

THREE DAYS IN

Oklahoma City



» DAY 1: OKC Memorial, Bricktown

MORNING – Begin the morning with a driving tour of **Oklahoma City** that gives an overview of the downtown area and the revitalization that has occurred over the past few years (allow 2 hours).



AFTERNOON – Arrive at the **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum** which honors the 168 lives lost, and those lives that were changed forever, by the bombing of the **Murrah Federal Building** on April 19, 1995. Visit the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial with the Field of Empty Chairs, the Gates of Time, Reflecting Pool, and Survivor Tree before a self-guided tour of the indoor museum. The museum takes us through the days, months, and years that followed the bombing (allow 2 hours). Next, visit the **Blue Sage Studio** where a demonstration of glass blowing shows us the process that transforms molten glass to a piece of art (allow 1.5 hours).



EVENING – Check into one of Oklahoma City's many hotels before enjoying dinner in the **Bricktown Entertainment District**. This historic warehouse district was built in the early 1900s when bricks were an abundant source of building material. The warehouses sat empty for years until a revitalization of the area developed this into a major entertainment district known today as **Bricktown**.



» DAY 2: Stockyards, OKCMoA

MORNING – Tour **Historic Stockyards City**, a western district which is the largest stocker/feeder cattle market in the world. Walk the catwalk above the cattle pens where the livestock are held for auctions on Mondays and Tuesdays (allow 1.5 hours). Next, head downtown to the **Red Earth Museum** to learn about Oklahoma's Native American heritage. View artifacts along with traditional and contemporary Indian artwork (allow 1 hour). The **Red Earth Festival** is held in Oklahoma City each June and brings together tribes from across the continent for dance competitions as they showcase their tribal dress and regalia.



AFTERNOON – Arrive at the **American Banjo Museum** with over 300 banjos and interpretive exhibits that showcase the journey from the banjo's beginnings, to its heyday in the 20s, to its present day in bluegrass and folk music. Lunch and entertainment is included in the museum's replica of a Shakey's Pizza Parlor, where many banjo players began their careers. Then, sit back and relax on a water taxi ride along the mile-long **Bricktown Canal** where the boat's pilot will entertain the group and explain the past and future of **Bricktown** (allow 1 hour). Round out the afternoon at the **Oklahoma City Museum of Art** which houses one of the most comprehensive collections of Chihuly glass in the world, including a 55-foot-tall hand blown glass tower at the entrance of the museum (allow 1.5 hours).

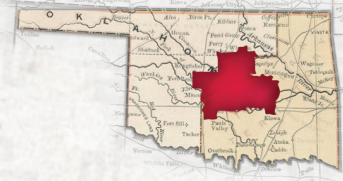


EVENING – Enjoy dinner at Remi's Buffet located at **Remington Park Racetrack and Casino**. After dinner enjoy some gaming in the casino or simulcast horse racing from around the world.



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» DAY 3: Cowboys & Western Heritage

MORNING – Visit the **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum** to see works by master artists such as Charles Russell, Frederic Remington and Albert Bierstadt. The museum complex also contains Prosperity Junction, a turn-of-the-century western town reproduction, a gallery dedicated to famous western performers, a gallery honoring the American cowboy,



and a gallery focusing on rodeos. Lunch is included at the museum's cafe, **Dining on Persimmon Hill**, before departing the museum (allow 2.5 hours).

AFTERNOON – Walk into the **Oklahoma History Center**, where the large atrium gives a wonderful view of Oklahoma's state Capitol building. Enjoy a storyteller that brings to life a significant character from Oklahoma's history. On a self-guided tour of the museum, find Smithsonian-quality exhibits on American Indians, Route 66, the Dust Bowl, oil and gas exploration, aviation, and much more in five different galleries (allow 2 hours).

