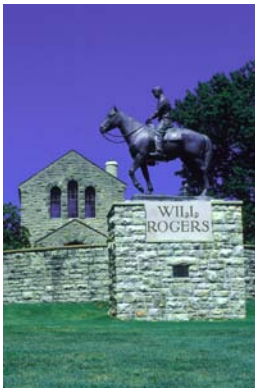




Famous Faces in GRAND CENTRAL USA!

Day 1 – Claremore OK



This afternoon visit the **Birthplace of Will Rogers**, famed Cherokee humorist and film star. This two story home overlooks Oologah Lake and includes a 400-acre living history ranch. Then sit back and watch a classic movie starring Will Rogers at **The Will Rogers Memorial** in Claremore which also displays the art and artifacts of Rogers's life. The memorial is also the resting place of Will Rogers where chiseled on his tomb is his famous quotation: "I never met a man I didn't like." Enjoy dinner at the restaurant of your choice before checking into the hotel for an overnight in Claremore, OK.

Day 2 – Claremore OK - Ponca City OK

After breakfast we depart Claremore heading west to Ponca City where we can enjoy lunch before visiting the **Standing Bear Museum**. We are sure to enjoy the storytelling as we learn about Ponca Chief Standing Bear with a visit to the museum and stroll the park to view a magnificent 22-foot bronze of Chief Standing Bear. The **Marland Mansion**, home of EW Marland, has long been known as the "Palace on the Prairie." We will tour this 55 room mansion built in the 1920's and hear about the rise and fall of Marland Oil Company and uncover the story of Lydie, Marland's adopted daughter who became his second wife. Then this evening historical re enactors join us to tell more of EW Marland and other distinguished Poncan's as we enjoy dinner at Marland Mansion. Overnight in Ponca City, OK.



Day 3 – Ponca City OK – Pawnee OK – Ponca City OK

We depart this morning and travel to Pawnee, OK. We are sure to think we have arrived back in the Wild West times as we arrive at the **Pawnee Bill Ranch** to be meet by Pawnee Bill re enactor and his horse. Tour the **Pawnee Bill Museum** and fully furnished



1910 mansion that was home to Gordon W. Lillie, known as “Pawnee Bill” and promoter of the Pawnee Bill’s Wild West Show all over the world in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. After lunch we learn of another famous person from Pawnee, Chester Gould, who created the Dick Tracy comic strip as we visit the **Pawnee Historical Museum & Dick Tracy Headquarters**. We will want to stop for a group photo under

the Dick Tracy Mural downtown Pawnee before we drive to Pawnee Lake to see the historic 1939 WPA sandstone rock bath house before returning to Ponca City for our overnight.

Day 4 – Ponca City OK – Atchison, KS

We depart the hotel this morning and head northeast to Atchison, KS and hometown of Amelia Earhart. We learn more of this famous aviatrix and other woman pilots as we tour the **Amelia Earhart Museum** housed in the home where she was born in 1897. Visit the **Lewis & Clark Riverfront Pavilion** and see where Lewis and Clark traveled thru on their expedition. Enjoy dinner in Atchison before checking into the hotel for an overnight in Atchison, KS.



Day 5 – Atchison KS - Independence MO

We depart this morning and travel to Independence, MO where we are meet by a local guide, that you may think is Truman himself. He will give us some insight into the life of Harry Truman as we drive by the **Truman Home** where Truman and Bess enjoyed a



simple life in Independence before and after his presidency and see the restored office and courtroom at **Independence Square Courthouse** where Truman was county judge. After lunch visit the **Truman Presidential Museum & Library** where we begin with an Academy Award winning film on Truman before visiting the exhibits that focus on Truman’s Presidential Years. See Truman’s office in Independence, a replica of the Oval Office during his years in the White

House, and the final resting place of Truman and his beloved wife Bess. After checking into our hotel for the night with time to freshen up we will enjoy dinner at one of Independence’s many restaurants. Overnight in Independence, MO.

