



Ankeny High School Choirs

Custom Midwest Performing Tour Itinerary

DAY 1: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

FINAL 4-8-26

4:00pm: Motorcoaches arrive at **Ankeny High School** for loading
5:00pm: Depart for **Gatlinburg!**
7:30-8:30pm: Dinner (*own expense*) at **180 Truck Stop**
12:30-12:50am: Rest Stop for drivers

DAY 2: Thursday, April 16, 2026

5:30-6:45am: Breakfast (*own expense*) en route and freshen up for the day.
6:45am: Depart

10:00am-4:30pm: Experience fun at **DOLLYWOOD** and explore world class rides, live shows, and cozy resorts in the Smokies!
Lunch (*own expense*)
4:45pm: Depart

5:00pm: Arrive at Dolly Parton's Stampede
6:00-8:00pm: **DOLLY PARTON'S STAMPEDE** features friendly competition, thrilling horse riding stunts, spectacular special effects, phenomenal music productions, plus a mouthwatering four course feast that ends with a delicious dessert!
Dinner (*included*)
8:30pm: Depart for **Nashville**

11:30pm: Arrive at Hotel for Check in; **Hyatt Place Nashville/Franklin/Cool Springs; 650 Bakers Bridge Ave, Franklin, TN 37067, (615) 771-8900**

DAY 3: Friday, April 17, 2026

8:30-9:30am: Deluxe Continental Breakfast (*included*) at the Hotel
9:30am: Depart

10:15-10:50am: Visit the centerpiece of Centennial Park and the city of Nashville's art museum... **THE PARTHENON!** The building and the 42-ft. Athena statue are both full-scale replicas of the Athenian originals. Great photo opportunity!
11:00am: Depart

11:15am-12:00pm: Explore the **MUSIC CITY WALK OF FAME PARK** 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.

12:00pm: Walk to lunch
12:15-1:20pm: Lunch (*own expense*) at **Assembly Food Hall**
1:30pm: Depart

1:45-2:30pm: Explore **BICENTENNIAL CAPITOL MALL STATE PARK** - this 19-acre park was built in honor of Tennessee's 200th year of statehood and offers visitors a serene and captivating look into Tennessee history at every turn.
2:30pm: Depart

2:45-3:45pm: Explore **MUSICIANS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**, honoring session musicians, engineers, and producers across all genres, notable featuring instruments used on iconic recordings.
3:45pm: Depart

4:00-5:50pm: Enjoy the music of Nashville with Dinner and Line Dancing (*included*) at Luke Combs, **CATEGORY 10**.
4:00-5:00pm Dinner, 5:00-5:45pm Line Dancing
6:00pm: Depart

6:30pm: Arrive at the Grand Ole Opry
7:00-9:30pm: Experience the World Famous live country music show the **GRAND OLE OPRY: Featuring Vince Gill, Gary Mule Deer, Jake Hoot and more!**
9:45pm: Depart
10:30pm: Return to the Hotel

DAY 4: Saturday, April 18, 2026

6:30-7:30am: Deluxe Continental Breakfast (*included*) at the Hotel
7:30-8:00am: Check-out of Hotel and load Motorcoach –*Remember all of your belongings!!*
8:00am: Depart

8:40am: Arrive at **Vanderbilt University**
9:00-11:50am: Ankeny HS Choirs Participates in **MASTER CLASS** at Vanderbilt University under the direction of Tucker Biddlecomb
12:00pm: Depart

12:30-3:20pm: Shop **OPRY MILLS and OPRYLAND RESORT**, Tennessee's premier retail destination with 200 name-brand outlets and specialty stores.
Lunch (*own expense*)

3:30pm: Depart for **St. Louis**
5:30-6:30pm: Dinner (*own expense*) en route

9:30pm: Arrive at Hotel for Check; **Drury Hotels-Pear Tree Inn St. Louis Near Union Station; 2211 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103 (314) 241-3200**

DAY 5: Sunday, April 19, 2026

7:30-8:30am: Deluxe Continental Breakfast (*included*) at the Hotel
8:30am: Depart Hotel

9:00-10:45am: Visit the **MUSEUM OF WESTWARD EXPANSION** at the **GATEWAY ARCH** as it highlights the history of **St. Louis** and the city's role in the **westward expansion** of the United States with inclusive narratives. Interactive story galleries guide you through time, from the mid-1600s to the present. Take the

GATEWAY ARCH TRAM to the top, for incredible views stretching 30 miles

10:45am: Walk to the Old Courthouse
11:00am: Take a **GROUP PHOTO** in front of the Old Courthouse

11:15am-12:00pm: **OLD COURTHOUSE;** The **Courthouse**, served as the site where Dred Scott, a slave, attempted to sue for freedom for himself and his family, and is a nationally significant African-American **historic** site. Now a part of Gateway Arch National Park.

Explore **KIENER PLAZA PARK;** This 1.9-acre park was named in honor of Kiener who was an amateur boxer, wrestler, and swimmer, but he is most noted for his position on the U.S. track team at the Olympics held in St. Louis in 1904 during the World's Fair. The park features a playground, fountains and concert area and has a number of paths and a lawn that can accommodate a variety of events. "The Olympic Runner" statue honors the former Olympian.

12:00pm: Depart

12:15-1:20pm: Lunch (*own expense*) at **CITY FOUNDRY STL**
1:30pm: Depart

1:45pm: Arrive at **Magnolia United Church of Christ, 2906 Magnolia Ave**
2:00-5:45pm: Ankeny HS Choirs Participates in **MASTER CLASS** under the direction of Dr. Giselle Wyers, Washington University

6:00pm: Depart

6:30-7:00pm: Free Time at the **Gateway Arch National Park** next to the Riverboats

7:00pm: Board Gateway Riverboats
7:30-9:30pm: Enjoy Live Music and Dinner (*included*) on the **GATEWAY ARCH RIVERBOAT CRUISE**

9:45pm: Depart
10:00pm: Return to the Hotel

DAY 6: Monday, April 20, 2026

5:00-6:00am: Check-out of Hotel and load Motorcoach –*Remember all of your belongings!!*
Bag Breakfast provided by the hotel

6:00am: Depart for **Kansas City**

10:00am: Arrive at **Liberty High School, 200 Blue Jay Driver, Liberty, MO**
10:15-11:45am: Ankeny HS Participates in **EXCHANGE CONCERT** with Liberty HS Choirs
12:00pm: Depart

12:45-3:00pm: Shopping and lunch (*own expense*) at **COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA**
3:15pm: Depart

3:30-4:30pm: Explore **DONALD J HALL SCULPTURE PARK**, a life-size **Sculpture Park** with over 20 different sculptures on display.

4:30pm: Depart

7:30pm: Arrive at **Ankeny High School**