



Farms & Factories of GRAND CENTRAL USA!

Day 1 – Bonner Springs KS - Kansas City MO



We begin the day in Bonner Springs, KS at **Moon Marble** where owner Bruce Breslow frequently demonstrates his marble making techniques. Moon Marble stocks a multitude of marbles in different colors and designs along with wooden toys and game boards. This afternoon includes a tour of the 358,000-square-foot **Harley-Davidson Vehicle and Powertrain Operations** in Kansas City. The tour begins with an introductory film before we step into the factory floor where our guide takes us thru the plant explaining the process necessary to produce each motorcycle. At the **Hallmark Visitors Center** we learn the Hallmark story, from J.C. Hall's humble beginning in 1910 to the creation of the world's largest greeting card company. Among the exhibits is the collection of 17 unique Christmas trees created and decorated by Hallmark employees. See a demonstration of hot-foil stamping and the process of die-cutting used in the manufacturing of Hallmark cards. Enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice before checking into one of Kansas City's hotels.

Day 2 – Kansas City MO – Osborn MO – Hermann MO

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for Osborn MO and a visit to **Shatto Milk Company**. See the baby calves and milking room at this family-owned dairy farm that still uses returnable glass bottles. Our next stop of the day is at **Miller Pecan Farm** in DeWitt, MO to enjoy shopping for pecan products in the gift shop and view displays on pecan processing and the history of pecan production in Missouri. This afternoon we continue traveling east to Hermann, MO for our overnight.



Day 3 – Hermann MO - St Louis MO

After breakfast at the hotel a city tour of Hermann will focus on the town's rich German heritage before we arrive at **Stone Hill Winery** sitting on a hill overlooking the city. A tour of Stone Hill Winery will take us into the arched cellars and production room where more than 1,250,000 gallons of wine are produced each year. Then enjoy lunch in the **Vintage Restaurant**, a restored



carriage house and horse barn, which specializes in German cuisine. After lunch we depart Hannibal and head to St Louis where we tour the World Headquarters of **Anheuser-Busch**. Visit the historic stable home to the Budweiser Clydesdales and see first hand how the world’s greatest beer is crafted in the Brew House and packaged in the Bevo Packaging Plant. After the tour sample the different brews and relax in the Hospitality Room or browse the gift shop. Select one of St. Louis great restaurants for dinner before returning to the hotel for the evening. Overnight St. Louis.

Day 4 – St Louis MO- Potosi MO

After breakfast depart for **Grants Farm**, the 281 acre ancestral home of the Busch family. A drive thru the farm operated by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. holds many exciting animal encounters as more than 1,000 animals from 100 different species and six continents are represented here. Then it’s off to **SayersBrook Bison Ranch** located in one of the oldest mountain ranges in America and surrounded on three sides by two million acres of Mark Twain Natl. Forest. Board a tram for a tour of the ranch and hear about the bison before arriving at the covered pavilion for lunch. This afternoon see a glassblowing demonstration at **Third Degree Glass**. The gallery has a staff of instructors that conduct classes on this unique art form and houses a offers local glass artists a place to sell their crafts. Visit **Union Station** for free time shopping and dinner on your own before returning to your St. Louis hotel for the evening.



Day 5 – St Louis MO – Gray Summit MO – Marshfield MO - Rogers AR



Pack those bags before enjoying breakfast at the hotel as we depart St Louis this morning and travel west on I-44. First stop of the day is in Gray Summit, MO at the **Purina Farms Visitors Center**. Visit the theater or watch a demonstration on dog obedience and visit the barn containing domestic farm animals and the petting zoo. A little further west on I-40 in Springfield, MO is **Askinosie Chocolate** a small batch bean-to- bar chocolate manufacturer sourcing 100% of their beans directly from the farmers. Now, its time to leave Missouri for Arkansas where we will check into our hotel for the night in Rogers, AR.

Day 6 – Rogers AR – Durham AR – Altus AR – Clarksville AR

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing with a local guide for a city tour of Rogers, AR. Located in downtown Rogers is the **Daisy Airgun Museum** and factory, the museum preserves the history of the Daisy Airgun that dates back to 1880. Learn how a windmill company changed to manufacturing airguns and why. See the vast collections of Daisy Airguns and maybe reminisce



about your first airgun as you browse the museum and store. Stop for lunch at one of Fayetteville's many restaurants before arriving in Durham, AR at **Terra Studios** where the Bluebird of Happiness is manufactured. Watch the skilled glassworkers as they create the famous **Bluebird of Happiness** then stroll the paths through the garden and visit the pottery showroom. In Altus, AR visit **Mt. Bethel Winery** or **Post Familie Winery**, both are family owned and operated business that have a long family history of winemaking that has been handed down thru the generations. Take a tour and sample the family wines in the tasting room. We'll settle in for our overnight in Clarksville, AR this evening.

