

Lake Murray State Park Resort – Three-Day Itinerary

For a city stay consider Ardmore as your hub

Day 1

Start your trip at **Bedré Fine Chocolate factory**. Bedré is owned and run by the Chickasaw Nation. Tour the facility and sample some of the fine chocolates. Just 15 minutes west is the **Chickasaw Cultural Center** in Sulphur. Take a tour through the exhibit center, where you will learn about the culture and history of this Native American tribe. Interactive stations and reproductions will help tell the story of the Chickasaw people. Now visit the traditional village where history really comes to life. The village features a Council House, two summer homes, two winter homes, a replica mound, stickball court and more. Lunch will be served at the cultural center before departing. Now take a short drive to the **Chickasaw National Recreation Area**. For the nature lover, this park boasts a unique combination of eastern forests and western prairies. Spend some time in the park to enjoy the views and stroll through some of the nature trails. North of the recreation area is the **Artesian Hotel and Casino**. Tour the hotel and visit **The ARTesian Gallery & Studios**. Take time to shop and explore the downtown area before having dinner.

Day 2

Depart the lodge and head west to Duncan, Oklahoma. In Duncan, you will tour the **Chisholm Trail Heritage Center**. Learn about western culture and the history of the Chisholm Trail. From there, head to the **Stephens County Historical Museum** to learn how industry and the oil boom changed this area of Oklahoma. Continue west to Lawton, Oklahoma, to visit the **Museum of the Great Plains**. This newly renovated museum offers hands-on exhibits that explain life on the Great Plains from the Native Americans to the early settlers of the area. You will also experience the “Terrible Tuesday”

tornado that swept through the area on April 10, 1979. After touring the museum lunch can be catered and served in the outdoor village or enjoy lunch at one of Lawton’s favorite eateries. Now travel 30 minutes northwest to **Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge**. This refuge has protected unique wildlife habitats since 1901 and is the oldest managed wildlife facility in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Here you can see several species of large mammals including the plains bison, elk, white-tailed deer, and Texas longhorn cattle. After enjoying the wildlife refuge, stop in **Medicine Park** for dinner and shopping.

Day 3

Start the day with breakfast at the lodge. Drive one hour north to **Pauls Valley**. Here you will tour the historic downtown and visit the **Main Street Mercantile**. The shop sells all things made in Oklahoma and is located in a historic old bank building. Next, take a walk to the **Toy and Action Figure Museum**. In 2005 artist and toy designer Kevin Stark opened the world’s first museum devoted to the art and sculpting of action figures. Since the museum opened it has hosted guests from every state and from over 40 different countries. Continue north on I-35 to Norman, OK. Explore **Campus Corner** on your own and enjoy lunch at one of the many spots near campus. After lunch, take a short drive through the beautiful University of Oklahoma campus to the **Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History**. The museum contains exhibits that feature ancient life, people of Oklahoma, cultures of the world and natural history of Oklahoma.

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10:00pm Bedré Fine Chocolate
11:00pm Depart
11:30pm Chickasaw Cultural Center/Lunch
2:30pm Depart
3:00pm Chickasaw National Recreation Area
4:30pm Depart
5:00pm Artesian Hotel and Casino/ARTesian Gallery and Studios
6:30pm Dinner in Sulphur
7:45pm Depart
8:30pm Check in at Lake Murray Lodge

Day 2

8:00am Depart Lodge
9:30am Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan, OK
10:30am Depart
11:00am Stephens County Historical Museum
12:00pm Depart
12:45pm Lunch/Museum of the Great Plains
3:00pm Depart
3:30pm Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge
5:00pm Depart
5:30pm Medicine Park for Shopping and Dinner
7:30pm Depart
10:00pm Arrive at Lake Murray Lodge

Day 3

7:00am Breakfast at the Lodge
8:00am Depart
9:30am Historic Downtown Pauls Valley and Main Street Mercantile
10:15am Toy and Action Figure Museum
11:15am Depart
12:15pm Campus Corner in Norman, OK for Lunch and Exploring
1:45pm Depart
2:30pm Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
4:00pm Depart