

FAMOUS FACES & SCENIC PLACES - OKLAHOMA, ARKANSAS AND MEMPHIS

DAYS: 9 NIGHTS: 8 | FROM: DALLAS/GRAPEVINE TO: MEMPHIS



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Little Rock Junction Bridge



Memphis Downtown

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- + Walk the cowboy walk at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
- + Drive the iconic Route 66
- + Discover the birthplace of Walmart and explore an iconic museum of American art in Bentonville, AR
- + Explore the former frontier city of Fort Smith
- + Visit the very chair where Elvis got the "buzz cut heard around the world"
- + Soak in a therapeutic hot spring, and then drink a beer made from the thermal waters
- + Stroll through U.S. history in the Presidential Library of William J. Clinton
- + Step into the boyhood home of the legendary "Man in Black", Johnny Cash
- + In Memphis, listen to the sounds that created legends

**Admission fees not included*

(Photo Credit: Kevin Brown Photo) Grapevine



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DALLAS / GRAPEVINE - ARRIVAL

Day 1: Upon arrival at Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport (DFW), pick up your rental car and drive the short distance to Grapevine. Head to Grapevine Main Station, offering seven different international kitchens or get in some shopping time at Grapevine Mills mall, with over 180 shops or Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, to get any items that the modern-day Cowboy may need. Enjoy dinner in Grapevine's Historic Main Street District, followed by live entertainment at local restaurants and winery tasting rooms throughout.

GRAPEVINE - OKLAHOMA CITY

Day 2: Head north to Oklahoma. Upon arrival into Oklahoma City, your day continues with a visit to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. From fine art, pop culture and halls of fame to Native American objects, historical cowboy gear, shopping and dining, the figure of the cowboy tells America's Western story at this unique museum. Make a stop at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, one of the city's most notable destinations. This memorial and museum stands as a celebrated example of a living monument to honor those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever by the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Head on over to the Bricktown District and stop in at the American Banjo Museum. Here you will find the largest collection of banjos on public display in the world, as the nation's only museum dedicated to America's instrument. Take a fun ride through Oklahoma City's Bricktown Entertainment District with Bricktown Water Taxi. During the water taxi rides, guests will learn history about the Oklahoma City buildings they pass, as well as fun facts along the one-mile canal. Enjoy dinner in the district and check out the local bars after.

Driving Distance: 196 MI / 314 KM

OKLAHOMA CITY - TULSA

Day 3: Today's journey takes you to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Located on the Arkansas River Tulsa is known for a variety of bustling urban districts,

exceptional dining, and unsurpassed love of the arts and one of the largest collections of art deco architecture in the nation. Route 66 related iconic photo stops include Buck Atoms Space Cowboy, the Golden Driller, Praying Hands, East Meets West symbolic halfway point, and Neon Park at Centennial Plaza. Must-see attractions in Tulsa include the Bob Dylan Center, Woody Guthrie Center, the Church Studio, Greenwood Rising, Philbrook Museum and Gardens, and the Gathering Place.

Driving Distance: 211 MI / 339 KM

TULSA - BENTONVILLE

Day 4: Heading East you'll reach the Ozark Mountain city of Bentonville, Arkansas – The Natural State. Bentonville is the home of Walmart and located on its charming town square you'll find a small museum charting the company's history and that of its charismatic founder – Sam Walton as well as classic candy, period music and more; reliving the dime store era of original Walton's 5&10. Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is located a short walk from the downtown square and spans 200,000 sq ft of gallery space, home to over 500 pieces of early to present day American art. Further explore the downtown Square filled with history, local shopping and unique dining experiences.

Driving Distance: 114 MI / 182 KM

BENTONVILLE - FORT SMITH

Day 5: After breakfast and a final stroll to take in the city's charms, you will drive south to the former frontier town of Fort Smith. Upon arrival, visit the monuments of William O. Darby, founder and hero of the famous Darby Rangers in World War II; Bass Reeves, the first African American to ride as a U. S. Deputy Marshal west of the Mississippi River, and Judge Isaac C. Parker at Gateway Park, all located in Downtown Fort Smith. Next stop, the Fort Smith Museum of History. From its founding in 1817 to the present day, the remarkable stories of the roaring frontier city of Fort Smith are told in fascinating exhibits on two floors. Just outside of Fort Smith is the Chaffee Barbershop Museum at Chaffee

Crossing, the Barber Shop where Elvis Presley got the “Buzz Cut that was heard around the World” on March 25, 1958, as he was inducted into the United States Army. Complete with the original barber pole, you will see footage of the event and included in the exhibits is a letter written to President Dwight D. Eisenhower by three teenage girls, pleading with the President that Presley’s hair not be cut!

