



Shirley Jones
The original
Laurey Williams
in the screen
version of
Oklahoma!

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It all started here...historic Claremore
There would be NO Oklahoma! Without Lynn Riggs

Arrive

3:00 Welcome reception at the **Nut House on Route 66**. Enjoy refreshments, shop for great souvenirs, and don't forget to sample the homemade fudge. (*Allow 1 hour*)

4:00 Depart for host hotel; check in and freshen up. (*Allow 1 hour*)

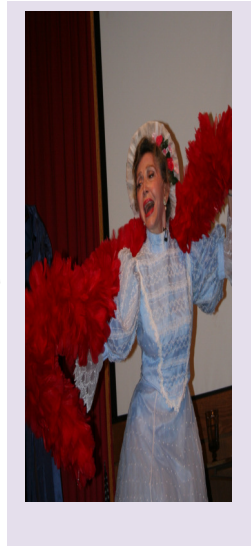
5:00 Enjoy a traditional Oklahoma BBQ dinner...only in a barn!
The next stop...**Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch**, where guests can walk through the self guided home of where Will grew up or just stroll round the Ranch and take in the breath-taking scenery overlooking Oologah Lake. While dining enjoy one of his most famous movies, "Roping Fool" or entertained by a local theatre group with mini skits from Oklahoma! (*Allow 2.5 hours*)

7:30 Depart for the evening

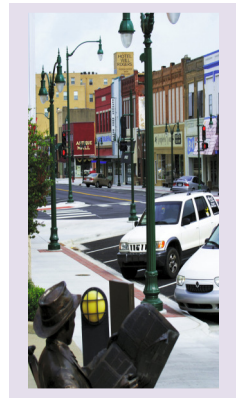
Day 2:

8:30 Depart for 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). Visit the Claremore Room displaying our famous Citizens, now inducted into the Claremore Wall of Fame. Citizens like The Singing Rage, Miss Patti Page, our Astronaut, Stuart Roosa; Andy Payne the winner of the Bunion Derby, and WR Howell, corporate executive of JC Penney. (*Allow 1 hour*)

9:30 Depart for Historic downtown
Experience the legendary **Lynn Riggs Memorial and Belvidere Mansion** (1 block from each other, generally groups visit each while in the vicinity). Lynn Riggs, play write who wrote **Green Grow the Lilacs**, later became Rogers and Hammerstein's "**Oklahoma!**". The memorial houses the original **Surrey with a Fringe on Top**, and memorabilia from the movie. The **Belvidere** is a Victorian Mansion decorated for Christmas, with plenty of special gift ideas and stunning, period decorations. (*Allow 1 hour*)



10:30 Enjoy free time in **Historic Downtown**; tour the **Will Rogers Hotel**, known back in the day as a five-star hotel. Visit the **Antique, unique, and collectible shops** and have lunch on your own in a local favorite café or tea room. (All within walking distance of the **Belvidere** and the **Lynn Riggs Memorial**; allow 2.5 hours)



1:00 Depart for driving tour of Claremore's historic **Bath Houses**, then through the campus of **Rogers State University**, Oklahoma's fastest growing University. Enjoy the statues, the beautiful campus, and the **Killed In Action Memorial**, dedicated to the Cadets of the **Oklahoma Military Academy** who were killed in action. (Allow 45 minutes)

2:00 Arrive at the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum** **Oklahoma's favorite son** called Claremore home. The Will Rogers Memorial Museum hosts 12 interactive galleries of artifacts, memorabilia, Will's saddle collection, Photographs and Manuscripts depicting a career as a Trick Roper. Listen as he broadcasts hope in the midst of the Depression, or enjoy one of his hugely popular motion pictures. Will Rogers the...Vaudeville & Ziegfeld Follies performer, movie star, radio commentator, Syndicated Newspaper Columnist, Humorist, and proud citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The museum offers a wide variety of special events & exhibits all year long. (Allow 1.5 hours)

3:30 Depart for home

For more information or pricing, contact:

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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.

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