



GRAND CENTRAL USA! Movie, Theater & Music

Day 1 – St Louis MO



We arrive in St. Louis this afternoon and begin with a tour of **Fox Theater**, one of St. Louis' crown jewels. Opened in 1929 the Fox was one of the first theaters in the country equipped for movies with sound. The theater was adorned with a magnificent chandelier, art from around the world, and a giant Wurlitzer organ. Next, we will take a stroll down the **St. Louis Walk of Fame** which honors well-known people from St. Louis. The walk consists of over 100 brass stars and bronze plaques each containing the inductee's name and his or her accomplishments. Those honored include Ulysses S. Grant, Scott Joplin, Chuck Berry, Charles A. Lindbergh, and Betty Gable plus many more. Check into one of the many hotel properties St. Louis has to offer and get ready for an evening of fun at the **Bissell Mansion Restaurant and Dinner Theatre**. Located in one of St. Louis' oldest homes we will enjoy a four-course-dinner and participate in solving the mystery.

Day 2 – St Louis MO – Hannibal MO

We depart St. Louis this morning and travel north to Hannibal where The Adventures of Tom Sawyer began. Visit the **Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum** to see where the stories started and discover how growing up in the small town of Hannibal inspired the imagination of Samuel Clemens. After lunch, board the **Mark Twain Riverboat** and enjoy a sightseeing cruise on the Mississippi River that Tom loved so much. Then visit the **Home of Molly Brown** and learn how this legendary lady came to be known as the "Unsinkable Molly Brown". This evening we visit the **Star Theater** for dinner while enjoying a Classic Movie on the big screen. We overnight in Hannibal, MO this evening.



Day 3 – Hannibal MO – St Joseph MO – Kearney MO – Kansas City MO

We depart Hannibal today and travel to St. Joseph and Kearney to see historical sites of a famous outlaw, Jessie James, who has been the inspiration of many films. We begin in St. Joseph at the **Jessie James Home** where he was shot and killed by Bob Ford, to collect a \$10,000 reward. James was living under an assumed name with his wife and two children when he was shot from behind in his own house at the age of 34 after living for 16 years free of crime. Jessie James was

buried at the **James Farm** in Kearney, KS just a few feet from the house he grew up in. Later he was re-interred next to his wife in Mt Olivet Cemetery. Take a guided tour of the house and see family photos and other artifacts at the visitor's center along with a short film about the James brothers and their gang. Mid afternoon we arrive at the **Kansas City American Jazz Museum** where different galleries showcase the technology of jazz, development of jazz, album art, and exhibits of art and photography inspired by jazz and African-American cultural history. We have time to check into our hotel in the Kansas City area and freshen up before an evening at the **New Theater Restaurant** for a gourmet dinner and a spectacular Broadway production.



Day 4 – Kansas City MO – Wamego KS – Abilene KS

Today we head to the “Land of Oz” as we visit the **Oz Museum** in Wamego, KS. This is one of the largest privately owned collections of Oz memorabilia in the world. After lunch we'll tour the **Columbia Theater, Museum & Art Center** which has been beautifully restored and today hosts special exhibits and performances. The theater is also home to six giant oil paintings which hung in the US Government building during the 1893 World's Fair. This afternoon we arrive in Abilene, and check into our hotel before departing for dinner. Then enjoy an evening of entertainment at the **Great Plains Theatre** which presents a variety of musicals, comedy, and drama productions through the year.



Day 5 – Abilene KS – Wilson KS – Hutchinson KS – Wichita KS



We depart Abilene this morning to make our way to Wilson, KS and the **Midland Hotel** where “Paper Moon” was filmed in 1972. The Midland has been welcoming travelers for over 100 years. Tour the hotel and then enjoy lunch in the hotel's restaurant. This afternoon we arrive in Hutchinson for an unusual tour as we travel 650 feet below ground and board a tram to tour the **Kansas Underground Salt Museum**. With constant temperatures and a very low humidity the salt mines are a perfect place to store film

and the underground storage vaults contain many classics like “Gone With The Wind”, “Ben Hur”, “Star Wars”, just to name a few. Along with film the movie studios also have many costumes in storage here and we will get a chance to view some of these as we visit the museum before departing the underground. We arrive in Wichita to check into our hotel to freshen up before an evening at **Crown Uptown**, a professional dinner theater housed in a beautiful 1928 theater.

Day 6 – Wichita KS – Medicine Lodge KS – Wakita OK – Enid OK

This morning we visit **Medicine Lodge**, nestled in the Gypsum Hills this is the hometown of Martina McBride, country western singer. While in town visit the Carry Nation Museum and the Stockade Museum where photographs and artifacts present the history of Medicine Lodge. Next, we cross into Oklahoma and visit the town of



Wakita and the **Twister Museum** to hear the local's stories from when the movie Twister was filmed in the town and how the town was transformed into the aftermath of a tornado. Dinner is served this evening in Enid at **Simpson's Mercantile**. Not only does the mercantile hold a variety of historical items it also contains many movie sets used in the Westerns the Simpson's have produced in recent years. Then check into one of Enid's hotels for the evening.

