

Belle Starr Lodge at Robbers Cave – Three-Day Itinerary

For a city stay consider McAlester as your hub

Day 1

Your first stop will be in Krebs, Oklahoma; head to **Pete's Place** for an authentic Italian lunch. Italians settled in the area in the late 1800's. Krebs and the surrounding area still have a large population of Italian Americans. After lunch stay for the **Choc Brewery** tour (Saturday only). Choc has become one of Oklahoma's most popular microbrews. Now take a short drive to downtown **McAlester**. Walk through the **Old Town Historic District** downtown and visit the antique shops, bakeries and more. On Choctaw Avenue, be sure to visit **Whispering Meadows Winery**. Sample the wine and take a tour of the winery. After, take a short drive to **McAlester State Penitentiary**. You will take a tour of the largest penitentiary in Oklahoma, "Big Mac". Before heading back to the lodge, enjoy dinner at **Catfish Cove**. Even if you don't love catfish, this eatery has comfort food that will satisfy any appetite.

Day 2

Depart for the **Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site** in Checotah, Oklahoma. Cherokee and Creek regiments fought on both sides and the first black regiment in the Union army fought this battle. The Honey Springs battle was a major victory for the Union in the effort to gain control of Indian Territory. At the location there are six

walking trails that include 55 interpretive signs. Next, you will travel to Poteau and have lunch at the local favorite, **Warehouse Willy's**. Just a short drive from downtown Poteau is **Cavanal Hill**, the world's highest hill, for scenic views and photo ops. Next tour the **Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture**. The Kerr Center is a working ranch and farm, as well as educational center. The Kerr Center has been helping Oklahoma farmers and ranchers since 1965. Make your way back to the lodge to hear stories on a Belle Starr trail ride or hayride followed by a cowboy cookout at the lodge.

Day 3

Depart the lodge for Muskogee, Oklahoma. You will visit the **Five Civilized Tribes Museum**. Here you will see exhibits featuring artifacts representing all of the Five Civilized Tribes. Upstairs, the museum features a different Native American artist every few months. Your last stop will be **Fort Gibson Historic Site & Interpretive Center**. The fort played a significant role as the end of the road for many Native Americans travelling the "Trail of Tears". At the height of the Indian removal of the 1830s, the garrison at Fort Gibson ranked as the largest in the nation. The Fort Gibson Stockade recently reopened to the public following a 3-year, \$1.5 million renovation.

Point to Point Belle Starr Lodge at Robbers Cave

Day 1

11:00am	Pete's Place for Lunch
12:30pm	Choc Brewery Tour at Pete's Place (Saturday only)
2:00pm	Depart
2:30pm	McAlester Old Town Historic District (Whispering Meadows Winery)
3:30pm	Depart
4:00pm	McAlester State Penitentiary
5:30pm	Depart
6:00pm	Dinner at Catfish Cove
7:15pm	Depart
8:00pm	Check in at Belle Starr Lodge at Robbers Cave

Day 2

8:00am	Depart Lodge
9:30am	Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site
11:00pm	Depart
12:30pm	Lunch in Poteau
1:30pm	Depart
2:00pm	Cavanal Hill
2:45pm	Depart
3:00pm	Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture
5:00pm	Depart
6:30pm	Belle Starr Lodge Hayride and Cookout

Day 3

9:00am	Depart lodge
10:30am	Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee
11:30am	Depart
12:00pm	Lunch in Muskogee
1:00pm	Depart
1:30pm	Fort Gibson
2:30pm	Depart