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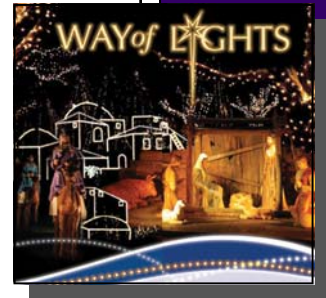
December 29, 2009-
January 2, 2010
5 Days

New Year's Eve in Nashville

This travel package planned and escorted by Mary Egger.

Let's ring in the New Year together in Nashville, TN. What a celebration this promises to be! It will be *the* gala experience of the year!

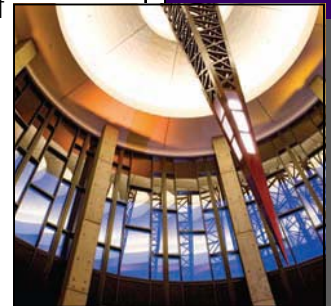
December 29 we make our way to the St. Louis area by way of our guaranteed departure cities. We'll meet our fellow passengers and enjoy the scenery. We'll have a chance to learn (or re-learn) the words to "Auld Lang Syne" as we get acquainted with our traveling companions. Breaks and a lunch stop will be made along the way. After checking into our hotel, we travel a short distance to probably the most famous festival of lights, **the Way of Lights** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows near Belleville, IL. Since 1970, the "Journey to Bethlehem" has been portrayed in lights and illuminated statues for millions of visitors. We will drive slowly through the **gigantic display** after enjoying a **buffet dinner, displays of Christmas trees and holiday music** as part of our visit.



December 30 **breakfast** is provided for you before departure for **Nashville**. If you haven't experienced the **Opryland Hotel** (or even if you have!) you will be awestruck! The enormous complex is almost a city within itself! There are nearly 3,000 guest rooms, several restaurants and lounges, 30 stores and a huge convention facility; all under one roof. Under a magnificent glass atrium, you may walk through acres and acres of lush indoor gardens, winding pathways and sparkling waterfalls as you unwind, explore, shop and dine! During the holiday season, the Gaylord Opryland decorates with millions of lights, miles of ribbons, thousands of poinsettias, animated displays and so much more. You may even find a couple of weddings in progress. We'll check into this incredible hotel and relax for a short time. Our first night in Nashville wouldn't be complete without a **dinner cruise on the General Jackson Showboat**, a four-deck paddlewheel boat featuring musical entertainment and a great meal. Later we return to our palatial abodes for the night.



December 31 we'll enjoy a self-guided tour of the acclaimed **Country Music Hall of Fame**. No trip to the Country Music Capitol would be complete without taking time to visit the Hall of Fame. This new museum opened as a state-of-the-art \$37 million facility in 2001. Spanning an entire city block, the museum tells the story of one of America's most endearing art forms through historic country video clips, recorded music and dynamic exhibits. This afternoon, experience the sights and sounds of Nashville with a **step-on guide**. We'll drive past homes of stars, historic downtown, Ryman Auditorium, Music Row and more. This evening, get ready for a New Year's Eve you're not going to forget. You'll be seated in one of the spacious ballrooms for a **gourmet dinner**, complete with a **bottle of wine** for each couple! You'll enjoy dancing (or just listening, if you prefer) to a **live orchestra**. At midnight, ring in 2010 with a **special toast** as well as a balloon drop of hundreds of red, white and blue balloons. The Opryland Hotel does an outstanding job of hosting a party! You'll have first class service, entertainment and excellent food. Return to your room whenever you like.



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January 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Enjoy the morning (and maybe a later wake-up!) Delight in a fabulous **Royal Brunch**, prepared by the Opryland's award-winning chefs. Fresh fruit, cheeses, breads, pastries, seafood, carved meats, decadent desserts and other delicacies await you. Late morning, we depart for St. Louis. We stay the night in a favorite hotel, with restaurants adjacent.

January 2 **breakfast** is provided for you at our hotel before departing for home. We again enjoy the scenery and our new-found friends.



Your 5-day New Year's Eve in Nashville package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 4 nights, luggage handling, admissions to listed attractions, gratuities to step-on guides, 2 breakfasts, 1 brunch and 3 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities.)

\$1,299 per person, double occupancy

\$1,239 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,564 single room accommodations

Reservations: as long as long as space is available

Deposit: \$129 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: November 27

Cancel by: November 27 for penalty-free cancellations

Early Booking Discount: A special New Year's surprise is in order for anyone reserving and their deposit reaching us by May 22

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with reservation

Guaranteed Departure Cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Ames, Des Moines, Newton, Clear Lake, Charles City, Waverly, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Rochester, Decorah, West Union, Independence, Cedar Rapids and Coralville

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