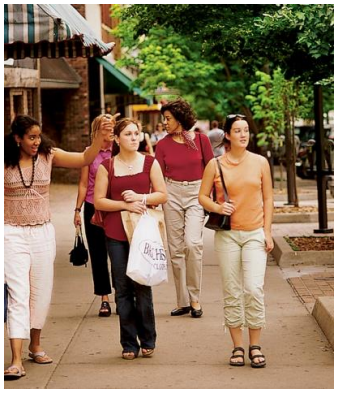
# Grand Girlfriend Getaway

**Day 1 – Wichita KS – Lindsborg KS – Salina KS**

We begin out **Girlfriend Get-A-Way** in Wichita, Kansas with shopping at **Bradley Fair** Wichita's premiere shopping experience. This open -air plaza contains more than 50 stores with national retailers and one-of-a-kind local stores. Next, we're off to the **Oldtown** where we find brick-lined streets and a variety of retail stores and restaurants. This afternoon we will visit **Botanica, The Wichita Gardens.** Walk among hundreds of butterflies at the Botanica's Butterfly House then visit the Shakespeare Garden or the Rose and Wildflower Garden. We depart Wichita and travel to downtown **Lindsborg** where we are greeted with Dala Horses a Swedish welcome symbol. In Lindsborg's downtown enjoy shopping at the many unique shops, art galleries, and studios, which reflect the Swedish heritage of Lindsborg. Enjoy a Swedish dinner in Lindsborg before traveling on to Salina, KS for our overnight.

**Day 2 – Salina KS – Lawrence KS – Atchison KS**

After breakfast at the hotel we will enjoy a guided tour of the **Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts**. This beautifully restored historic theatre is a cornerstone of Salina's thriving downtown. Next we'll have some retail therapy time in the quaint downtown **Lee District**. You'll find the perfect gift - for YOU or someone else. After lunch we depart Salina and travel to Lawrence, KS to make a stop for more shopping on **Massachusetts Street,** a five block district with century-old buildings, eclectic boutiques, galleries, and antique shops. Our overnight this evening is in Atchison, KS best known for being the birthplace of world-famous aviator Amelia Earhart.



**Day 3 – Atchison KS – Weston MO – Overland Park KS**

Enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel before departing and for the **Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.** This historic home contains family heirlooms, displays and photographs of Amelia Earhart along with exhibits on other women pilots. We cross the Missouri border and head to **Weston** the town that time forgot. Twenty-two blocks of Weston are on the National Register of Historic Places and the downtown is filled with antique shops. We depart Weston and head to Overland Park for our overnight and an evening of shopping at **Oak Park Mall** where we find world-class shopping that includes, Nordstrom, Dillards, JC Penney, plus over 185 specialty stores and restaurants.

**Day 4 – Overland Park KS – Kansas City MO – Overland Park KS**

Kansas City is known as the "City of Fountains" with more fountains than another other city in the world. This morning we depart the hotel with a local guide for a driving tour of these fountains some which date back to the late 1800s. At the **Hallmark Visitors Center** we learn the Hallmark story, from J.C. Hall's humble beginning in 1910 to the creation of the world's largest greeting card company. Among the exhibits is the collection of 17 unique Christmas trees created and decorated by Hallmark employees. See a demonstration of hot-foil stamping and the process of die-cutting used in the manufacturing of Hallmark cards. Then enjoy free time for shopping and lunch at the three-level **Crown Center** with more than 60 shops and restaurants. This afternoon we discover art that spans 5,000 years of humanity at **The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art** from ceramic objects found in ancient Chinese tombs to whimsical sculptures of badminton birdies**. Country Club Plaza** is known for its old-world architecture and its premier retail and dining experience. Spend some time this afternoon exploring the many venues at Country Club Plaza where there is a something unique to be found around every corner. This evening enjoy a **live performance** at one of Kansas City's theaters, offering award-winning performances. We will overnight a second night in Overland Park.

**Day 5 – Overland Park KS – Fort Scott KS – Lake of the Ozarks MO**

We depart Kansas City this morning and head to **Fort Scott** where we begin with a narrated **Trolley tour** of historic Fort Scott. Then enjoy free time to explore Fort Scott's historic downtown area. This afternoon we head to Lake of the Ozarks in the heart of Missouri for our overnight. This evening will be full of music and comedy with a high-energy variety show at **Main Street Music Hall** that is sure to take us on a trip down memory lane.

