



Hats, Boots & Spurs of GRAND CENTRAL USA!

Day 1 – Dodge City KS

This afternoon arrive at Dodge City, Kansas and begin with a **Trolley Tour** that takes us on a narrated tour of Dodge City's historic sites. Then, step back in time as we walk down the boardwalk of Front Street at **Boot Hill Museum**. Located on the original site of



Boot Hill Cemetery in downtown Dodge City, this museum interprets life in the 19th century through exhibits and a reconstruction of Dodge City in 1876. During the summer you can take a **stagecoach ride** thru downtown then go to the **Long Branch** for a **Chuckwagon dinner and gunfight re-enactment**. Overnight in one of Dodge City's hotel properties.

Day 2 – Dodge City KS – Wichita KS – Oklahoma City OK

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing Dodge City for Wichita. Here we visit a living history museum where costumed interpreters tell us of life during the mid 1800's as we walk thru a frontier town at Wichita's **Old Cowtown Museum**. After lunch we depart Kansas and travel to Oklahoma City to tour the **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**. Take a guided or self guided tour thru the museum and see works by master artists such as Charles Russell, Frederic Remington and Albert Bierstadt. The museum complex also contains Prosperity Junction a turn-of-the-century Western town, a gallery dedicated to the western performers, a gallery honoring the American Cowboy, and a gallery focusing on Rodeos. Enjoy dinner at Cattleman's Steakhouse located in the middle of Oklahoma City's Stockyard area before settling into one of Oklahoma City's hotels for the night.



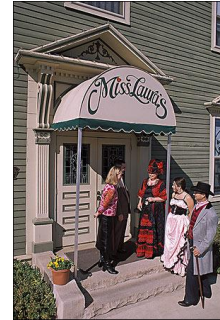
Day 3 – Oklahoma City OK– Fort Smith AR

After breakfast we depart Oklahoma City heading east on I-40 to Fort Smith. This afternoon arrive at **Ft. Smith Historical Site** to see the restored courtroom of the famed "Hangin' Judge Parker," it is here that he presided for 21 years as U.S. District Judge. See the frontier jail named "Hell on the Border," and see the original Commissary

building which was a major military supply in the 1850's. Next, stop is the **Fort Smith Museum of History** where we find more on the Hanging Judge Park in the museum's exhibit "In The Shadow of the Gallows" Check into one of Ft Smith's hotels with time to freshen up before dinner at a local restaurant with **Miss Laura's Players**. This talented group dressed in glorious costumes will bring us an original musical comedy skit spoofing life in early Ft Smith during the time of Judge Parker and Miss Laura.

Day 4 – Ft Smith AR - Branson MO

No trip to Ft Smith would be complete without a stop at **Miss Laura's**, built just before the turn of the century as the city's unique Riverfront Hotel, it soon became know as "Miss Laura's," a brothel house. Restored to its historic beauty this may be the only brothel on the National Register of Historic Places. We depart Ft Smith and head north to Rogers, AR for lunch. What young cowboy did not dream of owning a Daisy Air Gun? As we tour the **Daisy Air Gun Museum** you can see the development of the Daisy Air Gun from its beginning in 1880 to the present. You may want to share a story of your first Daisy. We continue north to Branson, Missouri where we check into our hotel before enjoying dinner and one of Branson's many Country & Western themed music shows.



Day 5 – Branson MO – Olathe KS

Enjoy breakfast at your Branson hotel before taking in one of the many morning shows that Branson theaters have to offer. We depart Branson after lunch and head north to Olathe for our overnight. Enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice before settling in for the evening.

Day 6 – Olathe KS – St Joseph MO

After breakfast at the hotel we will visit the **Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop**, this is the last remaining stagecoach stop on the Santa Fe Trail that is open to the public. The Mahaffie Family Home/Stagecoach Stop, Ice House, and Wood Peg Barn are three of the original buildings that have been preserved. Special arrangements can be made for a stagecoach ride or to help feed the farm animals. We continue north to St Joseph, MO. St Joseph is well known for two things, the beginning of the Pony Express and the town where Jesse James was killed. We begin with a guided tour of the **Pony Express National Museum** before visiting the **Patee House**, a luxury hotel, which served as the Pony Express Headquarters from 1860 to 1861. Visit the **James House** which contains a number of items owned by Jesse and his family. It was in this house that Jesse James was gunned down by Bob Ford. After the killing, the investigation was conducted at the Patee House where Jesse James wife, two children and Jesse James mother stayed for two nights after the killing. Enjoy dinner at one of St Joseph's many restaurants before checking into the hotel of your choice for the evening.





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Day 1 – Dodge City KS

Aftn – Arrive Dodge City

1:00 pm – Trolley Tour

2:00 pm – Boot Hill Museum – Dodge City KS

Evening – Long Branch – Chuckwagon dinner and gunfight re-enactment

Overnight Dodge City KS

Day 2 – Dodge City KS – Wichita KS – Oklahoma City OK

7:30 am – Depart Dodge City

10:30 am – Old Cowtown – Wichita KS

12:30 pm – Depart

3:30 pm – Natl Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

6:00 pm – Dinner at Cattlemans – Stockyard OKC

Overnight Oklahoma City OK

Day 3 – Oklahoma City OK – Fort Smith AR

8:30 am – Depart

11:30 am – Arrive in Fort Smith – Lunch on own

1:00 pm – Fort Smith Natl Historical Site

2:30 pm – Depart

3:00 pm – Fort Smith Museum of History

4:00 pm – Depart and check into one of Fort Smith's hotels

Evening – Dinner and Miss Lauras Players

Day 4 – Fort Smith AR - Branson MO

9:00 am – Miss Laura's

10:00 am – Depart Fort Smith

11:30 am – lunch on own Rogers AR

1:00 pm - Daisy Air Gun Museum – Rogers AR

2:00 pm – Depart

4:00 pm – Arrive Branson – check into hotel

Evening – Dixie Stampede

Day 5 – Branson MO – Olathe KS

Morning – Select from one of Branson’s Morning Shows

1:00 pm – Depart Branson

Dinner – Olathe area

6:00 pm – Arrive Olathe KS for Overnight

Day 6 – Olathe KS – St Joseph MO

10:00 am – Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop – Olathe KS

11:30 am – Depart

Noon – Lunch

1:00 pm – Depart

2:00 pm – Arrive St Joseph MO – Pony Express Museum

3:15 pm – Patee House Museum – St Joseph MO

4:30 pm – Jessie James House - St Joseph MO

5:30 pm – Check into hotel

Day 7 – St Joseph MO – Home

Breakfast at hotel

Begin travel home