Day 7 – Clarksville AR – Little Rock AR - Scott AR – Lakeport AR

After breakfast at the hotel we continue east to Perryville, AR and the **Heifer Ranch**. Heifer Ranch is a hands-on learning center that provides education and promotes solutions to global hunger and poverty. See the many animals that Heifer International uses around the world



including water buffalo, camels, llamas and traditional farm animals. The Global Village is a five acre program that represents housing found in areas of the world where Heifer operates. Lunch is included at **Marlsgate Plantation** in Scott, AR. Experience southern living and hospitality as we dine in the home of David Garner Jr. After lunch we will hear stories of David's family and plantation living as he takes us on a tour of his home. At the **Plantation Agriculture Museum** the exhibits

interpret the history of cotton agriculture in Arkansas. While at the museum visit the Dortch Gin Exhibit Building to learn how cotton was ginned. This evening dinner and our overnight will be in Lakeport, AR.

Day 8 – Lakeport AR – Smackover AR - Texarkana AR

We depart the hotel this morning for **Lakeport Plantation**, one of Arkansas's newest attractions opened to the public in 2007. We will get a feel of what it was like living and working on a Southern Delta cotton plantation as the buildings and museum showcases all aspects of the plantation's lifestyle. We depart Lakeport Plantation and travel across southern Arkansas to Smackover, AR and visit the **Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources**. The museum's indoor exhibits and outdoor working equipment in the adjacent Oil Field Park share the fascinating story of the regions natural resources. This evening we arrive in Texarkana, AR to enjoy dinner before settling in for the night.



Day 9 – Texarkana AR – Hugo OK– Ardmore OK



After breakfast at the hotel we depart for Hugo, OK which is winter home to several circuses. We'll visit **The Endangered Ark Foundation**, a non profit foundation formed to protect the endangered Asian elephant. Home to many retired circus

elephants we will hear about the elephants as we visit the barns and grounds of this facility and perhaps get a chance to help in the feeding one of the elephants. No visit to Hugo would be complete without a stop at **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**, also known as “Showman’s Rest”, which features unique headstones for circus performers and owners. Departing Hugo we continue traveling west in southern Oklahoma to Ardmore for our overnight.

Day 10 – Ardmore OK – Pauls Valley OK – Shawnee OK – Stillwater OK

This morning we depart Ardmore and travel north on I-35 to Pauls Valley where we satisfy our sweet tooth at **Bedre Chocolate**. Weekdays we can see the chocolate being manufactured before sampling gourmet chocolate and making our purchases to take with us. Don’t miss trying the chocolate covered potato chips. Next stop is **Country Cottage Primitives Lavender Farm** to hear how two lavender plants have turned into a country business for Debi and her husband Lucky. Enjoy some lavender refreshments as you browse thru the cottage of hand crafted gifts, Shaker furniture, candles and other gift items or walk thru the field of lavender. The harvest of lavender begins in June and continues until the first frost.



This afternoon takes us to Stillwater and home of the famous Eskimo Joes. Eskimo Joes clothes are known around the world and today we get a chance to tour **Joes Factory** to see how Joes clothes are printed. We’ll take time to settle into our hotel in Stillwater before enjoying dinner at **Eskimo Joes**. Be sure to try Joe’s famous cheese fries!

Day 11 – Stillwater OK – Mulvane KS – Wichita KS – Kansas City KS

We cross the border into Kansas for a stop at **Wyldehood Winery** in Mulvane, KS. We’ll stop for complimentary tasting of international award-winning wines. Then browse the shop for gourmet foods and their famous elderberry products. The **Cargill Innovation Center** is one of the world’s most advanced food innovation facilities. The 75,000-square-foot innovation center helps Cargill’s retail and food service customers grow their businesses by meeting the needs of domestic and international consumers who enjoy eating meat products. The center includes a foodservice presentation room, food safety labs, a product analytical lab, a retail presentation area, an ingredients and seasoning room and a shelf life testing area. Enjoy lunch enroute back to Kansas City as we complete our loop in Grand Central USA!