**Day 6 – Lake of the Ozarks MO – St Charles MO**

This morning it is shop till you drop as Lake of the Ozarks is home to the largest top brand outlet mall in the state with over 110 stores at **Osage Beach Premium Outlet.** Or spend the morning being pampered with a spa treatment at one of Osage Beach's spa facilities. This afternoon we depart for St Charles where we will enjoy some free time playing and dining at **Ameristar Casino** which offers several dining areas along with the largest selection of gaming options in the region. Our overnight this evening is in St Charles, MO.

**Day 7 – St Charles MO – St Louis MO**

This morning a costumed guide will take us on a **city tour of St Charles** before we begin to explore the 200 year old Historic Main Street of St Charles where stores hold antiques, decorating accents, stained glass, pottery, and framed art, and boutique shops. Enjoy lunch in St Charles before we depart for the **St Louis Galleria** in the suburb of Richmond Heights. Spend the afternoon shopping or grab some popcorn and a soda at the Cinema and relax with a movie this afternoon. We check into one of St Louis' many hotels that this Gateway City has to offer before we sit back and relax this evening with an elegant dinner and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Mississippi River as we cruise aboard one of the **Gateway Arch Riverboats.** Overnight St Louis, MO.

**Day 8 – St Louis MO – Kimmswick MO– St Genevieve MO – Cape Girardeau MO**

This morning we depart St Louis and head to the town of **Kimmswick** (population 94). Upon arrival we find an eclectic mixture of shops to explore before we enjoy 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. We arrive in **St Genevieve's** historic district town beside the Mississippi River for some wine tasting at the **Sainte Genevieve Winery** which occupies a circa 1900 house that has been renovated with Queen Anne décor. A local guide will give us a **driving tour of Ste Genevieve** the only French Colonial Village left in the US. The mix of French and German ancestry is evident in the architecture of these historical homes and buildings. We continue on to Cape Girardeau for our overnight this evening.

**Day 9 – Cape Girardeau MO – Hardy AR – Jonesboro AR – Little Rock AR**

This morning we depart Missouri and cross into Arkansas where we find the charming

community of **Hardy**. Originally settled in the 1880s the pioneers came to the area for the abundance of fresh water, timber, and wild game. In the roaring 20s and 30s Hardy was the summer resort for wealthy citizens of nearby Memphis. Today we discover the town still contains the charm of years past as we explore the historic downtown lined with shops of antiques, hand-crafted musical instruments, Ozark pottery, colorful quilts and much more. This afternoon we continue on to **Jonesboro** and **The Mall at Turtle Creek** an enclosed shopping mall with a "Main Street" look. The 100 stores are arranged along two sides of the mall facing each other with a pedestrian walkway. Enjoy dinner at Turtle Creek before we continue on to Little Rock for our overnight.

**Day 10 – Little Rock AR**

This morning a local guide joins us for a city tour that takes us into the Historic Hillcrest neighborhood which dates back to the 1890s with beautiful turn of the century homes and cottages and the Heights which is north of Hillcrest that dates back to the 1920s and 1930s. We will drive by the **Villa Marie** built in 1881

for saloonkeeper Angelo Marre and boasts of Italianate and Second Empire styles and become famous when the home was featured on the TV show Designing Women. Lunch is included at **Marlsgate Plantation** in Scott, AR where we experience southern hospitality as we dine in the home of David Garner Jr. After lunch we will hear stories of David's family and plantation living as he takes us on a tour of his home. We return to Little Rock for a **tour and tea at The Empress**. The Empress was completed in 1888 as the Hornibrook Mansion at an exorbitant cost using all Arkansas materials. A tour of the Empress will indeed showcase this extravagant dwelling. Hornibrook also a saloonkeeper waited until competitor Marre completed the Villa Marie before he proceeded to build his home making it the most extravagant in the state. We return to our hotel with time to freshen up before we enjoy dinner and entertainment at **Murry's Dinner Playhouse.**

**Day 11 – Little Rock AR - Mt Ida AR**

Today we travel to Mt Ida and **Mountain Harbor Resort and Spa on Lake Ouachita** for a day of relaxation and pampering. Turtle Cove Spa offers a variety of treatments in massage, facials, body work, body therapies, spa manicures and pedicures, and mineral makeup. Nestled in a quite cove Turtle Creek Spa is sure to rejuvenate you. The lodge and cottages at Mountain Harbor bring luxury to the woods of Arkansas which we will enjoy for our overnight.

**Day 12 – Mt Ida AR– Durant OK**

This morning we depart Mountain Harbor and head west to Southern Oklahoma arriving in Durant mid afternoon. **Durant's Main Street** is full of historical buildings and stores and we will get an opportunity to explore the area before arriving at the **Choctaw Casino Resort Hotel**. This evening enjoy some play time in the casino or relax at the Oasis Tropical Pools and Spa before settling in for the night.