Day 7 – Enid OK – Oklahoma City OK

We depart the hotel this morning and head to Oklahoma City for a visit to the **Oklahoma History Center**. Here we find Smithsonian quality exhibits on Oklahoma's history and heritage including special exhibits on some of Oklahoma's television legends and broadcasting stations. Lunch time finds us in Bricktown at **Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill**. Toby Keith a native Oklahoman created a restaurant that combines great food with live evening entertainment. The restaurant is filled with Keith



memorabilia including signed guitars, platinum records and much more. Next, we will visit the **American Banjo Museum** with a \$3.5 million collection of jazz age banjos each a piece of art in itself with inlays, carvings, and engravings. Then enjoy a special banjo performance that will have the group singing along to tunes from the golden ages. Then it's off to the **Oklahoma City Museum of Art** and its comprehensive collection of Chihuly glass. The museum is also dedicated to the film industry with their efforts to foster appreciation of the moving image arts with special screenings of independent, foreign language and classic films in the facility's Noble Theater. Check into one of Oklahoma City's many hotels before dinner and an evening of entertainment at the **Oklahoma Rodeo Opry** or travel to Guthrie and enjoy a performance at **The Pollard Theater**.

Day 8 – Oklahoma City OK – Muskogee OK – Tulsa OK

Today we travel to Muskogee, OK and visit the **Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame** which honors Oklahoma musicians and performers. Each year the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame hosts an Induction Ceremony honoring Oklahoman musicians. Enjoy lunch in Muskogee before heading to Tulsa and the **Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame** which preserves and promotes jazz, blues, and gospel music. The Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame hosts several concerts during the year and honors Oklahoma Jazz artists in an induction ceremony annually. Tulsa is also hometown to the members of the Gap Band which was originally named the Greenwood, Archer, and Pine Band named to honor the tragic memories of the 1920's Tulsa Race Riot in Tulsa's Greenwood district. Learn about the rich history of **Tulsa's Greenwood District** as we tour this area once dubbed America's "Black Wall Street" as it became a prosperous black commerce area in the early 1900's. Next, tour **Cain's Ballroom** where from the roaring twenties to today it continues to make music history with top of the line performers. After dinner check into one of Tulsa's hotels for the evening.





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Day 1 – St Louis

2:00 pm – Tour Fox Theater – St Louis
3:30 pm – St Louis Walk of Fame
4:30 pm – Check into hotel
Evening – Bissell Mansion Restaurant and Dinner Theater

Day 2 – St Louis MO – Hannibal MO

8:00 am – Depart
11:00 am – Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum – Hannibal MO
1:30 pm – Mark Twain Riverboat – Hannibal MO
3:00 pm – Molly Brown Birthplace – Hannibal MO
4:30 pm – Check into hotel – Hannibal MO
6:30 pm – Star Theater – Hannibal MO

Day 3 – Hannibal – St Joseph MO – Kearney MO – Kansas City MO

8:00 am – Depart
11:00 am – Jessie James Home - St Joseph MO
12:30 pm – Lunch
2:00 pm – Jessie James Farm – Kearney MO
3:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Kansas City American Jazz Museum, Kansas City MO
5:00 pm – Check into hotel
6:00 pm – New Theater Restaurant, Overland Park KS

Day 4 – Kansas City MO – Wamego KS – Abilene KS

8:30 am – Depart
10:30 am – Oz Museum – Wamego KS
12:00 am – Lunch
1:15 pm – The Columbia Theater – Wamego KS
3:00 pm – Depart Wamego
4:00 pm – Arrive Abilene KS – Check into hotel
6:00 pm – Dinner
Evening – Great Plains Theatre – Abilene KS

Day 5 – Abilene KS – Wilson KS – Hutchinson KS – Wichita KS

8:00 am – Depart
10:30 am – Tour Midland Hotel – Wilson KS
11:30 am – Lunch at Midland Hotel (check restaurant hours)
1:00 pm – Depart
3:00 pm – Kansas Underground Salt Museum – Hutchinson KS
5:00 pm – Depart
6:00 pm – Crown Uptown – Wichita KS
9:00 pm – Arrive at hotel – Wichita KS

Day 6 – Wichita KS – Medicine Lodge KS – Wakita OK – Enid OK

8:00 am – Depart
10:00 am – Medicine Lodge – Birthplace of Martina McBride – Tour Medicine Lodge
11:00 am – Depart
1:00 pm – Box Lunch in Wakita and tour Twister Museum
2:30 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Check into hotel – Enid OK
5:00 pm – Dinner and tour Simpsons Mercantile – Enid OK

Day 7 – Enid OK – Oklahoma City OK

8:00 am – Depart
10:00 am – OK History Center – Oklahoma City OK
11:00 pm – Depart
11:30 pm – Lunch at Toby Keith’s I Love This Bar & Grill - Oklahoma City OK
12:45 pm – Depart
1:00 pm – American Banjo Museum – Oklahoma City OK
2:30 pm – Depart
3:00 pm – OKC Museum of Art – Oklahoma City OK
4:30 pm – Check into hotel - Oklahoma City OK
5:30 pm – Dinner
7:30 pm – Rodeo Opry, OKC or Pollard Theater, Guthrie

Day 8 – Oklahoma City OK – Muskogee OK – Tulsa OK

8:00 am – Depart OKC
11:00 am – Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame – Muskogee OK
12:30 pm – Lunch
1:30 pm – Depart
2:00 pm – Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame – Tulsa OK
3:00 pm – Tour Greenwood District – Tulsa OK
4:00 pm – Cains Ballroom – Tulsa OK
5:30 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Check into hotel – Tulsa OK