



Route 66 in Grand Central USA!

Day 1 – Erick OK – Elk City OK – Clinton OK – Weatherford OK

We begin this journey thru Grand Central USA! in Erick, OK at the **Roger Miller Museum** featuring memorabilia that celebrates the life and accomplishments of this unique songwriter and entertainer. Lunch is on our own at Rafter T before we depart Erick and head to Elk City to visit the **National Route 66 & Transportation Museum**. Located on Route 66 this museum pays tribute to all eight states that the “Mother Road” passes thru. Then in Clinton, OK the **Oklahoma Route 66 Museum** will take us on a journey thru six decades of Route 66 history with an audio tour that was written and narrated by Michael Wallis, author of *Route 66: The Mother Road*. As we travel to Weatherford for our overnight and dinner this evening we will be traveling a portion of the original Route 66 road.



Day 2 – Weatherford OK – Yukon OK – Oklahoma City OK

Join a local guide this morning for a **driving tour of Wind Turbines** in the area and learn more about how wind is providing millions of homes and businesses with electricity. Weatherford is the birthplace and childhood home of astronaut General Thomas P. Stafford and at the **Stafford Air & Space Center** we will tour an amazing collection of aircraft and artifacts from space missions. This center houses one of the most comprehensive collections of rocket engine collections in the world. After lunch we'll visit the **Heartland of America Museum** in Weatherford to see a local historic Route 66 diner where Elvis Presley ate. It is now time to depart Weatherford and continue east on Yukon to the **Express Clydesdales Ranch**. We will stop by the Express Barn which was originally built in 1936 and restored by a group of Amish barn specialists to see the incredible Clydesdales of Express Ranch. We arrive in Oklahoma City with time to check into our hotel and freshen up before we enjoy an evening meal at one of Oklahoma City's many restaurants.



Day 3 – Oklahoma City OK – Arcadia OK – Chandler OK – Davenport OK – Stroud OK – Tulsa OK

We depart Oklahoma City this morning and head to Arcadia where we find one of Route 66's newest icons, **POPS**. Our first glimpse of this ultramodern gas station, café, convenience store is the 66 foot soda bottle with straw that stands out front of the store. Inside select from over 400 different kinds of soda to purchase then sit on the back patio to view the 66 red bud trees. Across the street is one of Route 66's oldest landmarks **The**



Old Round Barn of Arcadia. Built in 1898 and restored by volunteers the barn is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Continuing east we arrive at the **Chandler 66 Interpretive Center** which is housed in a historic rock armory building. The center offers a unique interpretation to the sites and sounds of Route 66 with different video screens. Stop at **Gar Woolies** in Davenport,

OK for lunch before arriving in Stroud, OK to visit **Stable Ridge Winery** housed in an old Catholic Church on Route 66. Our overnight will be Tulsa, OK which offers many venues to choose from for an evening meal.

Day 4 – Tulsa OK – Catoosa OK – Claremore OK - Foyil OK – Vinita OK

We continue our journey on Route 66 today to visit a unique Rt 66 landmark in Catoosa, **The Blue Whale.** This former water park remains open for photographing and picnicking and is one of a kind on the Mother Road. Then visit the **Arkansas River Historical Society Museum** to learn the history of the Port of Catoosa, the river, steamboat lore, and cargo that is shipped on the waterway. In Claremore,



OK we will visit the **JM Davis Arms & Historical Museum** the largest privately owned gun collection in the world. For years the guns of JM Davis were displayed in the lobby, ballroom, and café of the Mason Hotel in Claremore on Route 66. Davis which owned and operated the hotel was known internationally as a gun expert. After lunch we arrive at the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum** which pays tribute to the life of Will Rogers, humorist and entertainer. The grounds contain the tomb of Rogers while the twelve galleries feature art and artifacts of Rogers' life as an author, trick roper, radio commentator, philanthropist, newspaper columnist, and Ziegfeld Follies Star. In Foyil, OK we visit **Ed Galloway's Totem Pole Park** to see the totem poles that Galloway spend his retirement years building as a monument to the American Indian. The centerpiece is a giant Totem Pole building which is supported by a concrete turtle. We arrive in Vinita, OK to make a stop at the **Vinnie Ream Cultural Center** and tour the downtown district with its many Victorian structures and **Hotel Vinita** another Route 66 landmark. Enjoy dinner this evening at Cowboy Junction with its western town atmosphere before checking into a hotel in Vinita, OK for the evening.

