

PRE-CONVENTION DINNER THEATRE

Sunday, June 24

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday our coach departs the Convention Center for nearby Overland Park, Kansas for dinner and a Broadway-style musical or comedy show at the **New Theatre Restaurant**. Cuisine is world-class and the roster of nationally recognized actors numbers in the hundreds over the years. In 24 seasons, theatre-goers have enjoyed such wonderful presentations as Sound of Music, Gypsy, Music Man, Hello Dolly!, Teahouse of the August Moon. Shows for 2018 aren't yet scheduled but you will have fun!

\$80 per person: Includes transportation, admission to the theater and a very special dinner.



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PRE-CONVENTION BBQ & JAZZ

Monday, June 25

6 – 10 p.m.

On Monday evening, you are invited to partake of two of our city's most famous attractions – JAZZ & BARBECUE! We'll leave the Convention Center for a short tour of the historic **18th & Vine Jazz District**, home to legends like Count Basie and dozens more, before arriving at Kansas City's legendary rib-joint, **Arthur Bryant's Barbecue**, purveyor to presidents, celebrities, and hungry visitors from around the globe. Enjoy Bryant's brisket sandwich & fries or upgrade to ribs and/or beer for an additional cost. From Bryant's, we ease around the corner to the **Blue Room** for some easy listening and beverages.

\$70 per person: Includes transportation guide fees, barbecue dinner, cover charges and 2-drink limit at each jazz club.

PRE-CONVENTION BRANSON & OZARK MOUNTAIN COUNTRY

Sunday, June 24 – Tuesday, June 26 Departs 10 a.m.

Sunday our deluxe motor coach departs the Convention Center for Ozark Mountain Country. We travel to Point Lookout for a tour of the **COLLEGE of the OZARKS**, a tuition-free institution. Students work for their education and one will be our tour guide. After visiting the greenhouses and fruitcake bakery, more of those enterprising students will prepare and serve our dinner. Then on to Branson where we'll enjoy the **SHOJI TABUCHI** music show, Branson's most popular for over two decades.

Day 2 will find us in nearby **Eureka Springs**, the most unusual city in America. We will enjoy a guided tour through "**Little Switzerland**" and have lunch before returning to **Branson** for an open evening to dine, shop or see a music show of your choice. Our hotel is smack-dab in the middle of six music shows, numerous restaurants and specialty shopping. After breakfast and checkout, our journey returns to Kansas City in the late afternoon.

Fully escorted 3-day tour includes round-trip transportation, 2 nights lodging at a first class hotel, 4 meals, one music show, guide fees, tips and baggage handling.

\$330.00 per person double occupancy

\$430.00 per person single occupancy

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KANSAS CITY ON DISPLAY

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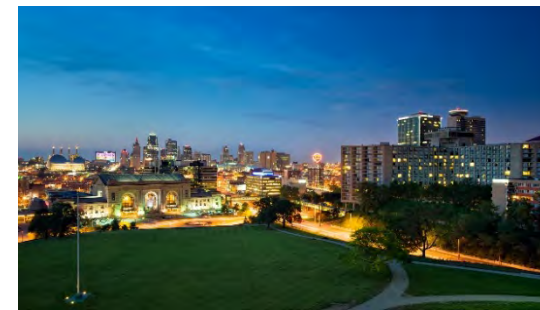
Fri., June 29

9 a.m. – Noon

Our convention week begins with a sightseeing tour of **Kansas City** with its bustling downtown entertainment and theater districts, some very special museums, some very colorful characters from our "oh-so-colorful past" – President Harry S. Truman and Mickey Mouse both claimed our metroplex as home.

Our city was the real gateway to the frontier west in the early days. The Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails saw their travelers arrive by steamboat and depart by wagon train. Recent Kansas City progress is exemplified by our amazing **Performing Arts Center**, magnificent boulevard system, our restoration of America's third-largest railroad station across from **Hallmark Crown Center**, our beautiful neighborhoods, and the city's crown jewel – the **Country Club Plaza**, the "world's original suburban shopping center."

\$38 per person: This city guided tour includes transportation.



Kansas City skyline from National World War I Museum. Crown Center on right. Union Station on left, downtown in background. Photo courtesy VISIT KC

Tours not reaching minimum operation numbers are subject to cancellation.



Truman Library photo

CUSTOMS HOUSE TO WHITE HOUSE

Available: Tues., June 26; Wed., June 27;

Friday, June 29

1 – 5 p.m.

This tour of Independence offers dancers a visit to our city's next-door neighbor, home of our 33rd president, Harry S. Truman. The city first gained stature as the **Queen City of the Trails**. The Civil War slowed the booming trail economy and Independence settled down to await the 20th century when it would, once again, become center-stage as President Harry S Truman moved into the White House. Our tour will introduce you to frontier Independence, the post-Civil War outlaw days, the Mormon influence and the White House years. A visit to the **Harry S. Truman Library and Presidential Museum** highlights the afternoon.

