



## The Presidential Trail of GRAND CENTRAL USA!

### Day 1 – Hope AR – Hot Springs AR



We begin this afternoon in Hope Arkansas, where William Jefferson Clinton, the 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the US was born. Tour the **Clinton Birthplace and Museum**, it is here that Clinton's biological grandparents lived for 18 years and Clinton lived during his early childhood days. See a collection of Clinton memorabilia and photographs from his early days in Hope as we stop at the **Hope Visitor Center**. We depart Hope and travel to Hot Springs

AR where Clinton moved to in 1953 with his mother. Hot Springs offers many options for dinner and lodging this evening.

### Day 2 – Hot Springs AR – Little Rock AR

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing on a guided **city tour** that takes us by the homes Clinton and his family lived in, the church he attended, and his favorite hangouts. Spend time exploring Hot Springs' historic **Bathhouse Row** and tour the **Fordyce Bathhouse Museum** which also serves as the National Park's Visitor's Center. We depart Hot Springs this afternoon and travel to Little Rock where Clinton served as Arkansas' Governor.



We will tour the **Old State House Museum** where Clinton announced his candidacy, and celebrated his election victories. See the gowns of the First Ladies of Arkansas, including Hillary and Chelsea Clinton's inaugural gowns from several gubernatorial balls. Overnight in Little Rock, AR.

### Day 3 – Little Rock AR

After breakfast at the hotel we will continue our Clinton experience with a **guided city tour** that takes us to the **Arkansas State Capitol** where Clinton served as Arkansas' Governor for 12 years. Next stop will be the **Governors' Mansion** which was home to the Clinton family during these years. Enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants located in the **River Market district** located on the banks of the



Arkansas River. We continue retracing the steps of Clinton as we visit the **Clinton Presidential Library and Museum**. The newest and largest within the Presidential Library System, the Clinton Center includes millions of paper documents, over 1.85 million photographs, and artifacts from the Clinton Presidency. The museum also includes replicas of the Oval Office and Cabinet Room along with a timeline that highlights domestic and foreign policy and life in the White House. Be sure to visit the Museum Store before dining at one of Little Rock restaurants this evening or enjoy dinner and a performance at Murry's Dinner Playhouse.

#### **Day 4 – Little Rock AR – Fayetteville AR – Independence MO**

Breakfast at the hotel before we depart Little Rock traveling thru Arkansas's scenic Boston Mountains to arrive in Fayetteville, AR. Close to the University of Arkansas campus where Bill & Hillary Clinton taught law is the **Clinton House Museum**, Bill & Hillary Clinton's first home. See memorabilia from Clinton's early political career in this home that was also where the couple was married in 1975. Enjoy lunch in Fayetteville before continuing north to Independence, MO home of Harry S Truman the 33<sup>rd</sup> President of the US. Independence has many options for dinner and lodging this evening.



#### **Day 5 – Independence MO – Lawrence, KS**

After breakfast at the hotel we depart with a local guide to begin our journey into the eventful and triumphant life of Harry S. Truman. We will visit the **Truman Home** to get a glimpse at the simple life that Truman and Bess enjoyed in Independence before and after his presidency. See the restored office and courtroom at **Independence Square Courthouse** where Truman was county judge, and the Soda Fountain which was the first place Truman held a job. After lunch we will 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. We must now say goodbye to Independence and head across the border to Kansas where we find many choices for dinner as we spend the night in Lawrence, KS.



#### **Day 6 – Independence MO – Abilene KS**

Enjoy breakfast before arriving at the **Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics**. Located on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence this facility features state of the art exhibits that honor World War II veterans, a World Trade Center Memorial, and the largest stained glass American flag that provides a breathtaking backdrop to two ten-foot steel columns retrieved from the World Trade Center in New York and placed here as a memorial to the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>. We now head west to Abilene, KS the home of our 34<sup>th</sup> President, Dwight D Eisenhower. Visit the **Eisenhower Presidential Museum and Library** which depicts the military and civilian



careers of Eisenhower. Visit the **Place of Mediation**, the final resting place of Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower and their young son Doud, located on the site of the family home which was occupied by the Eisenhowers from 1898 until the death of Mrs. Eisenhower. Dine this evening at historic **Brookville Hotel** famous for their fried chicken before checking into one of Abilene's hotels for the evening.



## **The Presidential Trail of Grand Central USA!**

### **Day 1 – Hope, AR – Hot Springs AR**

2:00 pm – Clinton Birthplace & Museum –Hope AR  
3:00 pm- Depart  
3:15 pm - Hope Visitor Center  
4:00 pm – Depart  
5:30 pm – Arrive Hot Springs AR – Check into hotel

### **Day 2 – Hot Springs AR – Little Rock AR**

Breakfast at hotel  
8:00 am – Depart with guide for Hot Springs City Tour  
10:00 am – Free time to explore Bathhouse Row  
Lunch on own  
2:00 pm – Depart Hot Springs  
3:00 pm - Old State House Museum – Little Rock AR  
4:30 pm – Dinner and overnight in Little Rock AR

### **Day 3 – Little Rock AR – Fayetteville AR – Independence MO**

Breakfast at hotel  
8:00 am – Local guide for city tour  
9:00 am – Arkansas State Capitol  
10:15 am - Arkansas Governors Mansion  
Lunch on own  
1:00 pm - Clinton Presidential Library & Museum – Little Rock AR  
5:00 pm – Depart – Return to hotel  
Dinner & Overnight Little Rock AR

### **Day 4 – Little Rock AR – Fayetteville AR – Independence MO**

Breakfast at hotel  
8:00 am – Depart Little Rock  
11:00 am- Clinton House Museum - Fayetteville AR  
12:30 pm – lunch in Fayetteville  
1:30 pm – Depart  
6:30 pm – Arrive Independence MO – dinner  
7:45 pm - check into hotel – Independence MO

**Day 5 – Independence MO – Lawrence, KS**

Breakfast at hotel

8:30 am – Depart with Step On Guide – Truman Home, Truman Courthouse, Truman Depot

11:30 am – Lunch

1:00 pm – Truman Library & Museum – Independence MO

4:00 pm – Depart

Dinner & Overnight Lawrence KS

**Day 6 – Independence MO – Abilene KS**

Breakfast at hotel

8:45 am – Depart hotel

9:00 am – Dole Institute of Politics – Lawrence

10:00 am - Depart

Noon - Arrive Abilene – Lunch on own

2:30 pm – Eisenhower Library

4:00 pm – Depart

Check into hotel

6:00 pm - Dinner Brookville Hotel

Overnight Abilene KS