Day 6 – Independence MO – Marceline MO – Hannibal MO

After breakfast we depart the hotel and head to “Home of Walt Disney” Marceline, MO. A local guide will show us the town where Disney lived during his childhood and was the model for Disneyland’s Main Street USA. Visit **Walt Disney Hometown Museum**, watch a film about Walt Disney’s time in Marceline,



visit **Walt's Dreaming Tree**, and **Walt Disney's Barn** as we tour Marceline. After lunch we head east to Hannibal hometown of Samuel Clemens better known as Mark Twain. After checking into our hotel with time to freshen up we board the **Mark Twain Riverboat** for a dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. Overnight Hannibal MO

Day 7 – Hannibal MO – St Clarie MO

After breakfast at the hotel we are on our way to meet Tom & Becky. Get the cameras out for a photo op with these Ambassadors of Hannibal that portray the famous Tom and Becky from Mark Twain's "*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*". Then we will tour an area of Hannibal that was the inspiration of many writings of Samuel Clemens; see the **Boyhood Home of Mark Twain**, the **Huck Finn House**, **Grant's Drug Store**, and **Becky Thatcher's House**. A walk down Main Street brings us to the **Museum Gallery**



full of Twain artifacts and 15 original Norman Rockwell paintings used for special editions of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer: and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Hannibal was also home to another famous face, The Unsinkable Molly Brown. Learn about her fate after the Titanic disaster as we visit the **Molly Brown Birthplace and Museum**. We depart Hannibal and head to Defiance, MO for a visit to the **Daniel Boone Home and**

Boonesfield Village. We will travel back in time as we tour the house and village and listen to first person re enactors living out the days of when Boone occupied the home. Our overnight this evening will be in St Claire, MO.

Day 8 – St Clair MO – Branson MO

Our first stop this morning takes us down under with a guided tour of **Meramac Caverns**. Our guide will tell us about this seven-story natural wonder and how it is reputed to be a Jesse James hideout. Enjoy lunch at the Caverns restaurant before heading to **Branson** and enjoying an evening show of your choice. Overnight Branson, MO.



Day 9 – Branson MO – Eureka Springs AR



After breakfast at the hotel we depart Branson and head south to Eureka Springs AR. Here we will take a trip into history and culture of the ancient Middle East as costumed guides take us on a **Holy Land Tour** with scenes from Abraham to the time of Christ. At stops along the way we will meet Biblical characters who present a living history of the scriptures. This afternoon is at our leisure to shop and explore historic downtown

Eureka Springs. Then this evening we return to **The Great Passion Play** for a

spectacular outdoor drama that brings us the life of Christ with a cast of over a hundred.
Overnight Eureka Springs, AR.

Day 10 – Eureka Springs AR – Fayetteville AR – Ft Smith AR – Little Rock AR

After breakfast we depart Eureka Springs for Fayetteville, AR. Here we meet the Tebberts at **Headquarters House**. Built by Judge Jonas Tebberts in 1853 this home was one of Fayetteville's finest at the time of the Civil War and at various times served as headquarters for both the Union and Confederate armies. Enjoy lunch at one of Fayetteville's restaurants before we continue south to Fort Smith. Visit Riverfront Hotel built just before the turn of the century that soon became know as **Miss Laura's**. We may even meet Miss Laura herself the madam of this former brothel house and enjoy some sarsaparillo and peanuts. Our overnight this evening is in Little Rock, Arkansas's State Capital.



Day 11 – Little Rock AR



This morning we visit the **Historic Arkansas Museum** where costumed living history re enactors show us how life was on the Arkansas frontier as we visit the state's oldest neighborhood where medicine came from the herb garden and newspaper was printed on a hand-operated press. We return home with lots of memories and photos of Famous Faces during our time in Grand Central USA!



Famous Faces in GRAND CENTRAL USA!

