



Culinary and Arts in Grand Central USA!

Day 1 – Little Rock AR

Begin the day in Little Rock with a tour of **Heifer International Headquarters** to see why it has been certified a “green” building. Learn more of the site cleanup, use of natural light, recycled material, and rain water collected on the roof. Lunch is included at **Marlsgate Plantation** in Scott, AR where we will experience southern living and hospitality as we dine in the home of David Garner Jr. After lunch David will entertain use with stories of his family and plantation living as he takes us on a tour of his home. Saying good bye to David we return to Little Rock arriving at the **Arkansas Arts Center** mid afternoon. The center’s permanent collections highlight American and European art as well as artist’s works of baskets, wood turned items, metalwork, jewelry, and more. There will be time to check into our hotel and freshen up before our evening of cuisine and performing arts at **Murry’s Dinner Playhouse**, Little Rock’s only year round dinner theater.



Day 2 – Little Rock – Altus AR – Oklahoma City OK

First stop of the day is at the **Arkansas State Capitol** where a guided tour highlights history of the Capitol, its art, and architecture. We now head west on I-40 to Altus where we will enjoy lunch at **Weinkeller Restaurant**. Following lunch we will learn about Swiss winemaking as we tour **Wiederkehr Wine Cellars** and hear how the Wiederkehr family has carried on the tradition of wine making since 1880. Continue west to Oklahoma City where we will enjoy dinner at locally owned **Nonna’s Euro-American Ristorante** in the historic Bricktown district before our overnight in Oklahoma City.

Day 3 – Oklahoma City OK – Oklahoma City OK – Arcadia OK – Tulsa OK

This morning begin the day with a driving tour of downtown Oklahoma City making a stop at the **Land Run Monument** a larger than life size bronze depicting Oklahoma’s Land Run. Then visit the **Oklahoma City Museum of Art** which contains one of the most comprehensive collections of blown glass in the world by renowned artist Dale Chihuly including a Chihuly 55 foot glass sculpture at the entrance to the museum. Lunch is included at **Persimmon Hill** in the world renowned **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**. After lunch see works by master artists such as Charles Russell, Frederic Remington



and Albert Bierstadt as we tour the museum and its galleries dedicated western art, western performers, American Cowboys, and rodeos. It's now time to head up Route 66 to Arcadia and visit **Pops** for just that soda pop. A sixty-six foot neon pop bottle greets travelers where inside are coolers with over 400 different varieties of soda to choose from. Tulsa in northeastern Oklahoma will be our final stop of the day and our overnight.

Day 4 – Tulsa OK – Chouteau OK– Fayetteville AR

We begin this morning at **Garden Deva Sculpture Company** where we find the whimsical metal art of Liza Regan. Her workshop of cutting torches, grinders, and welders that bring out the creativity in Liza is adjacent to the galley. The **Philbrook Museum of Art** is a 72 room Italian Renaissance villa built by oilman Waite Phillips in 1927 and eleven years later gifted to the city of Tulsa for an art museum. The Philbrook exhibits more than 8,500 works of art and is listed as one of America's top 65 art museums. After lunch in the museum at **LaVilla Restaurant**



we will depart the Philbrook and head to Broken Arrow for ice cream. We'll tour **Blue Bell Creamery** to see the making of ice cream before sampling some for ourselves. In Chouteau at the **Amish Cheese House** we'll take time for shopping the vast variety of cheeses, fudge, spices, and noodles. With many Amish farms in the area **dinner will be in an Amish home** where the food is served family style with all the fixings. Our lodging for the evening will be in Fayetteville, AR.



Day 5 – Fayetteville AR – Bentonville AR - Joplin MO

We begin the day at **Terra Studios**, home to the Blue Bird of Happiness. See glassworkers creating the famous Bluebird of Happiness and stroll the wooded paths through the mural garden. Next, we are off to Arkansas' newest art museum the **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art**. The permanent galleries contain works from American artists dating back to Colonial times up through today's modern era. Enjoy lunch at the museum's café before saying goodbye to Arkansas and crossing into Missouri. We will stop to satisfy our sweet tooth

at the **Candy House** in Joplin to enjoy samples and watch the candy makers at work. Our dinner and overnight will be in Joplin, MO.

