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You are invited to join the UTravel Club for

## Our Springtime Adventure to Branson, Missouri April 24 - 28, 2023

Back by popular demand, it is time to return to Branson and the beautiful Ozark Mountains. We had a great group of travelers in 2022 and many have been requesting another tour in 2023 to see "Esther" at Sight and Sound Theatre. We aim to please, so plan to join us for our 2023 Branson Tour for incredible shows and a fun time with your friends from UBank's UTravel Club.

*"Esther" at Sight & Sound Theater:* Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this?

*Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel*: Looking for that perfect blend of country voices and great gospel music? Look no further than Branson's own *Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel*. It's the <u>Branson show</u> that was made just for you!

*The Baldknobbers:* The show that started it all back in 1959! Branson's famous Baldknobbers are still wowing audiences today as the second and third generations add their own flare to the family legacy with a perfect blend of new country & traditional country, country classic rock, pop, gospel, and hilarious comedy.

**Down Home Country:** The great Branson show, "Down Home Country," is country music at its downright best! Traditional country tunes are the backbone of the show and include songs from big time, beloved artists like Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Hank Williams. Step back in time, listen, and enjoy some of those old classics.

*Dean Z* – *"The Ultimate Elvis"* is a high-energy musical journey spanning the 20-year career of the "King of Rock 'n' Roll". He is the only Elvis tribute artist to host Sirius XM's Elvis Radio Channel, and currently serves as an ambassador and contributor to Graceland and the Elvis Presley estate. For nearly two decades, Dean Z has performed thousands of shows for well over a million people around the globe, being named by Elvis Presley Enterprises (EPE) as the world's greatest Elvis tribute artists in 2013. Dean was officially awarded EPE's "Ultimate" title and starred in their international touring production Elvis Lives (with over 500,000 tickets sold).

*The Magic of Rick Thomas:* Rick Thomas is Branson's very own Entertainer of the Year! Without a doubt, Rick Thomas is one of the greatest illusionists in the world today. He has completed five world tours covering over 50 countries, including sold out performances at Caesar's Colosseum, headlining the Sydney Opera House in Australia, and performing both on Broadway and in Las Vegas for 15 straight years. Performing the most intriguing and innovative grand illusions in the world, with a style unlike any other magical entertainer, he weaves magic, music, and dance into a seamless spectacle.

**College of the Ozarks Tour:** College of the Ozarks is unique among higher education institutions in America: no tuition is charged, all students work on campus, debt is openly discouraged, and no federal, state, or private loans are made. The college has an enrollment of 1,562 and offer over 30 academic majors in Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs. Called *Hard Work U* by The Wall Street Journal, deserving students are offered the advantages of a quality, Christian education. All students work an average of 15 hours each week at one of the 100 campus workstations in exchange for full financial assistance for tuition.

## \$1200.00 P/P Double \* \$1121.00 P/P Triple \* \$1389.00 Single

\$125.00 Per Person Deposit Due with Reservation by February 28, 2023 (100% refundable until 3/16/2023)

#### Balance of Payment is Due by March 16, 2023

*Trip Cancelation Protection* is recommended and available thru Branson Ticket and Travel. Call 1(800) 432-4202 and ask for **Toyea**. She will price it for you and take your insurance payment. Or you can purchase it thru any insurance agency you are comfortable with. Cancellation Protection is non-refundable.

Tour Price Includes: All Motorcoaching \* 4 Nights Lodging at the Thousand Hills Resort Hotel (formally the Radisson Hotel) \*All Taxes & Gratuities on Inclusions \* Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 4 Dinners plus Coffee & Rolls on way home \* Baggage Handling

6 Shows including: Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel Show \* Baldknobbers \* Dean Z \* Magic of Rick Thomas\* Down Home Country \* Queen Esther \*plus Tour of the College of the Ozarks \* Free time Shopping at Branson Craft Mall and Branson's Landing

For Further Information & Reservations: Call Patsy Weaver at (936) 633-5110 / Marvin or Samantha at (936) 639-5566

## Please make checks payable to "UTravel" and mail to: 403 South Chestnut, Lufkin, TX 75901

*Cancellation Policy:* If Cancellation Protection is not purchased, no refunds after March 16, 2023, unless space is re-sold. If trip is cancelled due to implement weather or Covid 19, refunds will be based on the amount refunded by our suppliers.

#### **ITINERARY**

## Day 1 - Monday - April 24, 2023 (Lunch & Dinner)

7:00 A.M. - Depart Lufkin

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- 10:00 A.M. Coffee stop in Mt. Pleasant
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch in Arkadelphia at the Cracker Barrel
- 3:30 P.M. Afternoon break
- 5:00 P.M. Arrive Branson & check into hotel
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner at SS Dockside Cafe

# Overnights: Thousand Hills Resort Hotel, 120 South Wildwood Drive (417) 335-5767 (Four Nights)

## Day 2 - Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (Breakfast & Dinner)

Hot breakfast buffet in the Wildwood Bistro at hotel.

- 8:45 A.M. Depart hotel
- 9:00 A.M. Tour of the College of the Ozarks, Shop Keeter Center gift shops
- 10:45 A.M. Morning and lunch on your own at Branson's Craft Mall and Pickin Porch Grill
- 2:00 P.M. Absolutely Country Definitely Gospel
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner at Heroes Taste and Taps
- 8:00 P.M.-- The Baldknobber's Show

#### Day 3 - Wednesday - April 26, 2023 (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Hot breakfast buffet in the Wildwood Bistro.

9:45 AM – Depart Hotel for Down Home Country Show

- 12:15 P.M. --Lunch at the Grand Country Buffet
  2:00 P.M. --Dean Z
  5:00 P.M. --Grand Village Shoppes
  6:00 P.M. --Dinner at Mel's Hard Luck Diner
  8:00 P.M. --The Magic of Rick Thomas
  Day 4 Thursday April 27, 2023(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner))
  10:00 A.M. --Shopping at Branson's Landing
  11:30 A.M. --Lunch at Black Oak Grill
  3:30 P.M. -- Queen Esther at the Sight & Sound Theater
  6:30 P.M. --Dinner at Charlie's Steak & Ribs
  Day 5 Friday April 29, 2022 (Breakfast, Morning Coffee & Rolls)
  7:00 A.M. --Bags out & hot breakfast buffet in the Wildwood Bistro.
- 8:00 A.M. Depart Branson
- 9:30 A.M. Included morning rolls & coffee at Ferguson's in St. Joe, Arkansas
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch on own on way home
- 3:30 P.M. Afternoon Break
- 6:00 P.M. Approximate arrival in Nacogdoches
- 6:30 P.M. Approximate arrival in Lufkin