

# Minerva High School Marching Band

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March 24 - 27, 2025

## Motorcoach Information

<u>Depart:</u>	<u>Return:</u>
<b>Monday, March 24, 2025</b>	<b>Thursday, March 27, 2025</b>
Depart: Minerva, OH.....5:00am	Depart: Nashville, TN .....2:00pm
Arrive: Nashville, TN..... 2:00pm	Arrive: Minerva, OH.....10:00pm

### Pick-Up/Drop-Off Location

Minerva High School  
501 Almeda Ave  
Minerva, OH 44657

## Hotel Information

### Nashville, TN

Check-in: *March 24*

Check-out: *March 27*

### Element Nashville Vanderbilt West End

4 City Blvd.

Nashville, TN 37209

Phone: 615-320-8400

Website: [Click Here](#)

## Group Operating Itinerary

Day 1	Monday, March 24, 2025	Nashville	(D)
	Lunch on own, en route		
2:00pm	Early afternoon arrival in Nashville		
	Meet your full-time local MCI Tour Manager, <u>Gary White</u> , who will be with you for the entire duration of your time in Nashville. An orientation tour of Nashville includes a visit to Centennial Park with entrance to the full-scale replica of Greece's Parthenon, built in 1897 as part of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition – to celebrate and commemorate the 100th anniversary of Tennessee's entry into the union. Also visit the Music City Walk of Fame on Nashville's Music Mile, a landmark tribute to those from all genres of music who have contributed to the world through song or other industry collaboration and made a significant contribution to the music industry with connection to Music City		
	Check-in to your hotel, Element Nashville Vanderbilt West End, with some free-time to relax and freshen up		
7:00pm	Dinner included at Red Robin – Nashville West		
	Return to the hotel for overnight		
Day 2	Tuesday, March 25	Nashville	(B,L,D)
7:00-8:15am	Breakfast included at the hotel		
8:30am	Arrive at the Country Music Hall of Fame		
8:45am	Check in at the information desk		
<b>9:00am</b>	<b><i>Minerva High School “The Pride of Minerva” Marching Band Morning Concert Performance at the Country Music Hall of Fame (30 Minutes)</i></b>		
9:30am	Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in the morning. This endlessly entertaining and informative experience will help you grasp Nashville's importance as a songwriting and recording mecca.		
12:30pm	Lunch included at Central BBQ		
3:30pm	Continue your day on Nashville's famed Music Row with a tour of Historic RCA Studio B – Nashville's most historic and oldest remaining recording studio. Built in 1957, RCA Studio B is known as the birthplace for the “Nashville Sound,” a style characterized by strong background vocals and strings that helped establish Nashville as an international recording center.		
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b><i>Following the guided tour, the Minerva High School Program will have an opportunity to record in the full-size recording sound booth used by artists from Elvis Presley to Carrie Underwood, for a recording session with a professional sound engineer (30 minutes)</i></b>		
4:30pm	Clear space and depart		
6:30pm	Dinner and line dancing lessons included at Margaritaville - Nashville restaurant		
8:00pm	Return to the hotel for overnight		
Day 3	Wednesday, March 26	Nashville	(B,D)
7:00-8:15am	Breakfast included at the hotel		
9:00am	Morning visit and tour of the Ryman Auditorium. Designated as a National Historic Landmark for its pivotal role in the popularization of country music and an incredibly storied stage for Rock & Roll artists for numerous decades, the Ryman is Revered by many as the “ <i>Mother Church of Country Music</i> .”		
1:00pm	Lunch, on own and some afternoon free-time to explore Nashville's Broadway Street – Nashville's main entertainment district renowned for honky tonks, live country music, and great Nashville cuisine		
5:30pm	Arrive at The Grand Ole Opry Plaza		
5:40pm	Set up and warm-up		
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b><i>Minerva High School “The Pride of Minerva” Marching Band Pre-Show Evening Concert Performance at the Grand Ole Opry Plaza (20 minutes)</i></b>		
6:20pm	Clear space and depart		
7:00pm	Attend concert at the Grand Ole Opry*		
9:30pm	Enjoy a post-show backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry. Walk in the famous footsteps of country music superstars and get an exclusive look at what happens behind the scenes of the show that made country music famous! Your knowledgeable guide will share in-depth stories, history, and facts about the Opry and country music greats, past and present.		

Following the concert, attend a meet-and-greet with a performer or musician of the Grand Ole Opry (subject to performers' schedule and confirmation)\*  
11:00pm Return to the hotel for overnight & pizza dinner (delivered from Domino's Pizza)

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<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Thursday, March 27</b>	<b>Depart for home</b>	<b>(B)</b>
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8:00-9:15am Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

10:00am Visit the National Museum of African American Music, the only museum in the nation with a dedicated focus on the important impact of African American music. The NMAAM strengthens and diversifies the "Music City" with compelling connections to both local and national musical highlights. Nashville is a place where significant African American music events and artists thrived – The Fisk University Jubilee Singers, Jimi Hendrix, Ray Charles, and Little Richard are just a few of the pioneering artists who were a part of Nashville's music scene in the early stages of their career. The museum's interactive galleries play along with the American soundtrack, illuminate Nashville's significant influence, and share how African American music inspires others around the world.

Lunch, on own

Time permitting, enjoy some additional sightseeing in Nashville or free-time for shopping

Afternoon departure for home, with evening stop at Bucee's (Smiths Grove, KY)

*\* Subject to Availability and Confirmation*