmas experience ends with "**Broadway's Greatest Hits Christmas Show.**" This smash hit brings you fabulous and exciting highlights of the greatest Broadway musicals of the past 50 years, featuring your favorite holiday classics. (CB, L, D & Two Live Shows)

**DAY FOUR: (Branson to St. Louis)** – **Welcome to St. Louis, Gateway to the West!**

Arrive in St. Louis just in time for an included **lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory**, located in historic

Laclede's Landing. This is the site of the trading post on the Mississippi River that would eventually become St. Louis and seems a fitting start to our St. Louis visit. No visit to St. Louis would be complete without a **Journey to the top of the Gateway Arch**, towering 630 feet high above the banks of the mighty Mississippi. The Westward Expansion Museum is closed for renovation but we will be able to see some of their exhibits on our visit to the **Old Courthouse**. Our hotel for the next **two nights** is the **Drury Inn St. Louis Airport**, featuring complimentary cocktails and hot goodies this evening. (CB, L)

**DAY FIVE: (St. Louis & St. Charles)** – A local city guide joins us for a **city tour of St. Louis**, featuring the downtown area, St. Louis Riverfront, Gateway Arch, Busch Stadium and the historic neighborhoods of Souldard and Lafayette. The Souldard neighborhood is home to the original Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Lafayette Square's "painted Ladies" have been called the finest and largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the country! We will also drive through Forest Park, site of the 1904 World's Fair. Topping off our city tour (providing no services are being held) will be a visit to the magnificent **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**. This incredible structure contains one of the largest collections of mosaics in the world. We bid our city guide farewell and visit the Missouri Botanical Garden for their annual **Gardenland Express Holiday Flower and Train Show!** G-scale trains of many eras travel along 900 feet of track through a miniature holiday landscape of festive decorations and thousands of fresh plants. They are accented by beautiful poinsettias and flowers. Lunch (not included) will be in the Garden's Sassafras Restaurant. We then depart for St. Charles.

**Welcome to St. Charles "Christmas Traditions,"** where Christmas past comes to life with the yuletide sights, sounds, and magic of yesteryear – a perfect ending for our Missouri "Merry Christmas" Celebration! This annual month-long festival celebrates the best of the season. From the boisterous cheers of legendary Christmas figures strolling Main Street, to the joyful singing carolers, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, the holiday kissing ball in the gazebo, to the unique shopping opportunities found along the beautifully decorated brick-lined street, "Christmas Traditions" offers something special for everyone. St. Charles is truly a Hallmark Christmas-movie magical setting! We top off our Christmas visit with an **included dinner at Tony's On Main.** (CB, D)

**DAY 6 : (St. Louis to FG)** Filled with wonderful memories and tons of Christmas spirit, our journey comes to an end as we head home early this evening. It's time to usher in the holidays in our beloved Fairfield Glade! (CB)

**COST PER PERSON:** \$845 (double occupancy) – \$1075 (single occupancy)

**RESERVATIONS:** Contact Nancy Stephenson at (931) 250-1264 – General trip questions, contact Rosemary Stuckmann (931) 456-0373

**Includes:** Deluxe motor coach transportation; 5 nights lodging; luggage handling; attractions as highlighted; 11 meals; and gratuities for included meals, porters, local guide, motor coach driver

**Meal Key:** CB (continental breakfast) – L (lunch) – D (dinner)

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Moderate – Must be able to walk 4 blocks unassisted. Travel Insurance is recommended. Please check travel page on Ladies Club website ([ffgladiesclub.org](http://ffgladiesclub.org)) and click on Policies & Procedures.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

**Deposit: \$200.00 per person within 7 days of reservation**

**April 11, 2018 - \$250 per person due**

**July 11, 2018 - \$250 per person due**

**Sept. 11, 2018 FULL PAYMENT BALANCE DUE**

**Checks payable to: FG Ladies Club Travel. Mail to: FG Ladies Club Travel, PO Box 1746, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558**

**Questions about payments: \*Prior to June 6<sup>th</sup> – Contact Sandra Enrietto (931) 456-9817**

**\* After June 6<sup>th</sup> – Contact Ruth Hill (931) 787-7992\***