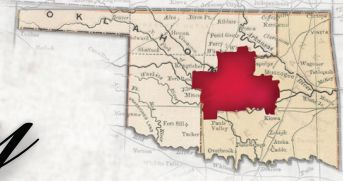


EXPLORING OKLAHOMA'S

Frontier Country



» DAY 1: Stillwater, Guthrie

MORNING – There is no other smile known around the world as well as the smile of **Eskimo Joe**. Joe's brilliant smile has been a signature of **Eskimo Joe's** in Stillwater since 1975. Begin today with a tour of **Eskimo Joe's Clothes World Headquarters** to see the printing process of Joe's clothing (allow 1 hour). Then, visit the clothing store and enjoy lunch at **Eskimo Joe's** which is sure to put a 'smile' on your face (allow 1.5 hours).



AFTERNOON – After lunch, make a stop at the **Oklahoma State University Botanical Garden** which is the studio garden for the filming of the Oklahoma Gardening show. The garden has several themed areas that include vegetables, cut flowers, border gardens, design gardens, and more (allow 1 hour). Leave **Stillwater** and travel to **Guthrie**, the first capital of Oklahoma Territory, to learn history and tales of the town as we enjoy a narrated ride on the **First Capital Trolley** (allow 1 hour). Then, spend some free time exploring historic downtown Guthrie's museums, antique, specialty shops, and galleries (allow 2 hours).

EVENING – Check into one of Guthrie's hotels before dinner and a performance at the **Pollard Theater**.



» DAY 2: Harn Homestead, El Reno

MORNING – Tour the **Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Temple**, one of the largest Masonic centers in the world. Each room of the center makes its own statement with architectural design elements from Egyptian, French, Gothic Italian, and Pompeian cultures to ancient Roman mastery (allow 1 hour). Next, head to **Oklahoma City** for a tour of **Harn Homestead**, situated on 10 acres of original Land Run property. After a tour of the house, which presents life as it was in the early 1900s, visit the one-room school and barn where our lunch is included (allow 2 hours).

AFTERNOON – Visit the **Express Clydesdales Ranch** in **Yukon** to get up close to some of the most beautiful black Clydesdales in the world. Walk through the barn, which was originally built in 1936 and restored in 1997 by a team of Indiana Amish barn specialists, to see these gentle giants who love visitors and have participated in the Rose Parade, Calgary Stampede and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (allow 45 minutes). Next, visit **El Reno** and the **Historic Fort Reno**. Historic Fort Reno, built in 1874, protected the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and later was used as a POW camp for German prisoners during WWII. Then tour the **Post Cemetery and Chapel**. Black Jack, the riderless ceremonial horse which was in the funeral processions of Presidents Hoover, Kennedy, Johnson, and General MacArthur was raised and trained at **Fort Reno** (allow 1.5 hours). Then sit back and relax on a rail trolley as the **Heritage Express Trolley** takes us on a tour of **El Reno** (allow 45 minutes).



EVENING – Enjoy dinner at one of El Reno's restaurants before settling into the hotel for the night.



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» DAY 3: Blanchard, Norman

MORNING – Travel to **Blanchard** to tour **Matador Processors** or often referred to as the “**Pepper Plant**.” This privately owned facility produces chile rellenos, stuffed jalapeños, cheese bites, breaded mushrooms, and more, which are shipped across the country. After a tour of the plant, enjoy sampling some of their products (allow 1.5 hours). In **Norman** on the campus of the **University of Oklahoma** is the **Fred Jones, Jr. Museum of Art**. See works by Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, Georgia O’Keefe, Allan Houser and others (allow 1 hour).

AFTERNOON – After lunch, go back millions of years with the exhibits at the **Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History**. Tour exhibits that present the diverse ecosystems of Oklahoma dating back millions of years with dinosaurs, fossils and exhibits that depict prehistoric times (allow 1 hour). Next, tour the **NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory** to get an overview of the operations and see the School of Meteorology, the observation deck, **NOAA’s Storm Prediction Center**, the **National Weather Service Forecast Office**, and the **National Severe Storms Laboratory** (allow 1.5 hours. Note: a passenger list must be submitted in advance).

EVENING – Enjoy some free time for gaming and dinner on your own at **Riverwind Casino** where dining options include the Willows Buffet, Autograph Sports Bar, and a food court. Riverwind Casino has over 2,300 electronic games as well as poker and blackjack. Overnight at the **Riverwind Hotel** or one of Norman’s many hotels (allow 2-3 hours).



» DAY 4: Shawnee, Route 66

MORNING – Depart **Norman** and head east on Highway 9 to **Country Cottage Primitives** in **Shawnee**, where it is all about lavender. Nestled in a country setting we will enjoy lavender lemonade and refreshments as we visit the lavender field and cottage shop that features home decor items, candles and floral arrangements (allow 1.5 hours). On the campus of **St. Gregory College** in Shawnee, tour the **Mabee Gerrer Museum of Art**, noted for its Egyptian mummies and artifacts (allow 1 hour).

AFTERNOON – After lunch, head north to the **Chandler Route 66 Interpretive Center** which presents the “Mother Road” to us with interpretive videos. Inside find a number of areas with video screens, each with its own story. Sit in the chairs that represent the drive-in theaters of **Route 66**, or lay on the platforms that represent the beds of the many motels along Route 66, to relax and watch clips of Route 66 history. (allow 1 hour).

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» Consider extending your tour by combining this tour with the Oklahoma City itinerary.