Day 6 – Joplin – Ozark MO - St Louis MO

Today starts with a visit to the **Spiva Center for the Arts** home of PhotoSpiva the oldest continuous photography competition in the country and visit the current and rotating exhibits that showcase local and international artists. We depart Joplin and head to Ozark for lunch at **Lambert's** "Home of the Thrown Rolls." Just as it sounds, get ready to catch as the rolls are thrown to your table. This afternoon our travel takes us east on Route 66 to St Louis for our overnight.

Day 7 – St Louis MO – Kimmswick MO – St Louis MO

We begin with a tour of the North American Headquarters of **Anheuser-Busch**. Visit the historic stable home to the Budweiser Clydesdales and see first-hand how the world's greatest beer is crafted in the Brew House and packaged in the Bevo Packaging Plant. After the tour sample the

different brews and relax in the Hospitality Room or browse the gift shop. Then it's off to the town of Kimmswick (population 94) for lunch at the **Blue Owl** which has been featured on the Paula Deen show. The Blue Owl is known for their mile high apple pie. After lunch enjoy some shopping time in Kimmswick's unique shops and boutiques. Returning to St Louis we will spend the remainder of the afternoon at the **Saint Louis Art Museum** with works of art from virtually every culture and time period. Enjoy Oceanic art, pre-Columbian art, ancient Chinese bronzes along with European and American art of the late 19th and 20th centuries. Frozen custard is in store for this afternoon's treat with a visit to **Ted Drewes Frozen Custard** which has been a favorite stop on Route 66 since the 1940's. Then return to the hotel for some R&R before enjoying dinner at one of the many restaurants in St Louis.



Day 8 – St Louis MO – Hermann Mo – Kansas City MO – Overland Park KS

We depart St Louis today and travel to Hermann a quaint German community on the Missouri River for a tour of **Stone Hill Winery's** arched cellars and production room where more than 1,250,000 gallons of wine are produced each year. Then enjoy lunch in the **Vintage Restaurant**, a restored carriage house and horse barn, specializing in German cuisine. After leaving Hermann we head to the **Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art** in Kansas City with

galleries of American, European, Egyptian, and Asian Art. We'll cross the border into Kansas for our overnight and evening of food and entertainment at the **New Theater Restaurant** for a gourmet dinner and a spectacular Broadway production.

Day 9 – Overland Park KS – Council Grove KS – Wichita KS

We depart Overland Park this morning and travel to Council Grove for lunch at **Hays House** which was opened by Daniel Boone's grandson and is the oldest continuously operated restaurant in Kansas. This afternoon we head to the Swedish community of **Lindsborg**. At **Hemslojd** a Scandinavian gift shop we can tour the workshop to see craftsmen carving Dala Horses. These wooden horses painted with bright folk art began as a traditional toy for children in Sweden and today is collected by many for their craftsmanship and beauty. Mid afternoon we arrive in Wichita with time to check into our hotel and freshen up before our evening at **Crown Uptown Dinner Theater**. The evening will begin with an all you can eat buffet before sitting back and enjoying the show.



Day 10 – Wichita

After breakfast at the hotel board the motorcoach for a **Wichita City Tour** before arriving at the **Wichita Art Museum**. As we tour the museum we will find sculptures and paintings from artists Mary Cassatt, Charles M. Russell, and Horace Pippin and many others.



