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Dierks Bentley Plots Headlining What the Hell World Tour

Guests Cole Swindell and Jon Pardi will support the "Different for Girls" singer beginning in January 2017

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By the time October ends, Dierks Bentley will have wrapped the second leg on his Somewhere on a Beach Tour, which has kept him on the road throughout 2016. But in a matter of weeks he'll usher in the new year with his latest trek, the What the Hell tour. Kicking off January 19th in Dayton, Ohio, the tour will include special guests Cole Swindell and Jon Pardi, a pair of performers Bentley chose for their youthful exuberance and their ability to keep him laughing.

"I'm out there away from my family – it's a great sacrifice for them and for the guys in my band, they have family, too," Bentley told People when announcing the tour. "We're out here, life's short; I want to be around good people, good energy, good vibes. And these two are definitely two younger guys that both crack me up and have such great

energy. They're both a little crazy, to be honest. They're just in that time in their lives when they're young and they're single and they're going after it."

The tour, currently set for 23 North American cities on the first leg through April, gets its name in part from "What the Hell Did I Say," a track on Bentley's latest album *Black*. But the "Different for Girls" singer adds after a number of drunk calls and texts between the three performers, he chose the name "because I have no idea what the hell's going to happen out there!"

One thing that will happen during the tour's opening weekend is a January 21st headlining date at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, a career milestone for the multiple CMA-nominated artist. Pre-sale tickets for select dates including Nashville are on sale Tuesday (October 4th). The first public on-sale date is scheduled for Friday, October 7th.