\$46 per person: This guided tour includes transportation and admission to the Truman Library.

Disclaimer for tours

All participation in activities and use of contracted facilities shall be undertaken by each individual at his or her own risk. The 67th National Square Dance Convention® acts solely in the capacity of agent on behalf of patrons in arranging for tour service with various tour operators and transportation companies. It is not responsible for loss, damage, delay, injury or accident due to act or default on the part of the convention, tour companies, transportation companies or service providers. Personal items and souvenirs are the sole responsibility of the tour patron.

FLOWERS, FOUNTAINS AND THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Wednesday, June 27

1 - 4 p.m.

“More fountains than Rome” read the laudatory description of our **City of Fountains** from a 20th century travel writer. Our favorite interactive fountain is at the **Kauffmann Memorial Gardens**, and we’re stopping to engage the fountain and surrounding gardens. Our city’s most prestigious fountains are found in the **Country Club Plaza** district and include the photogenic J.C. Nichols Memorial.



The most serene is in the middle of the **Rose Garden at Loose Park**. The roses will be near peak during our visit so *we’ll “take time to stop and smell the flowers!”*

\$48 per person: Tour includes transportation and guide fees.

QUILT COUNTRY

Thursday, June 28

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wow! What a shopping tour this will be! We will visit **Missouri Star Quilt Company** in Hamilton, Missouri, trying our best to cover all eleven buildings of this quilter’s paradise. Shop to your heart’s content, our coach has luggage bays!

\$124 per person: Includes transportation, guide fees and lunch.



THE WILDEST OF THE WEST

Thursday, June 28

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join our tour guide for a visit to Jesse James Country. The tour will take you to Liberty, Missouri for a visit to the **Jesse James Bank Museum**, site of the world’s first daylight bank robbery, February 13, 1866. From Liberty, it’s a short drive to Kearney, the **birthplace of Jesse James**. We tour the farmstead and may even scrounge the root cellar for vittles. A leisurely drive back to Kansas City will include numerous stories, anecdotes and bald-faced lies about the James Gang. Grab your Stetson and ride along!



\$90 per person: Includes transportation, fully escorted guided tours, admissions and lunch.

FLASH-MOB DANCE

Friday, June 29

10:30 – 1:30 p.m.

All interested dancers will gather at BARNEY ALLIS PLAZA, across from the Marriott Hotel, for a flash-mob dance. One quick tip - then we board the bus for three more locations (2 tips each) to share the joy of Square Dancing with Kansas City. We will return to the Convention Center.

\$38 per person: Includes transportation and escort.

BEVERAGE, ANYONE?

Friday, June 29

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ben Holladay’s Distillery in Weston, Missouri is the oldest continuously operated distillery in the country (they didn’t close during prohibition) and is the first stop on this adventure. We will tour the buildings and visit the tasting room and gift shop before returning to Kansas City for a tour of **The Roasterie**, a popular roaster of specialty coffees. Lunch will be on your own. The bus will stop at fast food so tourists can purchase a quick lunch and get back on the bus. A stop at one of the favorite local breweries concludes the outing. Cheers!

\$77 per person: Includes transportation, admissions, guide fees and sampling. Purchase of beverages is welcome.

BATTLE OF WESTPORT

Saturday, June 30

9 a.m. – Noon

Okay, Civil War buffs, it’s high time you learned the real story. If you embraced the misguided theory those cadets from the Citadel got this ruckus started in Charleston’s harbor, you have been deceived by teachers, authors and historians. (Picture courtesy of Westport visitor Center Museum and Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.)



Late in the war, Confederate General Sterling Price led a raid across Missouri. Join Price as he engages the Yankees at the **Little Blue River** and proceeds to a point overlooking **Westport**. Visit two battlefields and learn of his defeat ending the war in the West.

\$52 per person: Includes transportation, guide fees and lunch.

POST-CONVENTION TOUR TO BRANSON

Sunday, July 1-Tuesday, July 3

Departs 10 am.

This tour departs Kansas City after the convention closes and follows the same itinerary as the opening tour.

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\$430.00 per person single occupancy

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POST-CONVENTION BBQ & JAZZ

Sunday, July 1

6 - 10 p.m.

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Goin’ to Kansas City

Tours Available June 24 - July 1 2018

The City of Fountains is ready to strut its stuff come Summer of 2018 when the 67th National Square Dance Convention® comes to the Heart of America. We are anxious to share with you the fascinating history, the Jazz age memories, the splendor of this metropolis, and the beauty of the city once called The Paris of the Plains. Come join the party, arrive early, or stay late. There is plenty to do on both ends of the convention.

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