



Western Heritage Hub & Spoke Tour
Oklahoma's Cowboys, Indians & Oil Barrons
Claremore, Oklahoma

3:00 Arrive and welcome reception at host hotel
Check in, freshen up; welcome reception sponsored by Claremore CVB

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:

8:15 Depart

8:30 Tour 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)

9:45 Depart

10:00 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”.

11:00 Depart

11:15 Lunch at the **Hammett House of Claremore**

12:30 Depart for **Tahlequah**, home of the **Cherokee Nation Headquarters**

1:45 Arrive and tour the Murrell Home

This historic mansion was built in 1845 by wealthy merchant, George Murrell, who married the niece of Cherokee Chief John Ross. It is the only antebellum mansion in Oklahoma and is operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society and is a certified Trail of Tears site.

2:30 Depart

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

6:30 Arrive at the **Cherokee Casino and Resort**; enjoy dinner at the Wild Potato Buffet and have some free time to play.

9:30 (or so) Depart for hotel; we’ll say good night and get ready for the next day.

Day 3: Big day so we start early

8:00 Depart for **Ponca City**

9:30 Arrive at Ponca City's Beautiful **Poncan Theatre**

Northern Oklahoma's Grand Show Place. The theatre has entertained and enthralled audiences for almost a century. It has been restored to its 1927 look but modernized for today's use.

10:30 Depart

10:45 Tour the **Marland Mansion**

A \$5 million dollar mansion built in 1928 for E.W. and Virginia Marland. E.W. was one of Oklahoma's first Oil Barron's and a Governor; his legend carries on today. Known as the Palace on the Prairie, the mansion is 48,000 sq. ft. over 4 floors with leather lined elevators, 12 bathrooms, 3 kitchens 7 fireplaces and an elegant ballroom with 24 karat gold leaf covered ceiling. It is a National Historical Landmark.

12:00 Catered lunch in the Mansion by the world famous **Head Country Barbeque**

1:30 Depart for **Bartlesville**

2:30 Arrive at the **Home of Oil Barron Frank Phillips**

The first "oil money" mansion in Oklahoma was the home of Frank Phillips, founder of Phillips Petroleum, and his wife Jane. The mansion, constructed in 1909, has been preserved by the Oklahoma Historical Society as it existed when occupied by the Phillips family. The mansion displays understated elegance and dignity and provides a rare look into this important phase of Oklahoma's rich history.

3:30 Depart

4:00 Arrive at the **Tom Mix Museum**

Tom was known as the "King of the Cowboys", the original good guy in the white hat. Galloping across the silent screen on his horse, Tony, he rescued damsels, lassoed villains and performed death-defying feats of bravery. The museum displays his costumers, memorabilia, photographs and some of his personal property; in addition some of his silent movies can be seen in the museum's theatre.

5:00 Depart for **Claremore**

6:00 Arrive at **Route 66 Nut House**

Catered dinner and area entertainment

Plenty of restrooms and motor coach parking

8:00 Depart for hotel

Day 4: We say good bye, welcome bags for all & safe journey home or your next adventure!