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Day 1 – Little Rock AR

10:00 am – Heifer Village – Green Building tour and Shop @ Heifer – Little Rock AR
11:30 am – Depart
12:30 pm – Lunch and tour - Marlsgate Plantation – Scott AR
3:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Arkansas Arts Center – Little Rock AR
5:00 pm - Check into Little Rock hotel
6:00 pm – Murry’s Dinner Playhouse – Little Rock AR

Day 2 – Little Rock – Altus AR – Oklahoma City OK

8:00 am – Depart hotel
8:30 am – Arkansas State Capitol – Little Rock AR
10:00 am - Depart
12:00 pm – Wiederkeher Wine Cellars – tour and lunch – Altus AR
2:30 pm – Depart
6:00 pm – Dinner in Bricktown at Nonna’s Euro-American Ristorante – Oklahoma City, OK
7:30 pm – Check into hotel Oklahoma City

Day 3 – Oklahoma City OK – Oklahoma City OK – Arcadia OK – Tulsa OK

8:00 am – Depart hotel for driving tour of Oklahoma City
10:00 am – Oklahoma City Museum of Art – Oklahoma City OK
11:30 am – Depart
12:00 pm – National Cowboy & Western Heritage museum with Lunch at Persimmon Hill – Oklahoma City, OK
3:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Pops – Arcadia OK
4:00 pm – Depart
6:00 pm – Check into hotel – Tulsa OK

Day 4 – Tulsa OK – Chouteau OK– Fayetteville AR

8:00 am – Depart hotel
8:30 am – Garden Deva Sculpture Co – Tulsa OK
9:30 am – Depart

10:00 am – Philbrook Museum of Art – Tulsa OK
11:30 am - Lunch at Philbrook
12:30 pm – Depart
1:00 pm – Blue Bell Creamery – Broken Arrow OK
3:00 pm – Amish Cheese House – Chouteau OK
3:30 pm – Depart
4:15 pm – Amish Dinner – Mazie OK
5:30 pm – Depart
7:00 pm – Check into hotel – Fayetteville AR

Day 5 – Fayetteville AR – Bentonville AR - Joplin MO

10:00 am – Terra Studios – Fayetteville AR
11:30 am - Depart
12:00 pm – Lunch and tour - Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art – Bentonville AR
3:00 pm – Depart
4:00 pm – Candy House – Joplin MO
5:00 pm – Depart
5:30 pm – Dinner at one of Joplin’s many restaurants
7:00 pm - Check into hotel – Joplin, MO

Day 6 – Joplin – Ozark MO - St Louis MO

10:00 am – Spiva Center for the Arts – Joplin MO
11:00 am – Depart
12:30 pm – Lunch at Lamberts - Ozark MO
2:00 pm – Depart
6:00 pm – Check into hotel – St Louis MO

Day 7 – St Louis MO – Kimmswick MO – St Louis MO

10:00 am - Anheuser Busch – St Louis MO
11:45 am – Depart
12:30 pm – Lunch at Blue Owl Restaurant – Kimmswick MO
2:30 pm – Depart
3:00 pm - St Louis Art Museum – St Louis MO
4:30 pm – Ted Drewes Frozen Custard – St Louis MO
5:30 pm – Return to hotel return to hotel for R&R
6;30 pm – Dinner at one of St Louis many restaurants

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10:00 am – Tour and Lunch - Stone Hill Winery - Hermann MO
12:00 pm - Depart
3:00 pm – Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art – Kansas City MO
4:30 pm – Depart
5:00 pm – Check into hotel – Overland Park KS
6:00 pm - New Dinner Theatre – Overland Park KS

Day 9 – Overland Park KS – Council Grove KS - Lindsborg KS – Wichita KS

8:00 am – Depart

11:30 am - Lunch - Hays House – Council Grove KS

1:00 pm – Depart

2:30 pm – Dala Horses - Lindsborg KS

3:30 pm – Depart

4:30 pm – Check into hotel – Wichita KS

6:00 pm – Crown Uptown Dinner Theater – Wichita KS

Day 10 – Wichita

8:00 am - Depart hotel for Wichita City Tour

10:00 am - Wichita Art Museum – Wichita KS