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Gaylord group offers 7 new promotions

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Lease guitars, cruise the river, hear 'Patsy'

The Gaylord Opryland entertainment group is offering some new twists on trips to Nashville - seven, to be exact.

For details on any of the new promotions or to buy tickets, call 888-999-OPRY (6770) or go to www.gaylordopryland.com.

They are:

1. Gibson's Check-in, Rock Out! debuts in April at Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. Gibson Guitars' new program allows guests to choose from a variety of guitars to lease for a day, and get a "pocket pod," a hand-held portable amplifier with headphones to use rocking out in their rooms. Guitars available to choose from for \$50 include the Gibson Angus Young Signature SG, Gibson Les Paul Standard Goldtop, Gibson ES-137 Classic Blues Burst, Epiphone DJ-160E-VC John Lennon and Epiphone EJ-200.
2. "Country Music USA" on The General Jackson Showboat brings back Opryland Theme park's most popular musical revue showcasing songs made popular by country legends. The dinner cruise also has a new menu of prime rib and chocolate truffle cake.
3. "Tim Watson's Fiddlin' Around" is the new midday cruise production on The General Jackson Showboat. A Southern lunch is served family style.
4. "Opry Country Classics" kicks off Thursday at the Grand Ole Opry House. Each Thursday artists like Larry Gatlin, Marty Stuart and John Conlee host shows with live performances, storytelling and film clips.
5. "Always ?Patsy Cline" returns to the Ryman Auditorium on April 15 for six weeks. Mandy Barnett plays Cline in a show featuring more than 20 of her songs.
6. The Wildhorse Saloon on Second Avenue downtown has a new house band search contest, professional line dance instructors and a new manager. The band search kicks off with live auditions at 7:30 p.m. on April 22, followed by more in May and a final competition in early June. See www.wildhorse.com for details.
7. Gaylord Opryland's All-American Country Getaway Packages offer discounts on two-, three- and four-night vacation packages with savings of up to 40 percent (four nights for \$425 per person). They include room, Cline show and Opry tickets, a dinner cruise, Water's Edge Marketplace Buffet, admission and transportation to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Ryman museum, Delta riverboat ride and more. Call 888-999-6779 or see www.gaylordopryland.com.

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