

## EXPLORING OKLAHOMA'S

# Oil Barons



### » DAY 1: Bartlesville

**MORNING** – The oil industry has played an important role in Oklahoma history, dating back to 1882, before the Land Run. When Oklahoma became a state in 1907, it was the largest producer of oil with an annual production of over 40 million barrels. The first commercial well in Oklahoma was struck in 1897 in **Bartlesville**. Our first stop is at the **Frank Phillips Home**, a 26-room mansion that was built by Phillips and his wife, Jane, in 1908. See original furnishings, and learn about the Phillips, their guests, and servants while touring the home (allow 1.5 hours).

**AFTERNOON** – Tour the **Phillips Petroleum Museum** to learn the story of the company's transformation from a small Bartlesville business to a global enterprise. Learn about the Phillips' employees and how the company fostered a feeling of family within the company. Discover breakthrough technology that has made Phillips Petroleum stand out in the petroleum industry (allow 1 hour). Next is **Woolaroc Ranch, Museum & Wildlife Preserve**, the country retreat of Frank Phillips. The name Woolaroc is derived from the woods, lakes, and rocks of the **Osage Hills**. We find the lodge much as it was in years past with wildlife mounts and art of the Phillips. The **Woolaroc Museum**, next to the lodge, was started as a hangar for the Woolaroc airplane and today contains the airplane, Native American and western art, and one of the world's finest collections of Colt firearms (allow 2 hours).

**EVENING** – Enjoy dinner at one of Bartlesville's restaurants before checking into the hotel and settling down for the night.



### » DAY 2: Pawhuska, Ponca City

**MORNING** – After breakfast at the hotel, visit **Johnstone Park** where Nellie Johnstone, the first commercial oil well in Oklahoma, is located. Also on display at the park is an oil patch cannon that was used when oil storage tanks caught on fire. Departing **Bartlesville**, head west to **Pawhuska**, headquarters for the Osage Tribe. Upon arrival in Pawhuska, visit the **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** often referred to as the "Cathedral of the Osage." Completed in 1915, the cathedral contains 22 stunning stained glass windows. One of the most historically significant windows depicts Osage tribal members with Father Schoenmaker (allow 45 minutes). At the **Osage Tribal Museum**, learn more about the Osage Nation and how the oil industry affected the tribe when oil was discovered on the Osage reservation (allow 1 hour).

**AFTERNOON** – Arrive in **Ponca City** to have lunch on our own before touring the **Conoco Museum**. This state of the art museum tells of Conoco's founders E.W. Marland and Isaac Blake, along with the thousands of employees that have given Conoco a successful history that dates back 125 years to the Cherokee Outlet (allow 1 hour).

**EVENING** – Enjoy dinner at one of Ponca City's restaurants before checking into a hotel for the evening.





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### » DAY 3: Palace on the Prairie

**MORNING** – Begin the day at the **Marland Grand Home**, first home of E.W. Marland, oilman, philanthropist, and 10th governor of Oklahoma. Marland came to Oklahoma in 1908 and started drilling for oil, but it was not until June 1911 that he struck oil. The first mansion of Marland was completed in 1916 with a central vacuuming system, automatic dishwasher, and the first indoor swimming pool in the state (allow 1 hour).

**AFTERNOON** – Arrive at the **Marland Mansion**, also known as the “Palace on the Prairie.” During our catered lunch in the mansion, we will be joined by some notable characters, such as E.W. Marland and Lydie recreate Ponca City’s past and tell us their story. Hear about the rise and fall of Marland Oil and how Lydie, Marland’s adopted daughter, came to be his second wife. After lunch, tour the 55-room mansion that was completed in 1928 with 10 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms, three kitchens, Waterford crystal chandeliers, an elevator, and hand carved details (allow 3 hours).

