

Experience Branson

Welcome to **Branson, MO**, the live music show capital of the world. Nestled in the natural Ozark Mountains, you'll find world-class entertainment for the whole family. Truly a remarkable vacation destination, Branson is an incredible value with more than 50 live performance theaters, three pristine lakes, 12 championship golf courses, an international award-winning theme park, dozens of attractions and museums, shopping galore, a full range of dining options, and a host of hotels, motels, resorts and meeting and conference facilities. Branson is less than a day's drive for one-third of Americans, and with daily flights from major U.S. airports to the new Branson Airport, it's never been easier for your family or group to get to Branson

Source: www.explorebranson.com

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ResortTime.com's Branson Travel Guide

Accommodations



The Suites at Fall Creek

Amazing rates available and located on the popular Lake Taneycomo.



Branson Resort

The best resort for nightlife for its proximity to all the fun after the sun goes down.



Wyndham Branson at the Meadows

A resort with all of the amenities you can imagine, plus great location to dining, shopping, and all the sights to see.

Things To Do

1. **Branson Family Fun Factory**: Enjoy a 3000 square-foot laser tag arena and 18-hole "Glow in the Dark" miniature golf featuring different themes: an Enchanted Forest, Volcano and Treasure Room, Dragon's Nursery, and UnderSea Adventure.
2. **SIX**: Awarded the "Best New Show in Branson" for 2007, this performance is filled with powerhouse vocals and high-octane energy of the multi-talented Knudson brothers. Enjoy the versatility of the "SIX" with tunes from Gospel to Contemporary music.
3. **Dixie Stampede Dinner and Show**: Experience adventure of the western frontier with an action-packed performance show complete with a mouth-watering four course meal. Perfect for families, friends, and group gatherings.
4. **Hamner Barber Variety Show**: Home of Branson's Hamner Barber Variety Show, this is great family entertainment offering everything from the incredible magic of the Hamners,

hilarious comedy ventriloquism of Jim Barber, and some of Branson's greatest musicians and singers.

5. Presley's Country Jubilee: Enjoy music and comedy from the country classics. Four generations of nightly performances, this is truly Branson's original country music theater.
6. Silver Dollar City: Discover the adventures of a Branson vacation and visit Silver Dollar City. Experience the great theme park where you will step back in time to an 1880's craft village filled with the best crafts, thrill rides, family attractions and festivals.

Restaurants

1. Tony Z's Italian Restaurante & Lounge: Experience the Ultimate in Authentic Italian Cuisine. Here are some words people used to describe it: "Best Food in Branson", "Possibly our Best Meal Ever", "Great Food, Great Atmosphere". Ranked #1 for best restaurants in Branson!
2. Hard Luck Diner: A small '50s-style diner guaranteed to take you back to yesteryear. The staff is made up of aspiring actors, singers, musicians and songwriters, and it is not uncommon for one or a group of them to break into song and dance as they cavort around the tables.
source: www.1branson.com
3. Cantina Laredo: Cantina Laredo serves authentic Mexican dishes in a sophisticated atmosphere. They offer daily fish specials, grilled chicken and steaks complimented by signature sauces such as chipotle-wine with portobello mushrooms or sautéed artichoke hearts and roasted red bell peppers.
source: www.cantinalaredo.com
4. Billy Bob Dairy Land: As seen on Al Rocker's Food Network TV Show! The Best Burgers and Fries and Shakes made fresh before your eyes in an authentic old fashion diner. The Real Diner where the Stars eat.
Source: www.1branson.com
5. Grand Country Buffet: You'll love starting your day with Grand Country Buffet's bountiful breakfast: fresh fruits, homemade breads, cereals, yogurt, farm fresh eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes and more. All appetites and diet needs are satisfied from the light to the traditional breakfast from our cold and hot scatter bar buffets.
source: www.grandcountry.com/restaurants.asp

Before You Go

❖ Getting Around

- Book your shuttle from the airport to your hotel and for sightseeing before you leave with All Around Branson Shuttle & Tours (888-882-9766).
- Branson is pedestrian friendly with plenty of sidewalks and promenades.
- Utilize the free trolley service connecting Historic Downtown and Branson Landing.
- Take a romantic tour of the city on a horse and carriage ride.