**Day 13 – Durant OK – Ardmore OK– Pauls Valley OK – Oklahoma City OK**

This morning we head to Ardmore for a stop at **The Cloverleaf** a unique boutique where the color pink is abundant. The store is filled with whimsical displays of jewelry, gift items, home décor, and clothing. Continuing north on I-35 we arrive in Pauls Valley to satisfy our sweet tooth at **Bedre Chocolate.** Bedre manufactures a variety of chocolates but is known for their chocolate covered potato chips. Downtown Pauls Valley at **The Gallery** we find unique gift items, fine art, clothing, and needlepoint yarns and canvases. Our overnight this evening is in Oklahoma City.

**Day 14 – Oklahoma City OK – Tulsa OK**

This morning we visit an area of Oklahoma City that have become known in recent years for its eclectic collection of shops, galleries, clubs, boutiques and restaurants. We will spend some time exploring **Western Avenue** with stops that may include the French Cowgirl, 45nd Street Candy Co., The Spiral Beadery, The MakeUp Bar, On A Whim, and many more. Then we head to **Paseo Arts District** a two block area where stucco buildings from 1929 present the feel of a Spanish village and today is home to over thirty artist's galleries and studios. This afternoon we bid Oklahoma City farewell and head to **Garden Deva Sculpture Company** in Tulsa. Here we find the whimsical metal art of Lisa Regan. Her workshop is adjacent to the studio and we get an opportunity to see the metal workshop filled with torches, grinders and welders that bring out Lisa's creativity. This evening we settle into one of Tulsa's hotels for the night.

**Day 15 – Tulsa OK – Claremore OK – Rogers AR**

We travel east on Route 66 to Claremore to and the **Will Rogers Memorial** which pays tribute to the life of Will Rogers, humorist and entertainer. The grounds contain the tomb of Rogers while the twelve galleries feature art and artifacts of Rogers' life as an author, trick roper, radio commentator, philanthropist, newspaper columnist, and Ziegfeld Follies Star. Visit the shops on Main Street before

enjoying lunch at the **Hammett House** where home cooking is on the menu and the pies are made fresh each morning. This afternoon we travel back to Arkansas for more pampering. The **spa options** are abundant in **Rogers, AR** where we will spend the night. With body wraps, hand and foot paraffin treatments, pedicures, and soothing massages available we are sure to unwind and relax this evening.

**Day 16 – Rogers AR – Eureka Springs AR – Branson MO**

This morning we arrive in **Eureka Springs** where a **Trolley Tour** introduces us to the history of Eureka Springs before free time to explore on our own. In historic downtown

Eureka Springs we find everything from antiques, art, boutiques, jewelry, candy, quilts, and Ozark souvenirs. We will enjoy a serene moment as we visit the 48 foot glass **Thorncrown Chapel** among the natural beauty of the Ozark woods. We depart Eureka Springs and head north to Branson and check into **Chateau on the Lake** for our evening. Enjoy a relaxing evening at the hotel or select from one of Branson's many theaters for an evening of entertainment.

**Day 17 – Branson MO**

Today we spend in **Branson** with lots of shopping and entertainment opportunities. Select from the many theaters for a morning or afternoon show. With Branson's outlet malls, historic downtown and Branson Landing we have many shopping options to choose from.

# Grand Girlfriend Get-A-Way

**Day 1 – Wichita KS –Lindsborg KS – Salina KS**
10:00 am – Wichita – Bradley Fair
12:00 pm – Old Town – lunch on own
2:00 pm – Botanica, The Wichita Gardens
3:00 pm – Depart Wichita
4:30 pm – Lindsborg – Downtown shopping – Swedish Dinner
7:30 pm – Arrive in Salina, KS for overnight

**Day 2 – Salina KS – Lawrence KS – Atchison KS**
9:00 am – Depart hotel
9:30 am – Salina – Downtown – Lunch
1:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Lawrence – Downtown Shopping
6:00 pm – Depart
7:30 pm – Overnight Atchison, KS

**Day 3 – Atchison KS – Weston MO – Overland Park KS**
9:30 am – Depart hotel
10:00 am – Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum – Atchison KS
11:00 am – Depart
11:30 am – Weston MO – Antique Shopping – Lunch
3:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Arrive Overland Park and check into hotel
5:00 pm – Depart for Nordstroms / Oak Park Mall for dinner and shopping this evening

