

East on I-40 GRAND CENTRAL USA!

Day 1 - Clinton OK - Weatherford OK - Oklahoma City OK - Shawnee OK

Start your morning in Clinton, OK at the **Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.** A tour of the museum takes us on a journey thru six decades of the Mother Road's history. Begin with the construction



of the road, to the restaurants, garages, and lodging that thrived along Rt 66. As we see artifacts, graphics, and vehicles we are reminded what made Route 66 so popular and so dear to the its travelers. Depart the museum and travel along Route 66 to Weatherford. Visit the **Thomas Stafford Air & Space**Museum. The museum houses a collection of military aircraft, NASA photographs, and other items collected and donated by Gen. Stafford commander of the Apollo 10 in 1969. Also on

display are full-size replicas of the Wright Flyer and the Spirit of St Louis along with space satellites, and a full size Titan rocket. Enjoy lunch at one of Weatherford's many restaurants, or choose to dine at Lucille's Roadhouse in Weatherford. Lucille's Roadhouse will remind you of the famous Lucille's gas station and store that was operated on Rt. 66 near Hydro by Lucille Hammons for over 50 years. Then Continue east on I-40 to Oklahoma City for a stop at the **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.** The Memorial honors all 168 Oklahomans who lost their lives, those who survived and those whose lives were changed forever with the tragic bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The museum is a self guided tour thru the days, months, and years that followed the bombing. Continue onto Shawnee, OK for our overnight. Enjoy dinner in one of Shawnee's restaurants.

<u>Day 2 – Shawnee OK – Sallisaw OK</u>

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for the **Round House**® factory. Shawnee's early grown was due to the railroads in town. Filling the demand for railroad employees work clothes was Round House® and is Oklahoma's oldest operating manufacturing company as it continues

to make quality work clothes for over 100 years. The Round House® Overalls are worn by Disney WorldTM train conductors and the factory holds the Guinness World Record for making the largest pair of overalls. Next, visit the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Cultural Heritage Center. We will learn more of the nation's heritage as we visit the museum and are entertained by a dancer in full regalia. Visit one of Shawnee's historic churches



to see magnificent color and detail in the stained glass windows that serves as an inspiration to all. Stop for lunch before arriving at **Country Cottage Primitives Lavender Farm.** Hear how two lavender plants have turned into a country business for Debi and her husband Lucky. Enjoy some lavender refreshments as you browse thru the cottage of hand crafted gifts, Shaker furniture, candles and other gift items or walk thru the field of lavender. The harvest of lavender begins in June and continues until the first frost. Now, its time to depart Shawnee and continue east to Sallisaw, OK for our overnight.

<u>Day 3 – Sallisaw OK – Altus AR - Van Buren AR – Russellville AR</u>

Breakfast is at the hotel before arriving at **Sequoyah's Cabin.** Not knowing how to read or write Sequoyah developed a working Syllabary that enabled the entire Cherokee Nation to become literate. See Sequoyah's 1829 log cabin that has been enclosed in a protective stone cover building built as a WPA project in the 1930's. Hear about the basics of the Syllabary's use see how your name is spelled with the Cherokee Syllabary. We arrive in Van Buren, AR at the **Old Frisco Station** to board the **Arkansas & Missouri Railroad** and ride the rails thru the bluffs and



valleys from Van Buren to Winslow. As we settle into the passenger cars we are sure to step back in time as we travel and hear the conductor's tales of lore and knowledge of the Ozarks. Upon arrival back in Van Buren there will be time to explore the **historic downtown** area full of arts, antiques, and specialty shops full of stoneware, musical instruments, and one-of-a-kind treasurers. In Altus, AR we will tour the cellars of **Wiederkehr Wine Cellars** and learn of their famous award winning wine

making heritage. Enjoy dinner at **Weinkeller Restaurant** before arriving in Russellville AR for the night.

<u>Day 4 – Russellville AR – Morrilton AR - Little Rock AR - West Memphis AR</u>

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for **Petit Jean Mountain**, named for the legend of Petit Jean and the story of a French girl who disguised herself as a boy and secretly accompanied her sweetheart to the New World. No matter what time of year the woodlands, streams, and waterfalls make the **Petit Jean State Park** a beautiful place to rest and relax. Enjoy lunch at

Mather Lodge before visiting the **Museum of Automobiles** on Petit Jean Mountain. See cars on loan from collectors around the world and a permanent collection of over 30 cars that have been donated to the museum along with a display on Antique Guns. As we arrive in North Little Rock a stop at the **Old Mill** makes for a beautiful photo opportunity. This structure is famous for its part in the opening scenes of Gone With The Wind. Continue east on I-40 to West Memphis, AR and dine at one of West Memphis' restaurants or spend the evening at Southland Park for live greyhound racing. Enjoy dinner as well as a wide range of simulcast thoroughbred and greyhound races from the premiere tracts around the country. Overnight West Memphis, AR.





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9:00 am - Arrive Oklahoma Rt 66 Museum - Clinton OK

10:00 am – Depart

10:30 am – Thomas Stafford Air & Space Museum – Weatherford OK

Noon - Lunch in Weatherford - Lucilles Roadhouse - Weatherford OK

1:30 pm – Depart

2:45 pm – Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum – Oklahoma City OK

5:00 pm – Depart

5:30 pm – Arrive Shawnee OK – Check into hotel

<u>Day 2 – Shawnee OK – Sallisaw OK</u>

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am – Depart hotel

8:30 am – Roundhouse Factory Tour – Shawnee OK

9:30 am – Depart

10:00 am - Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Center w/dancer - Shawnee OK

11:00 am – Depart

11:15 am – Stained Glass Tour at a historic church – Shawnee OK

12:30 pm – Lunch

2:00 pm – Country Cottage Primitives Lavender Farm – Shawnee OK

3:15 pm – Depart

5:15 pm – Arrive Sallisaw OK – Check into hotel

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Breakfast at hotel

8:30 am – Sequoyah's Cabin – Sallisaw OK

9:30 am – Depart

11:00 am – Arkansas & Missouri Railroad – Van Buren to Winslow

2:00 pm – Arrive back in Van Buren – free time shopping

3:00 pm - Depart

4:00 pm – Arrive Wiederkehr Wine Cellars - Winery Tour – Dinner – Altus AR

6:40 pm – Depart

7:30 pm – Arrive Russellville AR – check into hotel

<u>Day 4 – Russellville AR – Morrilton AR – North Little Rock AR – West Memphis AR</u>

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am – Depart

10:00 am – Museum of Automobiles – Morrilton AR

11:30 am – Lunch and tour Petit Jean Mountain – Morrilton AR

1:30 pm – Depart

2:30 pm – The Old Mill – North Little Rock AR.

3:30 pm – Depart

5:30 pm – Arrive West Memphis – Check into hotel

Evening – Dinner & Entertainment at Southland Park Gaming & Racing