

Western Heritage, 2-full day Hub & Spoke Tour
Claremore, Oklahoma
“Where Oklahoma Legends Began”

2:00 Arrive and welcome reception at the **J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum**
The world’s largest, privately owned gun collection with over 50,000 artifacts including a world class stein collection, statuary collection, World War I posters and much, much more. Welcome reception hosted by Claremore CVB.

- ⇒ See where the collection started (in the lobby of the Mason Hotel)
- ⇒ Witness the working gun smith
- ⇒ Stand and be photographed by the “Tank” (outside) or the Gatlin Gun (inside)
- ⇒ Mr. & Mrs. Davis are both resting inside the museum

3:00 Depart for hotel, check in, freshen up

4:00 Depart for guided tour of the **Will Rogers Memorial**
“Oklahoma’s favorite son” called Claremore home; the Memorial Museum is open 365 days a year from 8-5 and has a wide variety of exhibits all year long. Some exhibits include:

- ⇒ Will Rogers Artifacts
- ⇒ Memorabilia
- ⇒ Saddle Collection
- ⇒ Photographs and manuscripts depicting a career as a Trick Roper, Vaudeville & Ziegfeld Follies performer, movie star, radio commentator, syndicated newspaper columnist & humorist

Take a private tour and pay tribute to Will and his family in the **Roger’s family tomb**. This is not open to the public and is only offered to VIPS, like you and your group.

5:30 Depart for **Dog Iron Ranch, the Birthplace of Will Rogers**

This 500 acre homestead is still a working ranch; you never know when you might be greeted by a sheep, a chicken or a peacock! Tour the house that Will once lived in, was born and raised in (the tour is self guided). Stretch your legs on the beautiful land over looking Lake Oologah.

Have an Oklahoma traditional BBQ Dinner in the barn! You might even get a few roping lessons from Will himself...you never know.

7:00 Time to head back to town, rest and get ready for the next day. We will say good night so the next morning you are refreshed. We have an early start and a full day tomorrow!

Day 2:

8:30 Depart

8:45 Tour of the **Belvidere Mansion and Lynn Riggs Memorial**

The Belvidere was built in 1904 by the Bayless family; Mr. Bayless moved here to start a banking industry because of the railroads expansion into this area of Oklahoma. He decided to build the mansion, of course close to the tracks and to downtown, but before he finished he passed away. The history of the family starts there and ends in some ghostly details.

The **Lynn Riggs Memorial** is a tribute to the play write, Lynn Rollie Riggs. His most noted work is “Green Grows the Lilacs” which later became Rogers & Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!”. The memorial houses some of the articles, posters, photos of the musical along with the most famous and original “Surrey with the Fringe on Top”.

9:30 Depart for **Tulsa**

10:00 Tour the **Philbrook Museum**

Home of Oilman Waite Phillips and his wife, Villa Philbrook, the house was built in 1927 during Tulsa’s oil booming days. Edward Delk, an architect from Kansas City, was hired to design the house because of his experience with Renaissance styles in other works. In 1938 Mr. Phillips announced his gift of the 72 room mansion & 23 acres of grounds as an art center for the city of Tulsa.

11:00 Depart

11:15 Tour and lunch at the **Gilcrease Museum**

Tulsa’s Gilcrease Museum is one of the country’s best facilities for the preservations & study of American Art and history. It houses the world’s largest, most comprehensive collection of art & artifacts of the American West. The museum also offers an unparalleled collection of Native American art & artifacts as well as historical manuscripts, documents and maps.

*lunch on the grounds

1:30 Depart for **Tahlequah**

3:00 Arrive at the **Cherokee Heritage Center**

Restroom breaks upon arrival and stretch your legs; guided tour begins at 3:30

3:30 Guided tour of the **Ancient Village & Museum**

Established in 1963 by Chief Keeler, this 44 acre complex features a 1,500 seat amphitheater, TSA-LA-GI Ancient Village, and the Adams Corner Rural Village & Farm. The Cherokee Nation Museum contains permanent and temporary exhibits as well as Cherokee History records, photographs and document.

5:30 Depart for Claremore

6:45 Arrive at **Route 66 Nut House**
Catered dinner and area entertainment
Plenty of restrooms and motor coach parking

8:00 Depart for hotel; we'll say our good byes and everyone gets a welcome bag!