

Classic Travels
The Great Plains Adventure
October 6 -14, 2025

Experience America's Great Plains awesome vistas, vast landscapes, and amazing heritage trails! Immerse into our past with Native American cultural experiences, cattle, and oil industries, and learn more about how weather lights up the plains while visiting sites from the film, Twister!

Day 1, Monday, October 6, 2025 (BR, D)

We travel from Davenport to St. Joseph, MO, share a bite to eat and lunch is on your own.

Arrival to the Pony Express Museum. Once the group has unloaded, they will belly up to the 1883 Pony Express bar for a root beer float. Then they can take their float and sit at the tables and be entertained by Miss Lizzie. She was Madam in St. Joe for over 40 years – and her ear was open for everything that went on in early St. Joe! Miss Lizzie goes up to the line but NEVER crosses over it. She will give us a guided tour of the museum. Spend an hour or so with us as we share with you the personal stories of the businessmen 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. The Pony Express Museum is one of the most historically educational museums in the country in respect to the legendary mail service that ran from April 3, 1860 to October 26, 1861.

Guests will enjoy a dinner of baked chicken and ham, red potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, rolls with butter and apple cobbler with ice cream.

Day 2, Tuesday, October 7, 2025 (BR, Drury Dinner at Drury Inn)

Travel to Wichita, KS and meet the step-on guides, Carol and Jonny Glessner. Jonny is a professional storm chaser and will relate many of his experiences and videos as we travel the plains.

Next, we visit Mid-America All-Indian Museum which may include the Heritage Pole, Gallery of Nations, Outdoor Learning Center, and Keeper of the Plains Plaza.

The centerpiece of the Indian Museum are the works from American Indian artists from around the country. Woven throughout the museum is the life and art of Kiowa/Comanche artist Blackbear Bosin who created the most visited attraction in the Wichita. Guests love seeing the people who have forged the artwork and jewelry. The artistry is amazing. Experience a powwow, see traditional American Indian artifacts and contemporary artwork.

Then check in to the Historical Drury Inn in Wichita for a two-night stay. The “kickback” features hot dogs, baked potatoes, nacho cheese sauce, chips and salsa, chef's salad, broccoli cheese soup, chicken noodle soup, and make your own beef tacos with rice.

Day 3, Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (BR, L, D)

Continue your tour guides and visit Greensburg, KS, site of the first recorded EF5 Tornado. Jonny will relate events leading up to the infamous 2007 storm which destroyed over 90 percent of the town. Learn how Greensburg rose from debris and tragedy to recover and rebuild as one of the first almost entirely green friendly cities powered by solar and wind!

Also visit the Big Well attraction and museum, featuring the largest hand-dug well in the US at 32 feet wide and 100 feet deep.

Enjoy lunch at the Soda Fountain. Save room for ice cream! Then depart back to Wichita to visit Old Cow Town.

Visit the fun and interactive replica of the Old West restored and recreated town frozen in time in the days of the famous Chisolm Cattle Trail era 1865-1880. Learn the story of how Wichita went from a frontier settlement, to a cow town, to an agricultural and manufacturing area. 54 historic sites on the Arkansas River bring to life this unique, educational, and fun site featuring costumed interpreters. Old Cow Town has been the location of many Hollywood Western movies as well. Dinner will be included in Old Cow Town.

Day 4, Thursday, October 9, 2025 (BR)

Depart with our guides to Wakita, KS, used in the filming of Twister! Visit the quaint Twister Museum, owned by storm chasers, and learn more about the filming of the movie along with lots of fun artifacts and props. Stop by the lot where Aunt Meg's once house stood, and of course, see the famous Wakita water tower! Lunch on your own enroute to Oklahoma City.

Stop by the National Weather Center which opened in August 2006. This is located on the South Research Campus of the University of Oklahoma.

Group tours include visits to the McCasland Family Observation Deck, School of Meteorology, the NOAA/NWS Storm Prediction Center, the NWS Norman Weather Forecast Office, and National Severe Storm Laboratory.

Check into our hotel in the Bricktown District, famous for its numerous pubs and eateries, Hampton Inn and Suites. This property in Bricktown Entertainment District is surrounded by restaurants and night-life options including the Toby Keith Bar & Grill.

Day 5, Friday, October 10, 2025 (BR, D)

Depart for a guided tour of Oklahoma City, including a stop by the Oklahoma City National Memorial, featuring the booming event of 1995 Victims and Survivors.

The Parlor Dining Complex is next for lunch, featuring numerous ethnic eating and drinking opportunities in a food court style setting, including, awesome pizza, burgers, Italian, and Asian Fusion and more.

Then we check into the fabulous Hard Rock Casino and Hotel for a 3-night stay. There is also gaming at the huge casino featuring slots, table games, and 5 dining areas. Depart to Sycamore Arena for a fun evening of live arena events, Chuck Wagon dinner is included.

Day 6, Saturday, October 11, 2025 (BR, L)

After breakfast at the Route 66 Diner, located in the casino, featuring made-to-order hot breakfast items from omelets, pancakes, French toast and eggs over and more.

We travel to the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, OK. Learn more about one of America's most beloved iconic radio and film entertainers. Rogers is buried on the grounds which include artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, and more showcasing his amazing life and career.

Depart for the D-Bar Cattle ranch for a delicious brisket lunch before touring the 800-acre family owned and operated cattle ranch. Charles Dorsey purchased Akaushi bulls from a ranch in Texas in 2019 to increase the quality of their herd and raise Certified Akaushi Kobe Beef. The family is fulfilling their lifelong dream of selling beef to local consumers, and restaurants that support local ranchers and farmers from the Field to Fork Farm to Table concept which has changed the culture of how we eat! The Dorsey family believes you should never have to settle when it comes to your beef. All their cattle are born, raised, processed, and sold from their ranch. We will get up close and personal with the cattle on our tour of the pastures along with stories by the family.