**Day 4 – Overland Park KS – Kansas City MO – Overland Park KS**
8:00 am – Depart hotel for driving tour of Kansas City fountains
9:00 am – Hallmark Visitors Center – Kansas City MO
10:30 am – Free time Crown Center – lunch on own
12:30 pm – Depart
1:00 pm – Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art – Kansas City MO
2:15 pm – Depart
2:45 pm -- Country Club Plaza – Kansas City MO

6:00 pm – New Dinner Theatre – Overland Park KS
Overnight Overland Park

**Day 5 – Overland Park KS – Fort Scott KS – Lake of Ozarks MO**
8:00 am – Depart hotel
10:00 am – Fort Scott KS– Trolley Tour – Shopping
1:30 pm – Depart
4:00 pm – Arrive Lake of the Ozarks for the night - Dinner on own
8:00 pm – Main Street Music Hall - Lake of the Ozarks MO

**Day 6 – Lake of the Ozarks MO – St Charles MO**
Morning free time for shopping or spa
2:00 pm – Depart
5:00 pm – Arrive St Charles MO for the night
Evening free time at AmeriStar Casino – St Charles MO

**Day 7 – St Charles MO – St Louis MO**
Morning – Shopping in St Charles historic downtown
1:30 pm – Depart
2:00 pm – Shopping at St Louis Galleria
5:00 pm – Check into a St Louis hotel
Evening – Gateway Arch Riverboat – St Louis MO

**Day 8 – St Louis MO – Kimmswick MO – Ste Genevieve MO – Cape Girardeau MO**
9:00 am – Depart hotel
10:00 am – Arrive Kimmswick shopping
Noon – Lunch at The Blue Owl – Kimmswick MO
1:30 pm – Depart
2:30 pm – Sainte Genevieve Winery – Ste Genevieve MO
3:45 pm – Ste Genevieve tour of historical homes
5:00 pm – Depart
6:00 pm – Arrive Cape Girardeau MO for overnight

**Day 9 – Cape Girardeau MO – Hardy AR – Jonesboro AR – Little Rock AR**
8:00 am – Depart hotel
Noon – Arrive Hardy AR for shopping
2:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Jonesboro AR – The Mall at Turtle Creek – Dinner on own at mall
6:00 pm – Depart
8:30 pm – Check into hotel Little Rock AR

**Day 10 – Little Rock AR**
Morning – Little Rock City Tour to include Historic Hillcrest and The Heights
12:30 pm – Lunch at Marlsgate Plantation – Scott AR
3:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Tour and Tea at The Empress – Little Rock AR

5:00 pm – Return to hotel to freshen up
6:00 pm – Murrys Dinner Playhouse – Little Rock AR

**Day 11 – Little Rock AR - Mt Ida AR**
All Day – Mt Ida– Mountain Harbor Resort & Spa

**Day 12 – Mt Ida AR – Durant OK**
9:00 am – Depart
3:00 pm – Arrive Durant OK downtown
Overnight Choctaw Casino Resort – Durant OK

**Day 13 – Durant OK – Ardmore OK – Pauls Valley OK – Oklahoma City OK**
10:00 am – Depart
11:00 am – The Cloverleaf – Ardmore OK
Lunch on own in Ardmore
1:00 pm – Depart Ardmore
2:00 pm – Arrive Pauls Valley OK – Bedre Chocolate and The Gallery
4:30 pm – Depart
6:00 pm – Arrive Oklahoma City OK for overnight

**Day 14 – Oklahoma City OK – Tulsa OK**
Morning – Shopping in Oklahoma City – Western Ave & Paseo District
2:00 pm – Depart Oklahoma City
4:00 pm – Arrive Garden Deva – Tulsa OK
5:00 pm – Depart
5:30 pm – Arrive at Tulsa hotel for overnight

**Day 15 – Tulsa OK – Claremore OK – Rogers AR**
8:00 am – Depart Tulsa
9:00 am – Will Rogers Memorial – Claremore OK
10:30 am – Shopping Downtown Claremore
11:30 am – Lunch at Hammett House – Claremore OK
12:30 pm – Depart
2:30 pm – Arrive Rogers AR – Spas and Shopping
6:00 pm – Overnight in Rogers AR

**Day 16 – Rogers AR– Eureka Springs AR – Branson MO**
8:30 am – Depart hotel
9:30 am – Arrive Eureka Springs AR – Trolley Tour, Shopping, Lunch
1:00 pm – Thorncrown Chapel – Eureka Springs AR
2:00 pm – Depart
4:00 pm – Arrive Branson MO check into Hotel
Evening at hotel or take in a Branson Show
Overnight Chouteau on the Lake Hotel and Spa – Branson MO

**Day 17 – Branson MO**

Branson – Shows – Shopping, Outlets, Old Downtown, Branson Landing