

Oklahoma City Tour Description

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010

TOUR #1 – LET'S SEE OKC TOUR

DEPARTS the hotel at 9:00 A.M.

Rome wasn't built in a single day but Oklahoma City really was. More than one hundred years after the historic Land Run on April 22, 1889, Oklahoma City has grown from a town of 10,000 people in a single day to a thriving city with a population of more than one million. This tour will trace the story of our city from its spirited beginnings.

You will see the world's largest working stockyards located in the heart of historic Stock Yards City. More cattle go through its gates than any other stockyards in the U.S. See downtown featuring Kerr Park and Bricktown, Oklahoma City's newest entertainment center boasting 23 restaurants, a baseball park, canals, art and much more.

STOPS: The LAND RUN MONUMENT will be the largest in the world when completed with 46 "bigger than life bronzed pieces." The monument depicts The Land Run of 1889 that opened the Unassigned Lands for settlement.

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL MEMORIAL (guided tour of outside) there is the Field of Empty Chairs dedicated to the victims and the survivors of the 1995 Murrah Federal Building bombing. You will also see the Gates of Time and The Survivor Tree. A self guided tour of the OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL MUSEUM will follow.

Tour also includes: A driving tour of the Heritage Hills area will showcase the historic homes of the early cotton, oil and banking barons.

Drive-by State Capitol which boasts a new \$21 million dome crowned with a 22 foot sculpture of a Native American, "The Guardian".

Lunch will be a Dining on Persimmon Hill at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. This is a delicious buffet of home-style cooking with attentive wait staff. Following lunch there will be an overview tour of this treasury of Western Art.

The tour will return to the hotel between 3-4 p.m.

COST: \$65 includes transportation, tour guides, lunch and admissions.

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010

TOUR #2 – HISTORICAL ROUTE 66/ CHARLES MACHINE WORKS FEATURING DITCH WITCH/ROUND BARN AND "POPS"

DEPART the hotel at 9:00 A.M.

Perry, OK was a favorite destination during the era of history known as the "Land Run." It became a city with a solid economy based upon a blend of agriculture and business activity. Much of Perry's success can be attributed to Charles Machine Works and Ditch Witch. Charles Machine Works, Inc., maker of Ditch Witch equipment, the world's largest selling line of trenchers and other mechanized tools used in underground construction. In 1902, Carl Frederick Malzahn, a German immigrant seeking to escape the harsh winters of Minnesota, moved his family to Perry, Oklahoma, and opened a blacksmith shop with his sons, Charlie and Gus. The business prospered, and several years later, with the advent of an oil boom, it became Charlie's Machine Shop, specializing in repairs for the nearby oil fields. We will enjoy a tour of the Ditch Witch Factory and hear about their international plant as well. LUNCH will be a catered affair at the Heritage Center, a museum featuring Ditch Witch's early machinery and history.

We will visit the Kemnitz Service Station, the longest, continuously operating Full Service Gasoline Station still in existence in Oklahoma. They still fill your gas tank, check your tires, clean your windshield and do it all with a smile.

We will then travel another section of Historic Rt. 66 of Arcadia, OK where we will see the Round Barn and finally a stop at POPS which features over 500 varieties of soda pop. POPS is not difficult to find as it is the largest neon lit soda pop bottle on Route 66.

The tour will return to the hotel between 3-4 p.m.

COST: \$55 includes transportation, tour guide, lunch and admissions.