Day 5 – Vinita OK – Miami OK – Baxter Springs KS – Galena KS – Joplin MO – Springfield MO

We depart this morning for the **Coleman Theater** in Miami, OK to tour this elegant theater from the 1920s and see the original pipe organ “The Mighty Wurlitzer” which has been completely restored and refurbished to its original splendor. As we travel Route 66 the short distance it crosses the southeast corner of Kansas we will visit the **Baxter**



Springs Heritage Center & Museum housed in a historic Phillips 66 Service Station that was built in 1929 and then we’ll grab a bite to eat at **Café on the Route** which was featured on Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives. After lunch we’ll make a quick stop in Galena at **4 Women on the Route** to meet Tow Tater, the inspiration for Tow Mater in the movie “Cars.” We cross the Missouri border to satisfy our sweet tooth with a stop at the **Candy House Chocolate Factory**.

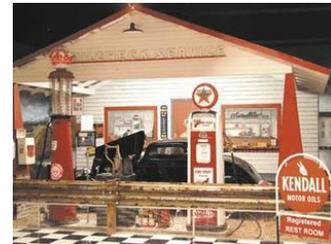
Watch the process of candy making and enjoy some free samples before making purchases of your favorites. The **Spiva Center for the Arts** is the place to see and learn about art and boasts about PhotoSpiva being the oldest continuous photographic competition in the states. In Springfield, MO enjoy time shopping at **Bass Pro** and enjoy dinner upstairs in **Hemingway’s Blue Water Café** before settling in at one of Springfield’s hotels for the evening.

Day 6 – Springfield MO – Lebanon MO – Rolla MO

This morning we arrive at **Fantastic Caverns** where a jeep drawn tram will take us on a journey thru the cave where temperatures linger at 60 degrees all year. As we ride thru the cave we will see thousands of cave formations that include stalactites and stalagmites, cave pearls, and massive columns. Sports fans the next stop is for you. Thousands of sports memorabilia and hands-on exhibits await us at the **Missouri Sports Hall of Fame**.

After lunch we depart Springfield, MO and continue east to Lebanon, MO where we find the **Route 66 Museum and Research Center** inside the Lebanon-Laclede Co. Library.

The museum features recreations of a 1950s gas station, a diner, and includes a collection of Route 66 books and a rotating display of antique cars. We honor our veterans and active military as we visit the **Mahaffey Museum Complex at Fort Leonard Wood** a support center for three Army divisions: Engineer, Chemical, and Military Police. Our overnight this evening will be in Rolla, MO.



Day 7 – Rolla MO – St James MO – St Clair MO

We begin our touring in Rolla this morning at **Memoryville USA**. Owner George Carney was able to realize his dream of restoring classic autos in this facility which houses one of the largest complete restoration shops in the US as well as an antique auto museum. Dedicated to keeping the automotive history running Memoryville USA has restored many vehicles of famous Americans including Paul Harvey’s 1938 Nash. Before



departing Rolla we will make a stop at the University of Missouri's half scale replica of **Stonehenge** which was created using water-jet technology. We continue on Route 66 to St James, MO for lunch before some wine tasting at **St. James Winery** where the tasting bar offers free samples of 25 varieties of wine and juice. Then a **driving tour of Cuba, MO** will feature 12 murals that depict scenes of Cuba and the nation's history. Every mural has its own story to tell. Our overnight this evening will be in St Clair, MO.

Day 8 – St Clair MO – Eureka MO – St Louis MO

Today we visit another long standing landmark and attraction of Route 66, **Meramec Caverns**. A guided tour of the cavern which was once used by Jesse James as a hideout offers a view of the natural formations of this seven-story wonder. Enjoy lunch at the Meramec Cavern café before continuing on to St. Louis. We arrive in St. Louis to enjoy an afternoon treat that Route 66 travelers have been enjoying since 1929 when **Ted Drewes Frozen Custard** opened. Try the famous “concretes” which is the name given to the shakes that are so thick you can turn them upside down and they won't fall out of the cups. At **Grant's Farm** we encounter many exotic animals as we ride a tram thru the 281 acre ancestral home of the Busch family. The farm operated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. is home to more than 1,000 animals from six continents. St. Louis has many options for our overnight and dinner this evening.



Day 9 – St Louis MO



This morning we visit the famous **Gateway Arch** where we will take a trip to the top of the arch for a magnificent view of St. Louis. While at the Arch visit the **Odyssey Theatre** for a larger than life glimpse of Lewis and Clark's Great Journey West and visit the **Museum of Westward Expansion** which preserves rare artifacts from the days of Lewis and Clark along with exhibits of early day pioneers who helped shape the history of the American West. See one of the largest mosaic collections in the world as we tour the **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis**. Free time at **Union Station** offers a variety of choices for lunch and shopping before we spend the afternoon at **Forest Park**.

Located in the heart of St. Louis this is one of the largest urban parks in the US and in 1904 the St. Louis World's Fair drew more than 20 million visitors from around the world to Forest park. The **St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, and St. Louis Science Center** are all located at Forest Park.



