

National Festival of the States in Nashville



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An Exclusive Concert Series

Music, history, and Southern hospitality are what make Nashville special. Located in the smoky mountain state of Tennessee, Nashville is a must-visit city for culture aficionados, history buffs, and musicians. Combine these characteristics with a vibrant natural beauty, and Nashville becomes the ideal destination for a concert tour.

Nashville has an international reputation as a center of culture. Each year it plays host to a number of musical and theatrical events, including the Nashville Film Festival, the Southern Festival of Books, the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, and even the Country Music Marathon. Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the Johnny Cash Museum, and even a full-scale replica of the Ancient Greek Parthenon, dating back to 1897, are all highlights in this city. Opened in 2021, the National Museum of African American Music is an unforgettable experience for music lovers of all generations and inspired, educates, and transforms your appreciation of American music.

Walk down to 'The District' in the Music City and one will meet a hundred different clubs and bars pouring out honky-tonk. When daytime rolls around, take a trip to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the majestic 'Carnegie Hall of the South': The famous Ryman Auditorium. If the Ryman by day gets ones creative juices flowing, then an evening at the Grand Ole Opry is sure to impress. With a weekly country music concert held at the famous auditorium, the Grand Ole Opry has been running since 1925; it's a unique part of Nashville, as well as America's, musical history.

The National Festival of the States is an annual concert series developed by Music Celebrations in various cities throughout the United States. These performance tours are supported by local government offices, community organizations, tourist boards, and the like. Such affiliations offer a more memorable musical, cultural and educational experience for recommended ensembles (both instrumental and vocal) to perform in different venues in the most historic cities and celebrate the founding, history, and institutions of the United States! Music Celebrations has been successfully organizing the National Festival of the States concert series for over 20 years.



Sample Itinerary

Day One:

- Afternoon arrival in Nashville
- Meet your Tour Manager who will be with you for the duration of the tour
- Panoramic tour of Nashville, including a stop to Centennial Park and entrance to the full-scale replica of Greece's Parthenon
- Enjoy a tour of Nashville including a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry. Walk in the footsteps of country music's superstars and get an exclusive look at what happens behind the scenes of the show that made country music famous! Your knowledgeable guide will share stories about the Opry and country music greats, past and present
- Visit the Opryland Hotel and explore the Atrium's shops and attractions
- Check-in to the hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day Two:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning visit and tour of the Ryman Auditorium. A National Historic Landmark and Revered by many as the "Mother Church of Country Music," the Ryman Auditorium was the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974. Ryman is famous for hosting performances by legendary greats as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, George Strait, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, Carrie Underwood, Neil Young, W.C. Fields, and Booker T. Washington, to name a few. Currently the "Ryman" continues to be a popular entertainment venue for performances of all genres
- Lunch, on own
- **Performance as part of the National Festival of the States**
- Afternoon visit to the National Museum of African American Music
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day Three:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Performance or clinic as part of the National Festival of the States**
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon sightseeing includes Ernest Tubb Record Shop, Market Street and Tennessee State Capitol
- Also visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, an endlessly entertaining and informative experience that will help you grasp Nashville's importance as a songwriting and recording mecca
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day Four:

- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Time at leisure for last minute sightseeing, shopping or other activities
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon departure for home





Thank you so very much to make our Nashville trip happen! We had a wonderful trip! I highly recommend traveling with Music Celebrations International. Their team creates tours with the highest level music experiences! Having traveled with them to Ireland, Austria, Italy, and Nashville, I recommend them for both international and domestic music travel. I have worked with several other travel companies and none have compared to the communication, professionalism, and quality of Music Celebrations International.

**Katrina Rooney, Choir Director
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"This was the best trip I have been on during my teaching career! Since we are a music group, it was so appropriate for us to enjoy such a musical city. We enjoyed the excitement of the musical history and current energized atmosphere of Nashville. The performance at the Country Music Hall of Fame was exciting, and the staff was so helpful and accommodating. We were pleased that we had a large audience and they were enthusiastic!"

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