

Branson Missouri Magic In The Midwest



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Tour Summary

Branson, Missouri: some call it Little Vegas, but everyone calls it fun! Boating, fishing, camping, golfing, and horseback riding are here for the outdoor enthusiast. Magic shows, Chinese acrobats, dancers, outdoor theaters, and Vegas revues tempt the entertainment aficionados. And there are museums, inspirational shows, and amusement parks for everyone else! The bonus here? Tickets are easy to get and the prices are very reasonable. Welcome to Branson!

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Introduction





Branson, Missouri. Just the name brings a variety of images to anyone who has heard of it. It's a Midwest version of Las Vegas in the middle of rolling hills and Ozark landscape. You can go camping, boating, golfing, and hiking, and there's a fleet of converted Army Ducks transporting tourists over land and water. Timeshares, fancy resorts, ma-and-pa motels... every brand of lodging you can think of is offered, along with restaurants galore and shopping - oh my, shopping! Plus any kind of entertainment, and more. Lots more. The refurbished downtown is beautiful, new and

expansive theaters will take your breath away, and there are great shopping outlets. This is a progressive community that is working hard to make your stay absolutely wonderful.



Don't let the size of the town fool you. It is huge in terms of opportunities for visitors. But there are a few things you should know. Branson is dry. There is no gambling. You won't find adult stores or R-rated entertainment. And you also won't find extravagant prices. It is clean, safe, family-rated, and very reasonable.



A good suggestion when you plan this trip is to contact the Chamber of Commerce when you arrive. Visit their Center. It has tons of good information, with up-to-date facts.



You also need to know that Branson changes with the seasons. Don't plan to come in November or December without a reservation. The place is packed then - magical, busy, and fun. The decorations everywhere are simply stunning.

In January and February, the town slows way down. Some shows take a break and some restaurants close. Branson takes time to revamp for the new season, but it is still open and there is enough to do to make a trip worth the effort.

In spring and fall, the town is simply lovely. The shows run on full schedules and outside activities are open when the weather permits.



Summer is slower and you can usually get good seats for any show a day or two in advance. The water will invite you to go boating, swimming, fishing, play water sports, or go cruising on paddleboats, dinner boats, or on tubes! But no matter when you visit, plan ahead. There are lots of websites that will direct you to this show or that attraction, but if you want an unbiased source of current information, check out the Chamber of Commerce on the web, or call them. There are literally dozens of excellent resources you can log on to. We have found that it is very easy to call the venues themselves for tickets, dates, information, or suggestions. Ask for discounts and good seats - you will be surprised how "down home" and helpful everyone is.



As far as lodging is concerned, you have a lot of choices. Condos can be rented for days or weeks. Cabins are available, both in the hills and on the lakes.



A number of luxury resorts are close by, usually within a few miles. Just about every brand name of motel is in Branson, along with dozens of privately owned lodges. Prices vary from extremely reasonable to what you might expect from a top-grade hotel. We have

stayed in many, from the cheapest to the most expensive, and have never been disappointed.



If you want to golf, you have a vast choice of courses, though it's wise to plan ahead to make sure the course is open to the public and there is an available tee time. Fishing, boating, camping, and most outdoor opportunities also may require advance reservations. Google "Branson Fishing" and see what you get!



If you like to shop, build in some time during your planning. There are several shopping areas, including the newest upscale mall called Branson Landing, with a great hunting/fishing mega-store. You can visit 2 large outlet shopping areas that offer literally dozens and dozens of excellent stores. And then there are specialty shopping areas, one that boasts a huge and magical Christmas store that will get you in the spirit in the middle of July!



And of course there are amusement parks to plan for, with coasters and rides for everyone. A full day at Silver Dollar City might not be enough time to see the shows, explore the cave, and tour the shops and craftsman areas. The place is fantastic. And save some time for special events like the Titanic experience (amazing), water parks, museums (tons of them), and of course go-carts, miniature golfing (fantastic courses), and lots of other surprises.

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