



USS RANKIN 2015 REUNION

Nashville, TN ~ September 24-28, 2015

Welcome to Nashville

Travel & Leisure Magazine recently named [Nashville](#) America's Friendliest City! Not only is *Music City* friendly, it is also one of the most popular cities in America to visit with something for everyone. The USS Rankin reunion excursions will give you a chance to experience some of the top attractions in Nashville. Outings may include the famous [Grand Ole Opry](#), [Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater](#) and the inimitable [General Jackson Showboat cruise](#). Come see why Nashville is a Top 5 Places to Visit in the USA. [Click here to register for the reunion on-line](#).

Hotel Information

The reunion officially runs from Thursday, September 24 until Monday, September 28. You will be staying at the full service [Holiday Inn Opryland Airport Hotel](#) located at 2200 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.



The room rate is just **\$119.00** plus tax per night based on single or double occupancy including breakfast. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available three days prior and three days after, based on availability. Make your reservations NOW. [Click here to make your hotel reservations on-line](#) or call the hotel at **615-883-9770**. You may cancel up until 48 hours before arrival with no penalty. Mention that you are with the USS Rankin to assure you are associated with your group. You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations (handicap accessible room, etc.). The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, do not expect to get into your room before then. They will ask you for a deposit or credit card number to guarantee your room reservation. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **August 25, 2015** whichever comes first. Ask the agent who answers if they are *actually at the hotel*. It is always best to make your reservation directly with the hotel and not a central hotel-chain call center. MRP has negotiated numerous amenities for you and the call centers may not be aware of all the goodies we got for you. (Note: only those booking under the reunion group code are eligible for amenities that may include free breakfast, parking, internet, etc. Booking through another channel like *reunionhotels.com* disqualifies you and your party from group amenities). Please note that the hotel is ADA compliant and in general, so are most of the events. If this is a concern please call MRP to discuss and note on your reunion reservation form if you have any special needs.

Transportation & Directions

For those flying the closest airport is Nashville International (BNA). The hotel offers complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. When you arrive just call 615-883-9770 and ask for the front desk. The hotel is also offering USS Rankin complimentary self-parking during your stay. [Click here for directions](#).

Travel safely and we will See y'all in Nashville!



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USS RANKIN 2015 REUNION EVENTS

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Welcome Buffet Thursday, September 24 (6:00pm at the Hotel)

Gather with your friends for a casual welcome reception at the hotel and spend some time reminiscing and sharing your travel experiences.

Nashville City Excursion Friday, September 25 (10:00am-4:00pm)



You will enjoy a completely narrated tour of Downtown Music City including the 2nd Avenue North Historic District, the Nashville *honky-tonk* scene, a drive by the magnificent 47 million dollar Country Music Hall of Fame, Ft. Nashborough, Riverfront Park and the Historic Ryman Auditorium. Included in your tour is a stop at the Bicentennial Mall and then on to see Vanderbilt University, the Parthenon (a replica of the original in Greece), the stately homes and estates of Country Music's legendary performers on Millionaire's Row, as well as a stop at the WWII Memorial. You will have time to enjoy lunch and do a bit of exploring on your own

in downtown Nashville after the tour ends. Wear your favorite comfy shoes and bring your camera for a great tour. Lunch is not included in this tour but you will have time for lunch on your own.

Nashville City Excursion with Country Music Hall of Fame Add On Friday, September 25 (10:00am-4:00pm)

Select this option on the reservation form if you want to visit the CMHOF after the City Excursion ends. Enjoy this exciting and entertaining Hall of Fame with something for everyone. Rhinestone costumes, seasoned instruments and tar-stained lyric sheets are only the beginning. Add interactive exhibits, films featuring today's top country names, private songwriter sessions, and a day at the [CMHOF](#) museum turns into memories of a lifetime.



Nashville City Excursion with *The Hermitage* Add On Friday, September 25 (10:00am-4:00pm)



Select this option on the reservation form if you want to visit the home estate of President Andrew Jackson. [The Hermitage](#) has something for everyone. The museum, manicured grounds, slave cabins, and the main residence give us an authentic glimpse of President Jackson's home life. Faithfully restored you will feel transported in time to the days of yore. The separate museum is a wonderful interpretation of the times with authentic memorabilia from the Jackson era and an interesting video of his life and times.

Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater Friday, September 25 (5:00pm-8:30pm)

Voted Nashville's number one dinner and show. Come and experience a celebration of [Country Music](#) history along with today's hottest superstars. Enjoy the music of everyone from Hank Williams Sr. and Patsy Cline to the superstars of today like Sara Evans and Toby Keith! Throughout the season we have many guest stars appear at our theater including: (Grand Ole Opry Star) Jeannie Seely, "The Fiddle Man" Tim Watson, Diana Murrell, and Nashville's favorite" Brenda Best. Included in your price is a hot southern buffet meal prior to the live show so come hungry!



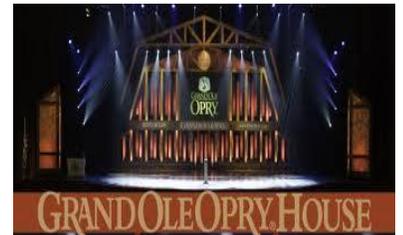
Belle Meade Plantation Saturday, September 26 (10:00am-3:00pm)



Your visit to Belle Meade Plantation includes a tour led by a trained and costumed guide through the plantation's beautiful Greek-Revival mansion commissioned by John Harding in 1845. Visit the home of where the bloodlines of Seabiscuit, Funny Cide, Smarty Jones and Barbarro began. Our historic [Tour features](#) the 1853 Greek revival mansion, historic outbuildings including the 1890's carriage house and stables and original 1790's log cabin. There is a museum store and excellent restaurant on property for lunch on your own.

Grand Ole Opry Saturday, September 26 (5:00pm-10:00pm)

This is the show that made Nashville famous! The one, the only, the [Opry!](#) We never know which celebrities will turn up and perform, but one thing is for certain, it's always a great show, with something for everyone. Music, dancing, and lots of laughs make this variety show a Nashville tradition and a crowd favorite. Come see what all the fuss is about - you never know who might be back! *Please note: There is some walking involved and at least 6 stairs in order to get to your seats.* Dinner will be on your own at the [Opry Mills Mall](#) where a variety of good food options abound.



General Jackson Lunch Cruise Sunday, September 27 (10:00am-2:00pm)



Come onboard this [authentic paddle wheeler](#) for the most popular variety show in Nashville. The music, comedy and dancing are terrific, not to mention the bountiful buffet! You'll enjoy beautiful views as you cruise down the river. Come and immerse yourself in the proud tradition of the great showboats of yesteryear and delight in the panoramic sights and sounds of the scenic Cumberland River. This continues to be one of the most popular attractions in Nashville and a whole lot of fun for everyone.

FAREWELL RECEPTION & BANQUET Sunday, September 27 (6:00pm at the Hotel)

Join your friends and shipmates for a wonderful evening beginning with a no-host reception at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Please make your entrée selection on the reservation form.



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USS RANKIN 2015 REUNION RESERVATION FORM

>>> [Click here to make reservations on-line](#) OR mail this completed form with a check payable to: *MRP*, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | COST | QTY | TOTAL |
|--------------|-----------|--|---------|-----|-------|
| | | Reunion Registration Fee (per person ~ non-refundable) | \$40 pp | | |
| Thu 9/24 | 1800 | Welcome Buffet | \$43 pp | | |
| Fri 9/25 | 1000-1600 | Event A: Nashville City Excursion -OR- | \$39 pp | | |
| Fri 9/25 | 1000-1600 | Event B: Nashville City Excursion with CMHOF -OR- | \$59 pp | | |
| Fri 9/25 | 1000-1600 | Event C: Nashville City Excursion with <i>The Hermitage</i> | \$49 pp | | |
| Fri 9/25 | 1700-2030 | Event D: Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater | \$59 pp | | |
| Sat 9/26 | 1000-1500 | Event E: Belle Meade Plantation | \$35 pp | | |
| Sat 9/26 | 1700-2200 | Event F: Grand Ole Opry | \$59 pp | | |
| Sun 9/27 | 1000-1400 | Event G: General Jackson Brunch Cruise | \$69 pp | | |
| Sun 9/27 | 1800 | Farewell Banquet Dinner – make selection below | | | |
| | | Grilled Sirloin | \$48 pp | | |
| | | Baked Salmon | \$46 pp | | |
| | | Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after August 13, 2015) | \$15 pp | | |
| | | Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable) | \$15 pp | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | |

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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| NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____ | |
| SPOUSE: _____ | GUEST: _____ |
| ADDRESS: _____ | CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ |
| PRIMARY PHONE: _____ | EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ | PHONE NUMBER: _____ |
| LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: _____ | |
| FIRST REUNION: Yes/No Years on Rankin: 19__ to 19__ | |

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 13, 2015

- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1st day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification by phone/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7
You must leave a voice message to receive a call back. Thank you for using Military Reunion Planners, LLC

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