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11:30 am – Roger Miller Museum – Erick OK

12:45 pm – Lunch at Rafter T – Erick OK

1:45 am – Depart

2:30 pm – National Route 66 & Transportation Museum – Elk City OK

3:30 pm – Depart

4:00 pm – OK Route 66 Museum – Clinton OK

5:00 pm – Depart

6:00 pm – Arrive Weatherford OK – Check into hotel

Dinner in Weatherford

Day 2 – Weatherford OK – Yukon OK – Oklahoma City OK

8:00 am – Depart hotel with local guide for Wind Turbine Tour

10:00 am – Stafford Air & Space Museum – Weatherford OK

12:30 pm – lunch in Weatherford

1:45 pm – Heartland of America Museum – Weatherford OK

2:45 pm – Depart

3:15 pm – Express Ranch – Yukon OK

4:15pm – Depart

5:00 pm – Check into hotel – Oklahoma City OK

Day 3 – Oklahoma City OK – Arcadia OK – Chandler OK – Davenport OK – Stroud OK – Tulsa OK

8:30 am – Depart hotel

9:00 am – Pops – Arcadia OK

10:00 am – Round Barn – Arcadia OK

11:00 am – Depart

11:45 am – Chandler 66 Interpretive Center – Chandler, OK

12:30 pm – Depart

12:45 pm – Lunch – Gar Woolies – Davenport OK

2:00 pm – Depart

2:15 pm – Stable Ridge Winery – Stroud OK

4:15 pm – Depart
5:15 pm – Check into hotel – Tulsa OK
Dinner in Tulsa

Day 4 – Tulsa OK – Catoosa OK – Claremore OK - Foyil OK – Vinita OK

8:00 am- Depart hotel
8:30 am – Blue Whale – Catoosa OK
9:15 am – Port of Catoosa – Catoosa OK
10:15 am – Depart
10:30 am – JM Davis Arms & Historical Museum – Claremore OK
11:30 am – Lunch
12:45 am – Will Rogers Memorial Museum – Claremore OK
2:30 pm – Depart
3:00 pm – Totem Poles – Foyil OK
3:30 pm – Depart
4:00 pm – Vinnie Ream Cultural Center – Vinita OK
5:00 pm – Depart
5:30 pm – Dinner at Cowboy Junction – Vinita OK
7:00 pm – Check into hotel – Vinita OK

**Day 5 – Vinita OK – Miami OK – Baxter Springs KS – Galena KS – Joplin MO –
Springfield MO**

8:30 am – Depart
9:00 am- Coleman Theater – Miami OK
10:30 am – Depart
11:00 am – Baxter Springs Heritage Center & Museum – Baxter Springs KS
11:45 pm – Lunch in Baxter Springs – Café on the Route
1:00 pm – Depart
1:15 pm – 4 Women on the Route – Galena KS
1:45 pm – Depart
2:15 pm – Candy House Chocolate Factory– Joplin MO
3:15 pm – Spiva Center for the Arts – Joplin MO
4:15 pm – Depart
5:15 pm – Dinner and shopping at Bass Pro – Springfield MO
7:00 pm – Check into hotel – Springfield MO

Day 6 – Springfield MO – Lebanon MO – Rolla MO

9:00 am – Fantastic Caverns – Springfield MO
10:30 am – Depart
11:00 am – Missouri Sports Hall of Fame – Springfield MO
Noon – Lunch
1:00 pm – Depart Springfield
2:00 pm – Route 66 Museum & Research Center – Lebanon, MO
3:00 pm – Depart

4:00 pm – Museums of Fort Leonard Wood
5:00 pm – Depart
5:30 pm – Check into hotel – Rolla MO

Day 7 – Rolla MO – St James MO – St Clair MO

9:00 am – Memoryville USA – Rolla MO
10:00 am – Depart
10:30 am – UMR Stonehedge – Rolla MO
11:00 am – Depart Rolla
11:30 am – Lunch St James Area
1:00 pm – St James Winery – St James MO
2:00 pm – Depart
2:15 pm – Mural Tour – Cuba MO
3:15 pm – Depart
5:15 pm – Check into hotel – St Clair MO

Day 8 – St Clair MO – Eureka MO – St Louis MO

8:30 am – Depart hotel
9:00 am – Meramec Caverns – St Clair MO
Lunch at Meramec Caverns
12:30 pm – Depart
2:30 pm – Ted Drewes Frozen Custard – St Louis MO
3:00 pm – Depart
3:30 pm – Grant's Farm – St Louis MO
5:00 pm – Depart
5:30 pm – Check into hotel – St Louis MO

Day 9 – St Louis MO

9:00 am – Gateway Arch
10:30 am – Cathedral St Basilica of St Louis
Noon – Lunch & Shopping Union Station
2:30 pm – Forrest Park – Choose from Zoo, Museum of History, Art Museum