

## Claremore Heritage Tour

### “Home of Will Rogers, Oklahoma’s Favorite Son”

#### Day Trip

- 10:00 am Arrive in Claremore, tour of 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. (Allow 1 hour)
- 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)
- 11:00 am Depart and tour the Belvidere Mansion  
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. (Allow 30 minutes)
- 11:30 am Lunch at the Belvidere Mansion Tea Room – The seating capacity at the Tea Room is 30, so please make reservations. For groups larger than 30, arrangements will be made at another restaurant.  
After lunch stroll to Historic Downtown; plenty of Antique, Unique and Collectible shops and lots of historic buildings to see.
- 1:30 pm Depart and tour the Will Rogers Memorial Museum  
“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. (Allow 1.5 hours)
- 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

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3:00 pm Depart for Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch

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 overlooking Lake Oologah. (Allow 1 hour)

4:00 pm Depart for home

Claremore is located on Historic Route 66 approximately 20 miles northeast of Tulsa; easy to access from I-44 (east or west bound).

Estimated cost: \$35 per person; includes all attractions & lunch  
(Pre-pay by check or credit card to Will Rogers Heritage)

Includes complimentary passes to all attractions for the driver and escort as well as complimentary lunch.

Tours can be arranged by calling Julie Luna, Special Event Coordinator at Will Rogers Memorial Museums, 918-343-8113 or via email at [jluna@willrogers.com](mailto:jluna@willrogers.com).



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