

## Tulsa Treasures Three-Day Itinerary

Oklahoma's second-largest city, Tulsa, sits along Route 66 in the northeastern part of the state. This tour takes travelers around the city to explore the city's cultural and visual treasures — the stunning green spaces, fascinating museums and fabulous architecture that make Tulsa special.

### Day 1

The tour opens with a trip to the **Tulsa Botanic Gardens**, an area that is a beautiful mixture of manicured gardens and more natural spaces. The garden's floral terraces feature more than three acres of trees, shrubs, roses and perennials in terraced beds, and its hillside location offers scenic views of downtown.

Next up is the **Gilcrease Museum**, home to the world's most comprehensive collection of art and artifacts from the American West. You can see large-scale works by Thomas Moran and bronze sculptures by Frederic Remington, then venture out onto the grounds to explore the museum's themed gardens, which reflect gardening styles and techniques from the American West. You can even stop at The Restaurant at Gilcrease for some tasty, Southwestern-inspired food — or one of the legendary buffalo burgers — while enjoying scenic views of the Osage Hills through the restaurant's floor-to-ceiling windows.

Then you'll move on to the **Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium**, where you'll learn about the city's rich heritage with the aerospace industry. You can see full-size fighter jets, climb into a jet cockpit and sit in an MD-80 airplane as you watch a film projected on its inside walls.

If you've got time for a final stop before dinner, head over to **Marshall Brewing Company & Taproom**. You can tour the craft brewery and then enjoy some of their products in the taproom. If you'd like some food with your local brew, visit **Prairie Brewpub**. There, you can enjoy some classic American food along with beer brewed on-site by Prairie Artisan Ales.

### Day 2

The tour's second day begins with a stop at the **Linnaeus Teaching Gardens**. Part of beautiful **Woodward Park**, these demonstration/teaching gardens are staffed by well-trained volunteers who are happy to pass on their knowledge to others. Next up is the **Tulsa Historical Society & Museum**, which highlights the history of Tulsa and Tulsa County. The constantly changing exhibits touch on topics like the area's architectural, transportation and military history.

Next you'll visit the **Philbrook Museum of Art**, one of the city's cultural jewels. This former private residence is filled with diverse collections of art from all over the world, including African, Asian and Modern American collections. Make sure to spend some time exploring the exquisitely manicured, Italian-inspired gardens. You can also enjoy lunch at La Villa Restaurant, which offers fabulous food and beautiful views of the museum's gardens.

You'll spend the rest of the afternoon in Tulsa's Brady Arts District. This fun, eclectic area holds many treasures. The first stop is **Philbrook Downtown**, the Philbrook Museum of Art's satellite location. The 30,000-square-foot space features works from the museum's modern and contemporary collections along with some of its Native American pieces.

Then you'll head to the **Tulsa Glassblowing School**, where you can watch a 45-minute demonstration or spend a couple hours and let everyone in the group try their hand at glassblowing. And don't leave the area without a stop at **Glacier Confection**. The colorful gourmet chocolates are as beautiful as they are delicious, and the store's heavenly smell is irresistible.

After dinner at one of the area's many great restaurants, you'll return to your hotel for the evening.

### Day 3

The final day of your trip starts with tours of the **Greenwood Historic District** and of downtown Tulsa's art deco architecture. Step-on guides will share with you highlights of the city's history and point out culturally and architecturally important structures.

Located in north Tulsa, the Greenwood Historical District was a thriving community in the early 1900s. Known as Black Wall Street, the district's main thoroughfare was filled with businesses owned by African Americans before being destroyed in the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot. The district came back strong, though, and was soon once again home to a host of businesses. Today, many of those buildings from the 1920s and '30s still stand and can be seen during your tour.

The city of Tulsa boasts one of the nation's largest collections of art deco architecture. Your tour will include a drive through the Deco District and will swing past Boston Avenue United Methodist Church. One of Tulsa's best-known buildings, the church is a stunning limestone structure designed by Adah Robinson and Bruce Goff. Completed in 1929, it is considered one of the country's finest examples of art deco architecture.

After lunch at one of downtown's many restaurants, it's time to head to the **Woody Guthrie Center** to learn more about one of Oklahoma's favorite sons. The center tells the life story of legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie through interactive exhibits that let visitors hear his music and follow his path across the United States.

Next, it's time to visit **Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza** for a look around and a fun photo op with the plaza's eye-catching bronze sculpture. Titled *East Meets West: Symbolic Route 66 Midpoint*, the statue depicts a Model T driver having a run-in with a horse-drawn wagon on Route 66.

Then you'll move on to the final stop of the tour: the **Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art**, a beautiful museum that focuses on the history and culture of Judaism. Gracing the lobby are three stunning stained-glass windows, including one by Tiffany, that were moved to the museum from a former Houston synagogue. There's a fascinating World War II exhibit filled with artifacts from Jewish refugees and from Oklahoma veterans who helped liberate the concentration camps, and the museum also has a diverse collection of Jewish religious objects and fine art pieces.

<b>Day 1</b>	
10:00am – 11:30am	Tulsa Botanic Gardens
12:00pm – 2:30pm	Gilcrease Museum with Lunch option
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Tulsa Air and Space Museum
5:00pm	Optional Local Brewery Tour and Dinner (Prairie Brewpub or Marshall Brewing Company)
<b>Day 2</b>	
9:00am – 10:00pm	Linnaeus Teaching Gardens
10:30am – 11:30am	Tulsa Historic Society Museum
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Philbrook Museum of Art with Lunch option
2:45pm – 4:30pm	Philbrook Downtown, Tulsa Glass Blowing School, Glacier Chocolate Can accommodate groups of 25 Tulsa Glass Blowing can do hands on (2+hours) or just demo (45min) Dinner at local eatery
<b>Day 3</b>	
9:00am – 11:00am	Step on Tour (Greenwood District and Art Deco Tour)
11:30am – 1:00pm	Woody Guthrie Center
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Cyrus Avery Plaza (Photo op)
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art