

## 2008 Christmas at Graceland Lighting Ceremony

Help kickoff the holiday season with the annual lighting of Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion in Memphis. The Christmas festivities officially begin on **Friday, November 21st** when Elvis' traditional lights and decorations on the mansion property come to life during a special lighting ceremony at 6:15PM CT at the front gates of Graceland. (\*Please note that 11/21 is the Friday before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.) The extensive spectacle includes hundreds of blue lights along the driveway, a life-size Nativity scene, Santa and his sleigh and much more originally displayed by Elvis and the Presley family. The interior of Graceland mansion will also be decked in Elvis's Christmas décor for the holiday season and includes his traditional red velvet drapes and Presley family Christmas artifacts on display around the decorated trees.

The 2008 holiday season also marks the release of the "**Elvis Presley Christmas Duets**" CD which is the first Elvis Presley duet recordings album and the first Christmas compilation of its kind ever produced. The CD will feature many of today's biggest country artists, including Carrie Underwood, Martina McBride, Gretchen Wilson, Sarah Evans and LeAnn Rimes singing classic Elvis holiday songs as duets with the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Click [here](#) to pre-order the "Elvis Presley Christmas Duets" CD which will be released on October 14th.

## The 2009 Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration

Below is the current Elvis Birthday Celebration 2009 calendar of events along with ticket purchase information for each event. Updates to the calendar will be made as additional guests, details and events are confirmed. Please check back often to get the latest updates.

*The ticket prices below include sales tax. There is a \$4.50 per transaction service fee for each order placed through Graceland. This includes orders made over the phone or online orders. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable. Please note, if you are ordering your tickets to tour Graceland at the same time as ordering your birthday event tickets, the \$4.50 order fee for Graceland tickets is a separate charge from the \$4.50 order fee for birthday tickets and will appear as two separate order fees on your final order listing.*

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### ELVIS PRESLEY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2009 Thursday, January 8 – Sunday, January 11

#### THURSDAY 8

##### **Elvis Presley Day Ceremony**

9:30 AM. Front steps of Graceland Mansion. The traditional ceremony with special program hosted by Graceland/EPE officials, featuring a birthday cake cutting and a proclamation of Elvis Presley Day by Memphis and Shelby County officials. Free admission. Complimentary birthday cake and coffee served at the Chrome Grille restaurant across the street from the mansion following the ceremony.

##### **Scavenger Hunt at Graceland**

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Starting at the Graceland Ticket Office. Guests are invited to tour Graceland Mansion (no audio tour) and the Elvis Presley Automobile Museum while simultaneously participating in a trivia scavenger hunt. Adult and junior versions of the scavenger hunt will be available. Prizes for both adult and junior versions to be announced. Admission: \$29.00 Adults; \$12.00 children 7-12. Tickets go on sale through Graceland Reservations and online at Elvis.com at 9:00 a.m. CST on October 6.

##### **Club Elvis at Graceland**

8:00 p.m. – 12:00 Midnight. Elvis Presley Car Museum, Graceland Plaza. Come hang out and enjoy a private party with your fellow Elvis fans. A disc jockey spins Elvis records for your listening and dancing pleasure. Cash bar

featuring adult beverages (ID's checked) and soft drinks. Outdoor smoking area designated – no smoking inside. Admission \$20.00. Tickets go on sale through Graceland Reservations and online at Elvis.com at 9:00 a.m. CST on October 6.

## FRIDAY 9

### **Official Elvis Insiders Reception and Graceland Tour**

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. An event exclusively for members of the [Elvis Insiders](#). A private evening tour of Graceland Mansion in all its holiday splendor and a reception across the street in Graceland Plaza. The reception will not be a seated "theater-style" event but will be a "progressive" event moving about the plaza area and will include Elvis's airplanes, The Elvis Presley Automobile Museum and the "Elvis Jumpsuits: All Access" exhibit in the Sincerely Elvis Museum. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bars will be available. Special guest TBA. Everyone wins a door prize. As has become tradition, just for the dates of the Elvis Birthday Celebration, special Elvis exhibits from the Graceland Archives will be in place inside the residential area of the mansion. The special evening tour of the mansion includes the audio tour presentation, plus Elvis Christmas music playing in the background. Decorations for the 2008/2009 holiday season will be in place. Because of space limitations, Elvis Insiders may purchase only one guest ticket in addition to their own. Admission \$44.00 adults, \$22.00 children 7-12, children under 7 free. Parking in the main Graceland parking lot is free beginning at 4:30 PM. Tickets go on sale through Graceland Reservations and online at Elvis.com at 9:00 a.m. CST on October 6.

## SATURDAY 10

### **Fan Club Presidents' Event**

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Location TBA. Join Elvis Presley fan club presidents from independent Elvis fan clubs from around the world at this special event to learn about the amazing work that fan clubs do to continue on Elvis's name and memory. All fans are invited to attend this event where they can learn more about what official Elvis Presley fan clubs do, while also enjoying a program of EPE company updates, special announcements and a special guests. Elvis Presley fan club presidents' will receive an invitation to the event directly from EPE to reserve their complimentary ticket for the event and do not need to call Graceland Reservations. Tickets for additional fan club members and the general public are \$8.00. Tickets go on sale through Graceland Reservations and online at Elvis.com at 9:00 a.m. CST on October 6.

### **The Elvis Presley Birthday Pops**

8:00 PM. The Cannon Center for the Performing Arts, 255 North Main Street in downtown Memphis. The Memphis Symphony Orchestra presents a concert of Elvis music performed from the original music charts from Elvis Presley's concert tours. Guest vocalists, ticket prices and on-sale date, and other details to be announced. Tickets will be sold through the Memphis Symphony office. More details coming soon.

## SUNDAY 11

### **Elvis Birthday Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Elvis Presley Car Museum, Graceland Plaza. Enjoy breakfast in the Elvis Presley Car Museum while listening to Elvis music and watching Elvis videos on the drive-in theater movie screen. Tickets are \$27.00 per person. Tickets go on sale through Graceland Reservations and online at Elvis.com at 9:00 a.m. CST on October 6.

## MULTIPLE DATES

### **Graceland Tours**

Tours of Graceland Mansion, the Elvis Presley Automobile Museum, Elvis's personal jets, the Sincerely Elvis Museum and Private Presley available daily. [Click here](#) for tickets and details. Graceland Mansion is decorated in all its traditional splendor indoors and out through January 11th. Especially for fans coming in for the Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration, special additional exhibits will be in place throughout the mansion January 8-11. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets online. To order tickets over the phone, call from all parts of the world (901) 332-3322. Or, from the USA and Canada, call toll-free 800-238-2000.

### **Free Walk-Up Times for The Meditation Garden**

Daily throughout the year there is a period of time for free-admission walk-up visits to the Meditation Garden at Graceland, where the grave sites of Elvis and members of his family are located. Then the area becomes part of the regular ticketed Graceland Mansion tours for the rest of the day. The winter hours for free walk-up visits are 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. daily. During the Elvis' Birthday Celebration, there will also be nightly walkups from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on January 8 and 10.

**Elvis Bingo**

Dates, times & location TBA. Play bingo for great Elvis prizes. Admission is FREE, but you need a ticket. Tickets for each game are available at the door just before that game's start time. Seating is limited. Each game runs approximately one hour.

**NOTE: All event information is subject to change.**