Route 66 Historic Park is the longest portion of the Historic Highway that passes through Oklahoma.

Return to the Hard Rock to enjoy a free evening of music, exploring the memorabilia and art, gaming and dining on your own at the many delicious opportunities including the Eatery Buffet, Route 66 Diner, Food Court, Sports Bar, or Steak House.

Day 7, Sunday, October 12, 2025 (B)

Enjoy a guided tour of the town, Historic Bartlesville about the oil industry, see the site of the first oil well drilled in Oklahoma, and visit the Phillips 66 Museum. See how this all ties in with Route 66.

Depart to Pawhuska, Osage country, and home of the Pioneer Woman. Ree is a blogger, food writer, photographer, and TV personality famous for her show on the Food Network, and for her delicious recipes and culinary empire! The Mercantile Room features some of Ree's most iconic selections. Free time to enjoy the bakery and gift shop before heading out to the Drummond Ranch Lodge for a visit to their former home where the shows are filmed. Lodge visitors are welcome to walk through, look around, see all the spaces, and enjoy the beautiful view.

Then it's back to the Hard Rock for a farewell dinner with entertainment by the Cherokee Youth Choir performing in their native language.

Day 8, Monday, October 13, 2025 (B, Drury Dinner)

Travel to Independence, MO and visit the Harry S. Truman Library. The list of Harry S. Truman's difficult and world-shaping decisions is extremely long. Assuming the Presidency in the final months of World War II, he inherited a worldwide catastrophe. President Truman shouldered the burden of leadership in a rudderless world. With courage, integrity, and humility, he vindicated the American conviction that an open society can produce leaders equal to any challenge. The new permanent exhibit, "Harry S. Truman: An Ordinary Man, His Extraordinary Journey" expands appreciation of this Midwestern farm boy who never went to college, his remarkable rise and enduring character. Through the biography and achievements of Harry Truman, future generations will come to understand both the possibilities and the responsibilities of American citizenship.

Then it's on to dinner at the Drury Inn. Included are the usual hot dogs, baked potatoes, nacho cheese, chips and salsa, not to exclude the Asian salad, potato and bacon soup, chili, homestyle chicken tenders and penne pasta with Alfredo sauce.

Day 9, Tuesday, October 14, 2025 (B)

We will tour the Walter Cronkite Memorial honoring St. Joseph's native son with interactive kiosks, photographs, video, a replica of Cronkite's CBS newsroom, and a multimedia performance highlighting the legendary journalist's broadcast career. Visit the CBS newsroom replica which Cronkite broadcast the CBS News in the late 1960's and the early 1970's. The memorial displays several wall displays devoted to all aspects of his life, from his childhood and family to his time at the anchor desk and his passion for NASA's Space Program.

Travel to West Des Moines and go to the Jordan Creek Town Center Mal. Jordan Creek Town Center is a shopping mall in the city of West Des Moines, Iowa. It is the largest shopping complex in the state of Iowa. It is also the fourth largest shopping complex in the Midwest, and the 24th largest shopping complex in the United States.

Then it's on to home, arriving about 8:00 p.m.

DEPARTURE AND RETURN TIMES:

Monday, October 6, 2025 Depart Davenport 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Return Davenport 8:00 p.m.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON:

Double Occupancy..... \$2,599
Single Occupancy..... \$3,299

POSSIBLE FUEL SURCHARGE: Fuel surcharges may be added to the motorcoach price at any time up to final payment. The price quoted is accurate as of September 3, 2024.

RESERVATIONS-FINAL PAYMENT: A booking deposit of \$50 per person will be required to confirm a reservation on this tour. Final payment due Friday, August 1, 2025. Please make checks payable to Classic Travels. Sorry, no credit card payments on this tour.

CANCELLATION FEES:

Up to August 1, 2025 No refund unless a replacement can be found, or insurance taken. There will be a \$50 processing fee per person to switch names.

INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES:

MOTORCOACH: A Windstar restroom-equipped motorcoach has been chartered.

ACCOMMODATIONS: 8 nights hotel accommodations based on sharing a room with two double beds or one king bed and a private bath or shower.

MEALS: 19 meals (1 continental), 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners and 2 Drury kickback dinners

BAGGAGE AND HANDLING: One normal suitcase per person will be transported throughout

TIPS AND TAXES: All gratuities and local taxes on the hotels plus taxes and gratuities on included meals.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

MISCELLANEOUS: Meals not mentioned above, wines, liquors, mineral waters or optional tours or services specifically mentioned; and driver’s gratuity, suggested \$45 per person.

FINAL INFORMATION: Emergency contact telephone numbers, and other vital information will be mailed to you on or about Monday, September 22, 2025.

INSURANCE: Quotes can be made by calling Diane Spahr at (513) 484-9112. Quotes can be made for basic and pre-existing conditions an should be made within 14 days of deposit.

Please return this reservation coupon with your deposit.
One reservation coupon per household required.

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Return to: Jill Kirkpatrick, Classic Travels, L.L.C
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Please reserve accommodations for ___ person(s) on the above tour. My deposit of \$50 per person is enclosed. Final payment is due no later than Friday, August 1, 2025. Make check payable to CLASSIC TRAVELS, L.L.C. Sorry, no payment by credit card can be accepted on this tour. This trip requires a minimum of 30 reservations to operate.

Accommodations desired: _____ Double (\$2,599) _____ Single (\$3,299)

Number of Beds requested for hotels: _____ One _____ Two

Name: _____ Badge Name: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Bus. Or Cell) _____

Roommate: _____ Email Address _____

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