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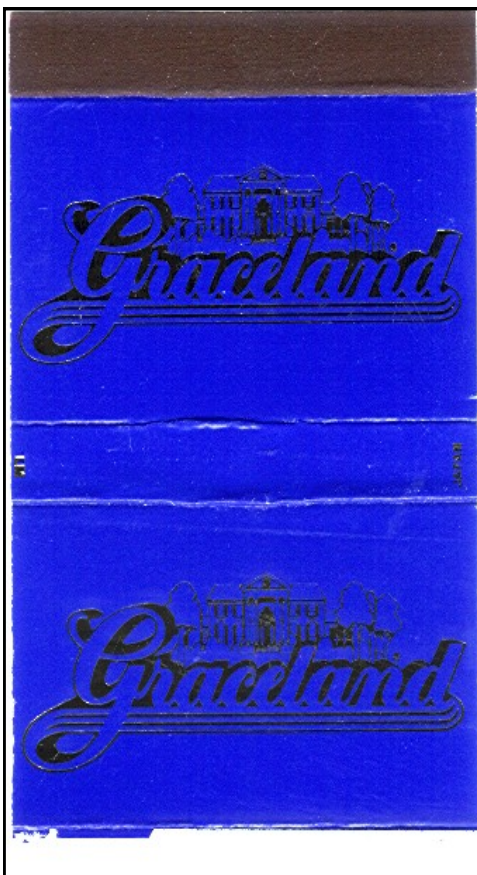


Graceland

I'll admit right off the bat that I was never a fan of Elvis Presley...and I've never been anyone's groupie...so I really don't understand the ongoing mania about Presley and the resulting Presley-products, not the least of which is Graceland.

Graceland is the name of the large estate of the late [despite constant sightings from everywhere from Siberia to Rio]. Elvis Presley. It is located in Memphis, Tennessee. It's currently used as a museum. Located on Elvis Presley Blvd., the Graceland complex is made up of the 14 acre Presley estate, museums and entertainment facility with eateries, shops and a movie theater that shows a free 20 minute film tracing Elvis' career.

On August 16, 1977, Elvis allegedly [notice the politically correct term] died there as a result of an overdose of mixed drugs and complications of severe heart disease; the suggestion that he died has often been questioned by people who think he went into hiding...giving rise to all the various urban legends, sightings, and jokes. He was buried at Graceland, and the estate has become a pilgrimage for Elvis fans across the world.



A typical year at Graceland starts off with a week-long celebration of Elvis' Birthday in January, Elvis Week in August, and Christmas at Graceland in December. Graceland is rated the second most visited home in America, after the White House, with over 600,000 beloved fans annually. The Graceland tour includes a digital audio guide of the Mansion, narrated by Lisa Marie. Highlights include the "Jungle Room," Trophy Building, special exhibits, and Meditation Garden, a tour Elvis' private jets and the Automobile Museum and the Sincerely Elvis exhibit...and more. Plus, you have plenty of opportunities to spend your money here and there.

