

## **Legends of Oklahoma**

**Oklahoma! at Discoveryland; Under the Cherokee Moon;  
And Frank Phillips, Oklahoma Oil Baron  
Hub & Spoke, three days/three nights  
Overnight in Claremore**

*Arrive and welcome reception, hotel check in, freshen up (Allow 1 hour)*

*We start with a guided 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. See where the collection started (in the lobby of the Mason Hotel); have a group photo taken by the Tank (outside) or the Gatlin Gun (inside). (Allow 1 hour)

*Afterwards enjoy dinner and guided tour of the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum***

Your group will have a private, after hour's dinner and tour of the Will Rogers Memorial. Oklahoma's favorite son called Claremore home and the Memorial hosts 12 galleries of artifacts, memorabilia, Will's saddle collection, Photographs and Manuscripts depicting a career as a Trick Roper, Vaudeville & Ziegfeld Follies performer, movie star, radio commentator, Syndicated Newspaper Columnist and Humorist. (Allow 2-2.5 hours)

Depart for host hotel

## **Day 2: Oklahoma's Oil Barron Tour, Bartlesville**

Depart: 8:30 am

*This tour includes: **Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve; Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower; and Frank Phillips Home.***

### **Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve**

Hidden away in the rugged Osage Hills of northeastern Oklahoma, Woolaroc was established in 1925 as the ranch retreat of oilman Frank Phillips. The ranch is a 3700 acre wildlife preserve, home to many species of native and exotic wildlife, such as buffalo, elk and longhorn cattle. Woolaroc is also a museum with an outstanding collection of western art and artifacts, Native American materials, and one of the finest collections of Colt Firearms in the world. (Lunch and tour, allow 3 hours)

### **Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower**

The Price Tower is an innovative building that changed the horizon of the Oklahoma prairie and the world of architecture. The tower was constructed for the H.C. Price Company as its world headquarters. The Price Tower is Frank Lloyd Wright's only realized skyscraper. Wright took his inspiration for the cantilevered design from a tree. In fact, the Price Tower has been called the

## **Tour Highlights: Claremore, And Tahlequah**

- \*Will Rogers Memorial Museum & Birthplace Ranch**
- \*J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum**
- \*Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower**
- \*Frank Phillips Home**
- \*Woolaroc**
- \*Discoveryland; home of Rogers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma!**
- \*\*"Under the Cherokee Moon", an interactive drama**
- \* Cherokee Heritage Center & Ancient Village**
- \*Seminary Hall, Cherokee's School for Women**
- \*Cherokee National Capital Building**
- \*National Supreme Court Museum**
- More options: gaming at the Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs; shopping in Claremore's Historic Downtown; visit area Route 66 icons such as the Blue Whale or the world's largest Totem Pole.**



tree that escaped the crowded forest. This National Historic Landmark destination serves local, regional and global audiences as an arts complex dedicated to art, architecture and design. (Allow 1.5 hours)

### ***Frank Phillips Home***

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. (Allow 1 hour)

We leave and head towards Claremore for dinner & a tour of ***Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch*** in Oologah

Enjoy a traditional Oklahoma BBQ dinner...only in a barn! At the Ranch guests can walk through the home on a self-guided tour, or just stroll around the Ranch and take in the breath-taking scenery overlooking Oologah Lake. Dinner will be served in the barn, but we will leave the animals outside. While dining, enjoy one of his most famous movies, “Roping Fool”; who knows you might even get a visit from our very own Will or some folks who like to sing songs straight out of “Oklahoma”!. (Allow 1.5-2 hours)

Enjoy an Oklahoma evening at ***Discoveryland USA***

Home of Rogers & Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!” enjoy this Oklahoma traditional musical in an outdoor setting. (Performance starts at 7pm nightly, Monday-Saturday)

Day 2: ***Cherokee Nation History Tour (Friday)***

Depart: 8am

This Tour Includes: ***Cherokee Heritage Center and Museum, Ancient Village; and Adam’s Corner Rural Village; Murrell Home; Cherokee Nation Capital Building; Cherokee National Supreme Court and National Jail; and Northeastern State University’s Seminary Hall.***

***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 National Museum contains permanent and temporary exhibits as well as Cherokee History records, photographs and documents. ***\*Tour includes a Cherokee Traditional lunch at the Cherokee Heritage Center.***

### ***Murrell Home, a certified Trail of Tears site***

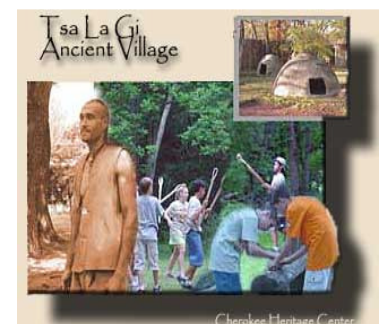
This historic mansion was built in 1845 by wealthy merchant, George Murrell, who married the niece of Cherokee Chief John Ross. It is the only antebellum mansion in Oklahoma and is operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society.



***“Will Rogers” and cast members of Tumbleweed Productions, featuring Curly and Laurey from “Oklahoma!” Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch***



***Discoveryland USA***



***Cherokee Heritage Center***

### ***Cherokee National Capital***

Completed in 1869, the Capital houses the judicial branch of the Cherokee Nation. After the Civil War, the Tribal Council made provisions for a new building to commemorate the achievements of the Cherokees in overcoming the hardship of removal, merging their tribal factions into a unified nation, and assuming a prominent position among other area tribes.

### ***Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum***

The structure was built in 1844 on the town square of Tahlequah. The Supreme & District Courts both held sessions here for sometime; it also housed the printing press of the Cherokee Advocate, the official publication of the Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma's first newspaper. It is the oldest government building in the state of Oklahoma.

### ***Seminary Hall at Northeastern State University***

The Cherokee Nation has always placed a premium on education. After the original Cherokee Female Seminary (the first higher learning institution for women west of the Mississippi) burned in 1887, Seminary Hall was reconstructed in 1889. In 1909 the land was purchased by the state of Oklahoma and is now a signature building on the campus of NSU.

Depart for the ***Restaurant of the Cherokees*** (dinner) (Allow 1 hour)

Depart for ***"Under the Cherokee Moon"*** (performances are Friday & Saturday evenings at 7:30pm)

An interactive drama experience, the Friday night performance is about the "Journey to Chota". During this interactive experience, the audience steps back in time with us, becomes part of the show and watches as history unfolds before their eyes. Acclaimed by audience members and critics alike, ***Under the Cherokee Moon*** by playwright and director Laurette Willis has been given high marks for historical accuracy by Cherokee historians.

Depart for Claremore (Allow 1 hour)

Day 4: depart for home

### ***For more information or pricing, contact:***

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### ***Complimentary policy for motor coach and group tours:***

Our local hoteliers offer two complimentary rooms (one for the driver, one for the escort) with 25 rooms booked. Attractions and local restaurants/catering also offer complimentary admissions, tours, and meals for the driver and escort with 20 or more in the group. All motor coach parking is free.



Will Rogers was known as the ***"Cherokee Kid"***