

EXPLORING OKLAHOMA'S

Green Country



» DAY 1: Miami, Grand Lake

MORNING – Begin the day in the charming town of **Miami**, located in the northeast corner of Oklahoma, with a tour of the **Coleman Theatre**. Built in 1929, the building is adorned with hand carved figures while the interior boasts gold leaf trim, stained glass, and a 2,000-pound chandelier. But the most loved feature may be the original Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ (allow 1 hour).

AFTERNOON – Arrive in **Grove**, located on the shores of **Grand Lake**, for lunch before we take a self guided tour of **Har-Ber Village**. Here we find a reconstructed turn-of-the-century village with 116 buildings that contain a variety of antiques and collections of all types (allow 2 hours). Next stop is **Lendonwood Gardens** with bonsai, Japanese maples, dogwoods, rhododendrons, and more. Enjoy tea and learn of the Japanese

tea ceremony as we visit the Japanese pavilion that overlooks the Koi pond.

The garden is also home to **The Angel of Hope** statue for all parents who have grieved the loss of a child (allow 1 hour).

EVENING – This evening we arrive in **Bartlesville** for our overnight and dinner at one of Bartlesville's restaurants.



» DAY 2: Bartlesville, Claremore

MORNING – Learn about Oklahoma's oil industry and the life of oil baron Frank Phillips. A visit to the **Frank Phillips Historic Home**, built in 1908, gives us a glimpse of the Phillips' lifestyle as we tour the 26-room mansion and hear stories about the family and others that were close to the Phillips (allow 1 hour). At the **Phillips Petroleum Company Museum**, interactive exhibits tell us of the company's exploration and production that has spanned more than a century (allow 1 hour).

AFTERNOON – Visit **Woolaroc Ranch, Museum and Wildlife Preserve**, which was once the hunting lodge and vacation home of Frank and Jane Phillips. The lodge retreat remains much as it was in the past. The name Woolaroc comes from the natural settings of the Osage Hills including the woods, lakes, and rocks that Phillips enjoyed so much. **The Woolaroc Museum** was started as a hangar for the Woolaroc airplane and today contains not only the airplane but also a world-class collection of Native American and western art, and one of the world's finest collections of Colt firearms (allow 2 hours). At **Keepsake Candles**, find a variety of candles that are molded from antique glassware. Enjoy a tour of the facility and shopping time at the **Country Store Gift Shop** (allow 45 minutes).

EVENING – Depart **Bartlesville** and head south to **Claremore** for dinner and our overnight.



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» DAY 3: Claremore, Jenks

MORNING – After a leisurely morning, spend some time shopping in downtown **Claremore**. Make sure you look for the Surrey with the Fringe on Top at the **Lynn Riggs Memorial**. Lynn Riggs wrote *Green Grow the Lilacs*, on which the Rodgers & Hammerstein play, *Oklahoma!* was based.

AFTERNOON – After lunch, travel to **Jenks** and the **Oklahoma Aquarium** to find over 200 exhibits and more than one million gallons of water full of ocean creatures. Walk through the shark tank tunnel and visit the coral reef exhibit where you can touch not only coral but stingrays as well (allow 1.5 hours).



EVENING – Return to Claremore late afternoon for a visit to the **JM Davis Arms & Historical Museum** to see the largest privately-owned gun collection in the world. The museum contains not only firearms, but also antique music boxes, musical instruments, steins from around the world and more (allow 1 hour). After dinner, settle into the hotel for the evening.



» DAY 4: Tahlequah, Sallisaw

MORNING – Arrive at the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum** which pays tribute to the life of Will Rogers, internationally-renowned humorist and entertainer. Twelve galleries feature art and artifacts of Rogers' life as author, trick roper, radio commentator, philanthropist, newspaper columnist, and *Ziegfeld Follies* star (allow 2 hours).

AFTERNOON – Visit the **Route 66 Nut House**, a rustic log cabin made from real pecan logs. Enjoy samples as we shop for pecans, nuts, homemade fudge, jams, and jellies (allow 30 minutes). Then head to **Tahlequah**, capital of the Cherokee Nation. Our first stop is the **Cherokee Heritage Center** to learn of the many accomplishments of the Cherokee Nation. Tour the re-created ancient village showcases life in a typical Cherokee village prior to European contact. Reenactors display and explain Cherokee traditions, lifestyles, crafts and games (allow 1.5 hours). Next, visit the newly restored **Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum**. This museum lets us in on how the sovereign nation has handled justice and achieved balance within the tribe (allow 45 minutes). The last stop for the evening is in **Sallisaw** at **Sequoyah's Cabin**. See Sequoyah's log cabin that dates back to 1829 and learn how Sequoyah developed a syllabary that enabled the Cherokees to become literate in a short period of time (allow 45 minutes).

» DAY 5: Durant, Fort Towson

MORNING – Enjoy breakfast at the casino along with some additional free time to relax or play. Depart mid-morning and head east.

AFTERNOON – Visit **Fort Towson**, established in 1824 to protect the Choctaws. It was the ending point for the Choctaw's Trail of Tears in 1832-1834 (allow 45 minutes). Near **Millerton** is the **Wheelock Academy** that served for more than a century as a female seminary for Native American girls and was operated by the Choctaw Nation (allow 45 minutes).