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Day 1 – Bonner Springs KS - Kansas City MO

10:00 am – Moon Marble – Bonner Springs KS
Noon – Lunch on own
1:30 pm – Harley Davidson Factory – Kansas City
4:00 pm – Hallmark Visitors Center – Kansas City
Dinner at restaurant of your choice
Overnight Kansas City area

Day 2 – Kansas City – Osborn MO – DeWitt MO - Hermann MO

Bkft at hotel
8:00 am – Depart hotel
9:00 am – Shatto Milk Company – Osborn MO
10:00 am – Depart
Noon – Lunch on own enroute
1:15 pm – Miller Pecan Farm- DeWitt MO
2:15 pm – Depart
4:45 pm – Check into hotel - Hermann MO

Day 3 – Hermann MO - St Louis MO

Bkft at hotel
8:30 am – City Tour - Hermann MO
10:00 am – Stone Hill Winery – tour & lunch – Hermann MO
12:30 pm - Depart
2:00 pm - Anheuser Busch Tour – St Louis MO
4:00 pm - Check into hotel - St Louis MO

Day 4 – St Louis MO- Potosi MO

Bkft at hotel
8:30 am – Depart hotel
9:00 am – Grants Farm – St Louis MO
10:30 am – Depart
11:30 am – SayersBrook Bison Ranch w/lunch – Potosi MO
1:45 pm – Depart

3:00 pm – Third Degree Glass – St Louis MO
4:00 pm – Return to hotel - Dinner & Overnight St Louis

Day 5 – St Louis MO – Gray Summit MO – Marshfield MO - Rogers AR

Bkft at hotel
8:30 am Depart
9:15 pm - Purina Farms – Gray Summit MO
10:15 am – Depart
1:00 pm - Walnut Hills Farm – Marshfield MO
2:30 pm – Depart
5:00 pm – Arrive Rogers AR for overnight

Day 6 – Rogers AR – Durham AR – Altus AR – Clarksville AR

Bkft at hotel
8:30 am – Depart hotel for Rogers City tour
9:30 am – Daisy Airgun Museum – Rogers AR
10:30 am – Depart
Lunch on own Fayetteville area
1:00 pm- Terra Studios Bluebird of Happiness – Durham AR
2:30 pm – Depart
4:00 pm – Mt Bethel Winery or Post Familie Winery - Altus AR
5:00 pm – Depart
5:30 pm - Arrive Clarksville AR for overnight

Day 7 – Clarksville AR – Perryville AR - Scott AR – Lakeport AR

Bkft at hotel
7:30 am – Depart hotel
9:30 am – Heifer Ranch – Perryville AR
11:00 am – Depart
Noon - Lunch and tour at Marlsgate Plantation – Scott AR
2:30 pm- Plantation Agriculture Museum – Scott AR
3:30 pm - Depart
6:30 pm – Arrive Lakeport AR for overnight

Day 8 – Lakeport AR – Smackover AR - Texarkana AR

9:00 am- - Lakeport Plantation – Lakeport AR
10:30 am – Depart
Lunch enroute
2:30 pm – AR Museum of Natural Resources - Smackover AR
3:30 pm - Depart
6:30 pm – Arrive Texarkana AR for overnight & dinner options

Day 9 – Texarkana – Hugo OK– Ardmore OK

8:00 am – Depart
10:00 am – Endangered Ark Foundation, Mt Olivet Cemetery, lunch – Hugo OK
3:00 pm - Depart

5:30 pm – Arrive Ardmore OK for overnight

Day 10 – Ardmore OK – Pauls Valley OK – Stillwater OK

Bkft at hotel

8:00 am – Depart hotel

9:00 am – Bedre Chocolate – Pauls Valley OK

10:00 am – Depart

11:00 am – Country Cottage Primitives Lavender Farm – Shawnee OK

12:00 pm – Depart – lunch on own Shawnee OK

1:30 pm - Depart

3:00 pm – Joes Factory Tour – Stillwater OK

4:30 pm – Depart and check into hotel – Stillwater OK

6:00 pm - Dinner at Eskimo Joes – Stillwater OK

Day 11 – Stillwater OK – Mulvane KS – Kansas City KS

8:00 am – Depart

10:00 am – Wyldewood Winery – Mulvane KS

11:00 am – Depart

11:30 am – Lunch Wichita area

12:30 pm – Cargill – Wichita KS

2:00 pm – Depart

5:00 pm – Arrive Kansas City for overnight