Day 1 – Claremore OK

Afternoon – Will Rogers Memorial & Birthplace – Claremore OK

Overnight Claremore OK

Day 2 – Claremore OK - Ponca City OK

Bkft at hotel

8:30 am – Depart Claremore

11:00 am - – Arrive Ponca City – lunch on own

1:00 am – Standing Bear Museum – (photo op with Standing Bear Statue) – Ponca City
OK

3:00 am – Tour Marland Mansion – Ponca City OK

5:00 pm – Dinner at Marland Mansion with Reenactors (photo op)

Overnight Ponca City

Day 3 – Ponca City OK - Pawnee OK – Ponca City OK

Continental Breakfast included at hotel

9:00 am – Depart Ponca City

10:00 am – Arrive Pawnee Bill Ranch – greeted by Pawnee Bill Character (photo op) –
tour ranch and museum – Pawnee OK

Noon – Depart

12:30 pm – Lunch in Pawnee OK

2:00 pm – Pawnee Historical Museum – See Dick Tracy Memborialia (photo op at Dick
Tracy Mural) – Pawnee OK

3:00 pm – Tour Pawnee Bath House – WPA project – Pawnee OK

4:00 pm Depart Pawnee and return to Ponca City for the evening.

Day 4 – Ponca City OK – Atchison KS

Continental Breakfast included at hotel

8:00 am – depart Ponca City

Lunch on own

2:00 pm – Arrive Amelia Earhart Museum – Atchison KS

4:30 pm Lewis & Clark Riverfront Pavilion – Atchison KS

6:30 pm – Dinner

7:45 pm - Check into hotel – Overnight Atchison KS

Day 5 – Atchison KS - Independence MO

Continental Breakfast included at hotel

8:00 am – depart hotel

10:30 am – Arrive Independence – Step on Guide (Harry Truman) will give group a guided tour of Independence

Lunch on your own

2:00 pm - Truman Presidential Museum & Library – Independence MO

4:00 pm – Check into hotel

5:30 pm – Dinner included with Truman joining group for dinner (Photo op with Truman)

Day 6 – Independence MO – Marceline MO – Hannibal MO

Continental Breakfast at hotel

8:30 am – Depart

9:30 am – “Home of Walt Disney” – Marceline MO

City tour with guide – Museum – Barn – (Photo op with Mickey Statue)

1:30 pm – Depart

3:30 pm – Arrive Hannibal MO – Check into hotel

Evening - Dinner Cruise on the Mark Twain Riverboat Ride on the Mississippi River – Hannibal MO

Day 7 – Hannibal MO – Defiance MO - St Clarie MO

Continental Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am – Depart hotel

9:00 am – Tom & Becky will meet & greet the group at the Mark Twain Home (photo op) Mark Twain Home, Museum, Becky Thatcher House – Hannibal MO

10:30 am – Depart

11:00 am – Molly Brown Birthplace & Museum – Hannibal MO

Noon – Lunch at theater

1:00 pm – Depart

3:00 pm – Daniel Boone Home & Village (photo op with Daniel Boone) – Defiance MO

5:00 pm – Depart

6:00 pm - Arrive St Clarie MO for Overnight

Day 8 – St Clair – Branson MO

Continental Breakfast at hotel

9:00 am - Meramac Caverns with costumed guide – photo op with guide - St Claire MO

11:00 am – Lunch on own at Caverns

11:45 am – Depart

2:45 pm – Arrive Branson MO – check into hotel

Dinner on your own

Show of your choice – arrive for group photo op with one of the performers

Overnight Branson MO

Day 9 – Branson MO – Eureka Springs AR

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am – Depart Branson

10:00 am – Arrive Eureka Springs – Holy Land Tour

Aftn – free time downtown Eureka Springs

Evening – Passion Play – Eureka Springs AR

Overnight Eureka Springs AR

Day 10 – Eureka Springs AR – Fayetteville AR – Ft Smith AR – Little Rock AR

Breakfast at hotel

8:00 am – Depart Eureka Springs

9:30 am – Headquarters House – Fayetteville AR

Lunch on own

1:00 pm - Depart

2:00 pm – Arrive Ft Smith – Lunch on own

1:30 pm – Miss Laura’s (photo op with Miss Laura) – Ft Smith AR

2:30 pm – Depart

5:00 pm – Arrive Little Rock - Check into hotel

Day 11 – Little Rock AR

Breakfast at hotel

8:30 am – Depart hotel

9:00 am – Historic Arkansas Museum – Little Rock AR