❖ Annual Events

- **World-Fest:** April 4 - May 3, 2009. Each spring international performers from around the world gather in America's Heartland. It's a celebration of global proportions where laughter and music are universal languages! NEW in 2009, the Zhejiang Chinese Acrobats! Witness an ancient balancing art, discovered and stunningly perfected by the Zhejiang Monks of China - never seen here before. Plus, see high-flying silk aerialists and more in one spectacular production. source: www.bransonsilverdollarcity.com
- **Rods 'n' Relics Weekend:** June 19-21, 2009 37th Annual Rods and Relics Rod Run, held every Father's Day Weekend. Pre 1949 vehicles only, games, prizes, show and shine, Friday night bbq and mixer with an outdoor drive in movie on the property, Saturday night dance with live band. Games - Prizes .Tons of fun! source: www.rodsnrelics.com
- **National Kids Fest:** Jun. 6 - Aug. 9, 2009 Every child dreams of a special place where playtime and fun never end. Every parent wishes for a place where families can share in creating lifetime memories. That's exactly what you'll find nestled in the hills of the Ozarks during America's Largest KidsFest! Your imagination will be sparked from the excitement of your first coaster ride to the delight of new shows and your favorite adventures! source: www.bransonsilverdollarcity.com
- **Autumn Daze Arts & Crafts Festival:** More than 150 crafters will exhibit their work during the 36th Annual Autumn Daze Arts & Crafts Festival in Historic Downtown Branson on September 17-20, 2009. Shoppers will find a wide variety of items including wood crafts, quilts and clothing, crocheted and knitted items, hats, purses and ladies accessories, toys, floral arrangements, ironwork and collectible dolls, plus many more. source: www.downtownbranson.org
- **National Harvest Festival:** Sep. 12 - Oct. 31, 2009 The Home of American Craftsmanship, Silver Dollar City welcomes over 500 visiting craftsmen and musicians during the National Harvest Festival. Plus, back by popular demand, our signature stage show Headin' West! source: www.bransonsilverdollarcity.com
- **Branson Area Festival of Lights:** Experience the magic of the season during the Branson Area Festival of Lights 2008 as all of Branson is aglow for the holidays. The centerpiece, Branson Area Festival of Lights Drive-Through, will delight children of all ages. Your journey begins with a magical one-mile drive along a path illuminated with more than 350 displays. source: www.explorebranson.com

❖ Recommended Reading

- [The Unofficial Guide to Branson, Missouri](#) by Eve Zibart
- [Branson, Mo: Las Vegas of the Ozarks](#) by Harry Horenstein
- [Branson: Onstage in the Ozarks](#) by Ron Sylvester and Jeff Hampton
- [Insiders Guide to Branson and the Ozark Mountains](#) by Fred Pfister

❖ Branson Weather: All four seasons offer visitors a unique experience:

- **Summer:** Hot and humid days with cooler evenings. Generally the most popular time of the year to visit Branson.
- **Fall:** Beautiful fall foliage and great fall festivals make this time of the year perfect for a trip to Branson.
- **Winter:** Fairly cold with occasional warmer days or snow flakes. Don't miss the spectacular light show!
- **Spring:** Great weather, beautiful colors, and the new show seasons!

❖ Show Tickets

- Don't wait until last minute to pick up tickets for your favorite show just to find out they are sold out! Get discount show tickets before you go from **BransonTourismCenter.com** and **iBranson.com**

Traveler Reviews

April from Jacksonville ★★★★★

Wyndham Branson at The Meadows: Great location, beautiful views, and pretty grounds

Welk Theater Darren Romeo magic: Well worth the money. Great show for kids too

Silver Dollar City: Cave tour was awesome. The rides had some long lines and not full staffed. Still, fun for the kids

James from Imperial ★★★★★

Wyndham Branson at The Meadows: Something for all ages, a great trip, and value.

Table Rock: Spent an enjoyable day taking in the views, etc.

Shopping at the Outlets: Great savings opportunities.

Kim from Jackson ★★★★★

Wyndham Branson at The Meadows: The resort was clean and spacious. Everyone affiliated with the resort was very kind and eager to offer their assist and help.

Lone Star Restaurant: One of our favorite places to eat!!! Excellent service and food!

Baldknobers Music Show: Family fun for all and would recommend...a must see for all ages!

Hannah from San Diego ★★★★★

The Suites at Fall Creek: Branson is a great vacation town. There's a lot of tours and shows to entertain you. And if you want to just relax at the resort, there's enough amenities between the indoor pool, outdoor pool, basketball court and playground to keep the family busy!

Donna from Medford ★★★★★

Branson Resort: Lots to do, very family oriented. Friendly people. We would go there again and would stay at the same place.

Legends Show in Branson: Most were very good. Elvis was very disappointing.

Pierce Arrow Show in Branson: Wonderful performers and comedian.

George Washing Carver Birthplace: Walked around the area where Carver grew up and learned a lot more about this amazing inventor who was born into slavery.