

TRI-STATE TRAVEL

# Hidden Gems of Arkansas

5 Days June 5-9, 2023

*On this tour to Arkansas you visit Bentonville, the corporate headquarters for Walmart. Bentonville might be a small town, but it boasts a variety of attractions from art, food, and history plus many Hidden Gems. Here you will see the Civil War Era Peel Mansion, explore Native American History, see grain turned into flour at the War Eagle Mill plus the World's Largest Daisy BB Gun.*

## Tour Highlights:

- Walmart Visitor's Center/ Walton's 5 & 10
- Visit the Crystal Bridges Museum
- Peel Mansion Tour with Luncheon
- Mildred B Cooper Memorial Chapel
- The Veterans Wall of Honor
- Museum of Native American History
- Daisy Airgun Museum
- War Eagle Mill
- Four Nights First Class Lodging
- Four Hotel Breakfasts
- Two Dinners
  - Dinner at Fred's Hickory Inn
  - New Theatre Dinner Show "Million Dollar Quartet"
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, and Meals
- Luggage Handling
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

## Per Person Prices:

**\$1,365** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,265 TRIPLE...\$1,215 QUAD...\$1,555 SINGLE

\$250 per person deposit due with reservation

Final Payment due April 15, 2023

**Travel Insurance is available  
and strongly recommended.**

(see page 2 for details)

**For Additional Information  
Or To Make A Reservation Contact:**

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**Day 1 - The Pony Express Museum – Kansas City** – Travel today includes a stop in St Joseph, MO at the Pony Express Museum. A guide will walk you through the thrilling years of the Pony Express. Spend an hour and share w the personal stories of the business men who gave all they had to finance and support the Pony Express national historic site, and learn about the daring riders and their historic rides.

Travel continues this afternoon to the Kansas City area. Check into the Drury Inn for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening, but you can advantage of the hotel's 5:30pm "Kickback" meal featuring hot foods and cold beverages.

**Day 2 – Bentonville, AR - Visit Walton's 5 & Dime/Walmart Visitor Center - Museum of Native American History** - Today, travel to Bentonville, AR. First stop today is the Walmart Museum. It is as much a part of Walmart's History as the exhibits and the artifacts it houses. First opened in 1990, the museum was known as the Walmart Visitor Center. But as times changed it became apparent that a name change was needed. So, today, the Walmart Museum carries on the mission as it always has: To inspire, engage and educate out visitors about Walmart's heritage - our culture, history and brand.

Next is a visit to the Museum of Native American History. Founded by David Bogle, a registered member of the Cherokee Nation, born and raised in Bentonville, the museum houses over 10,000 of the finest Native American artifacts. The museum features Bogle's private collection along with a number of collections donated and on loan to the museum for display.

Then check into the Comfort Suites for the next two nights. Tonight, dinner is on your own. There is a Denny's, Lin's Garden, Braum's Ice Cream and Cracker Barrel near hotel. **(B)**

**Day 3 - Veterans Wall of Honor - Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel - Peel Mansion Museum & Heritage Gardens with Lunch - Crystal Bridges Art Museum - Dinner at Fred's Hickory Inn** – Start the day at the Veterans Wall of Honor Dedicated in 2004. Passing under the massive arch you will encounter plaques forming a timeline from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism. The outer wall has 63 plaques depicting elements of the timeline and there are 27 plaques representing US Presidents that served in the military. The outside perimeter has our United States of America Flag and 18 historical flags that have flown over some part of our nation. In the monuments center stand a magnificent fountain with panels surrounding the waterfall reflecting names of those who have served in a branch of the armed forces.

Next, visit the Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel. Bella Vista is proud to be the home of the Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel. The Chapel was created by the renowned Arkansas architect Euine Fay Jones. In 1991, Fay Jones was awarded the American Institute of Architecture's highest award, the AIA Gold Medal. Fay was a student of Frank Lloyd Wright where he was first introduced to the principle of Organic Architecture (designing to fit the environment). The welcoming beauty and quiet of the Chapel invites you to sit a spell for quiet contemplation in the hopes that you find peace and inspiration.

The afternoon also includes a tour of the Peel Mansion Museum & Heritage Gardens. This beautiful Civil War era home was built by Colonel Samuel West Peel, and he and his wife, Mary Emaline Berry Peel, raised their nine children here. It serves as a living display of that period for those touring the mansion and gardens.

The interior of the house was furnished with authentic antiques and artifacts of the era, generously loaned by the Historic Arkansas Museum and the Old State House. A Southern gourmet lunch is also included.

Next enjoy a private guide tour of the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. It is the creation of Alice Walton, the daughter of the late Sam Walton, who founded Wal-Mart Stores. Alice Walton has achieved her dream of building a top-tier museum that celebrates American art in the American heartland.

Tonight, dinner is included at Fred's Hickory Inn. The restaurant has been a Bentonville staple since 1970 when Fred first opened the doors. Offering an extensive menu hand crafted to provide a unique experience while staying true to Fred's vision over 45 years ago. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 4 - The Daisy Airgun Museum - Visit War Eagle Mill – Kansas City – New Theatre Dinner Show** – This morning visit the Daisy Airgun Museum in nearby Rogers, AR, home to the World's Largest Daisy BB Gun. In addition to airguns dating from the 1600s to present day, here you can find Daisy stamped golf balls that went to the moon and a leg lamp like the one in "A Christmas Story."

Then visit the War Eagle Mill. War Eagle Mill's 18-foot undershot water wheel rotates when water from the War Eagle Creek strikes the paddles or blades at the bottom of the wheel. The force of the water's movement drives the blades of the wheel, which rotates a turbine that drives the mill's machinery. This allows the millstone to grind grain into flour.

Travel this afternoon returns you to the Kansas City area and the Drury Inn for the night. This evening enjoy a dinner show at The New Theatre titled, "The Million Dollar Quartet." This thrilling, smash-hit Broadway musical takes you inside Sun recording studio for an unforgettable night of Rock 'n' Roll inspired by the famed recording session that brought together Rock 'n' Roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. **(B,D)**

**Day 5 - Depart for home** - Following breakfast you depart for home. **(B)**

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