Driving Distance: 85 MI / 136 KM

FORT SMITH - HOT SPRINGS

Day 6: Further South into Arkansas, you’ll reach the elegant spa town of Hot Springs. Located in the beautiful Ouachita Mountains, Hot Springs is known for its thermal waters, eight of which form the Hot Springs National Park. At the visitors center you can learn about the history of Bathhouse Row and downtown, including the period in the early 20th century when the city played host to some of America’s most famous gangsters. Highlights of Bathhouse Row include; The Buckstaff Bathhouse, a traditional thermal water bathhouse that also offers massages, manicures, pedicures and facials to further enhance your experience. Quapaw Baths and Spa - built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style and named for a local Native American tribe. Quapaw offers thermal spas, a natural steam cave and a large variety of treatments. Superior Bathhouse Brewery is home to the only brewery within a U.S. National Park, and the only brewery in the world to utilize thermal spring water as a main ingredient.

Driving Distance: 128 MI / 205 KM

HOT SPRINGS - LITTLE ROCK

Day 7: Less than an hour’s drive from Hot Springs lays Little Rock, the state capital and largest city in Arkansas. First stop in Little Rock is the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park. Walk in the footsteps of our 42nd president as you explore the Clinton Presidential Center and Park and see how his presidency was shaped by the Civil Rights Act

of 1964. See if you can spot his iconic saxophone on display! Pay a visit to Rocktown Distillery and take in one of their fascinating tasting tours to learn how grain (corn, wheat and rye), can turn into bourbon, vodka or gin. This award-winning distillery uses grains grown not more than 125-miles from the distillery. After dinner, explore the River Market District for a night on the town with music. The Rev Room is one of Little Rock’s best places for live music offering a variety of entertainment options and music genres. Stickyz Rock and Roll Chicken Shack, showcases the best national and international touring bands, unique and funky vibe, and award-winning chicken fingers with warm buttermilk biscuits. Or enjoy a spirited sing-along with dueling pianos at Willy D’s Piano Bar.

Driving Distance: 55 MI / 88 KM

LITTLE ROCK - MEMPHIS

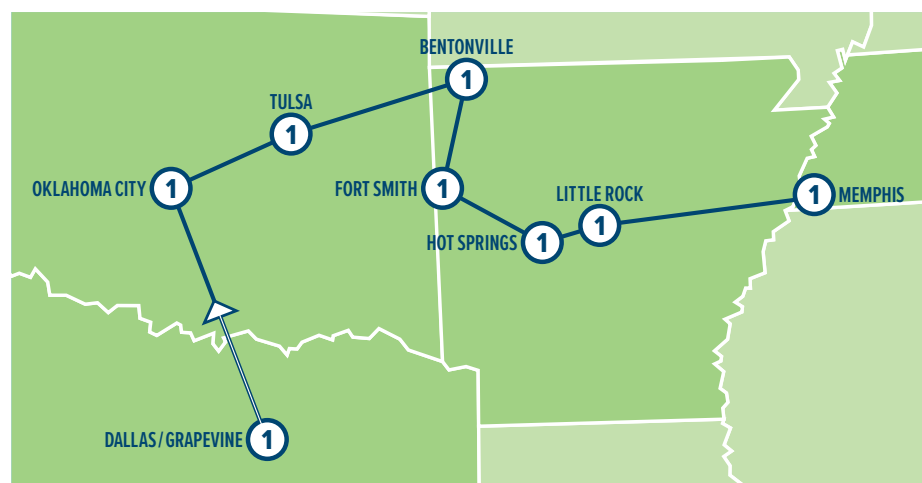
Day 8: After breakfast, visit the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, the nation’s only high school that operates within a national park. Here you will see the role the Little Rock Nine played in the desegregation of America’s public schools. Depart Little Rock for Wilson and plan a stop to

White’s Mercantile, also known as “A general store for the modern tastemaker.” White’s Mercantile is the brainchild of singer-songwriter Holly Williams (Hank William’s Granddaughter), and named after William’s maternal grandparents, Warren and June White, who owned a mercantile in Mer Rouge, Louisiana in the late 1800s. White’s Mercantile, “it’s your one-stop shop for well, everything.” From here continue to Dyess, Arkansas just a short ride away. In Dyess, visit Johnny Cash’s boyhood home where you will learn about the Dyess colony. The Cash family was given 20-acres of fertile delta bottomland and a five-room house in 1935 as part of the New Deal social experiment. Today, this visitor center has exhibits on the colony and illustrates the impact that growing up in Dyess had on Johnny Cash and his music. Depart Dyess for Memphis. Explore the birthplace of the blues by taking in a performance in one of the entertaining Beale Street blues bars.

Driving Distance: 166 MI / 267 KM

MEMPHIS - DEPARTURE

Day 9: Return your car at the airport before your departure flight.



8 NIGHTS | TOUR CITY



Road Bicycles Murals, Fort Smith

Crystal Bridges Museum Of American Art, Bentonville

