

## Two Day Mystery Tour

### Day One

Lunch: Upon arrival in Joplin, experience the new Cornell Arts and Entertainment Center in Downtown Joplin. Cater lunch at Spiva Center for the Arts on the center's second floor, where you can dine in the main gallery amongst nationally recognized artists' works. Then explore the Center's galleries and gift shop. Visitors will enjoy a staff presentation about the current exhibits as they dine.

Afternoon: History, science, and nature meet at George Washington Carver National Monument, just 16 miles southeast of Joplin. Discover the birthplace and childhood home of the famed scientist, educator, and humanitarian in the 240-acre national park where Carver was born and raised. Participants will enjoy a science experience making peanut butter in the reproduction of Carver's lab.

### Evening

Enjoy a beautiful sunset in the countryside of Southwest Missouri by sipping on locally made wine at Keltoi Winery. Bring in a local musician to provide background music or a local historian while everyone enjoys a locally catered meal.

### Day Two

Morning: Kick off your morning with a step-on guide who will take you through Joplin and share stories about what made Joplin the 4<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in the state of Missouri. Stops may include Grand Falls, Joplin's historic City Hall, the Route 66 Mural Park, the Bonnie and Clyde apartment, Candy House Gourmet, the tornado memorials at Cunningham Park, or Historic Murphysburg.

Lunch: Head over to Red Oak II for lunch and a stroll through yesteryear along the gravel path to view the re-creation of an early 20th-century country village featuring a general store, country church, one-room schoolhouse, town hall, a 1920's cottage-style Phillips 66 gasoline station, Belle Starr's home, and much more.

Afternoon: Journey up the road to Carthage, MO, to visit the Jasper County Courthouse (30 minutes) and the Battle of Carthage Civil War Museum. Grab a map and stroll the Carthage historic homes tour (participants will walk 3-5 blocks) or take the driving tour. Finish the afternoon with a formal tea at the Historic Phelps House.