



Grand Arkansas Mystery

Day 1 – Hope, AR – Hot Springs, AR – Ft Smith, AR

10:00 am – Begin your “Arkansas Mystery” in southwest Arkansas at the **Clinton Birthplace and Museum**.

Just recently declared a National Park the Clinton Birthplace and Museum preserves a collection of Clinton memorabilia and photographs from his early childhood. The home is where Clinton’s biological grandparents lived for 18 years and where Clinton lived during his early childhood days. Your group will enjoy touring the Home, Museum Exhibit Center, and gardens before departing for Hot Springs where Clinton also lived during his childhood.

11:15 am – Depart

1:00 pm – **Lunch on own in Hot Springs**

2:00 pm – **Hot Springs National Park & Bath House Row**

Spend time exploring Hot Springs’ historic **Bathhouse Row** and tour the **Fordyce Bathhouse Museum** (*closed until Fall 2013 for renovation*) which also serves as the National Park’s Visitor’s Center.

4:00 pm – Depart

6:00 pm – **Arrive Fort Smith and check into one of Fort Smith’s hotels**

6:30 pm – **Dinner and Miss Laura’s Players**

Enjoy dinner before an evening of entertainment with Miss Laura’s Players, an original musical comedy titled “The Medicine Show on Hanging Day” which portrays antics of early life in Fort Smith during the time of Judge Parker.

Day 2 – Fort Smith, AR – Fayetteville, AR

Breakfast at hotel

8:30 am – **Immaculate Conception Church**

Tour this historic Catholic Church with its beautiful stained glass that dates back to the 1800’s.

9:45 am – **Miss Laura’s**

Now that you’ve been to church lets head to Miss Laura’s, formerly the town’s bordello. Today, Miss Laura’s which has been restored to its original historic beauty serves as Fort Smith’s Visitor Center. The group will tour the house and enjoy some refreshments before the motorcoach begins it travel north to Fayetteville.

10:45 am – Depart

Noon – **Lunch on your own Fayetteville area**

1:30 pm – **Terra Studios**

Located in the Ozark Mountains, Terra Studios is home to the Bluebird of Happiness. Watch glassworkers create the little bluebirds that have become a symbol of happiness. Then take time to enjoy the garden paths and visit the mural garden.

2:45 pm – Depart

3:15 pm – **Arkansas Air Museum**

The group will enjoy this collection of aircraft which includes some racing planes of the 1920s, a World War I fighter plane, and helicopters from the Vietnam era, all housed in a 1940's hanger that was a training post during War World II.

4:45 pm – **Check into one of Fayetteville's hotels**

Day 3 – Fayetteville, AR – Springdale, AR – Bentonville, AR

Breakfast at hotel

8:30 am – **Bill Clinton House Museum**

Close to the University of Arkansas campus where Bill & Hillary Clinton taught law is the Clinton House Museum, Bill & Hillary Clinton's first home and where they were married in 1975. See memorabilia from Clinton's early political career as you tour the house.

9:45 am – Depart for Springdale

10:15 am – **Shiloh Museum of Ozark History**

This regional museum preserves the history and heritage of the Ozarks, the people, the communities, and rural areas which make up the life of the Ozarks.

11:00 am – Depart

11:15 am – **Lunch at AQ Chicken House**

Enjoy the best southern fried chicken around at AQ Chicken House which has been a staple in the region since 1947.

12:30 pm – Depart

1:00 pm – **Headquarters House**

As the group tours this home from the 1800's they will hear stories of the battle that was fought on the front lawn during the Civil War and how it served as headquarters for both sides. The group will be entertained as they hear Mrs. Tebbett's tale about her strawberry jam.

2:30 pm – Depart

3:00 pm – **RFID Center**

Start the morning with tour of RFID, a research center of the University of Arkansas. The Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) looks into the future of retail and how radio frequency tags can aid in commerce.

4:30 pm – Depart

5:00 pm – **Dinner on your own**

6:00 pm – **Check into one of Bentonville's hotels**

Day 4 – Bentonville, AR

Breakfast at hotel

9:00 am – Native American Museum Artifacts

An audio wand serves as your guide for a self paced tour that will take the group into five different time periods that focus on the lives of Native Americans as they see and hear about their artifacts from the different eras.

10:00 am – Depart

10:30 am – Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

Opened in 2011 the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is located in a serene setting on 100 wooded acres with spring fed ponds. Exhibits of the Crystal Bridge Museum will exhibit works of American art from colonial times to contemporary work. In addition to the art guests can enjoy the gardens and trails that wind among ponds and wetlands.