

Claremore's Cowboys, Indians & Oil Barron's Tour

Two or three full day, Hub & Spoke Tour

Build your custom tour; choose the areas and attractions

*Below is an example of a three-full day tour with three overnights in Claremore

Day 1: spend the afternoon and evening in Claremore

Arrive and welcome reception at 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)

Next you will depart for guided tour of the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum**

Oklahoma's favorite son called Claremore home and the Memorial hosts 9 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, and has a wide variety of special events & exhibits all year long. Both the museum and the ranch are open 365 days a year from 8am to 5pm, and weather permitting the grounds of both are a great place to stretch your legs. (Allow 2 hours)

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 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. (Allow 1.5 hours)

After dinner head back into Claremore, check in at the host hotel and rest up for the next day's journey!

Day 2: start in Claremore then venture to Tahlequah, home of the Cherokees Tour of the **Belvidere Mansion and Lynn Riggs Memorial**

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)

The **Lynn Riggs Memorial** is a tribute to the play write, Lynn Rollie Riggs. His most noted work is "Green Grows the Lilac" which later became Rogers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!". The memorial houses some of the articles,

Tour Highlights: Claremore, Bartlesville, Tahlequah and Ponca City

- ***Will Rogers Memorial Museum & Birthplace Ranch**
- ***J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum**
- ***Belvidere Mansion and Lynn Riggs Memorial**
- ***Route 66 Nut House**
- ***Totem Pole Park**
- ***Cherokee Heritage Center & Ancient Village**
- ***Seminary Hall, Cherokee's School for Women**
- ***Poncan Theatre**
- ***Marland Mansion**
- ***Conoco Phillips Museum**
- ***Home of Frank Phillips**
- ***Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower**
- ***Tom Mix Museum**
- ***Woolaroc Ranch**

More options: gaming at the Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs or Hard Rock, Tulsa; shopping in Claremore's Historic Downtown; visit area Route 66 icons such as the Blue Whale or the world's largest Totem Pole, enjoy great entertainment at the Robson PAC or see Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" at Discoveryland (summer only)



Will Rogers Memorial Museum

posters, photos of the musical along with the most famous and original “Surrey with the Fringe on Top”. (Allow 30 minutes)

*depending on the size of the group, it is best to send half to the Belvidere and half to the Lynn Riggs Memorial, then switch. They are within one block of each other, an easy walk.

Lunch will be at the famous **Hammett House of Claremore**, known for their “Mile-high” pie (allow one to one and half hour). After lunch depart for **Tahlequah**, home of the **Cherokee Nation Headquarters**. (1 hour drive)

Your group will be greeted by staff upon arrival at the **Cherokee Heritage Center**

Guided tour of the **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 Nation Museum contains permanent and temporary exhibits as well as Cherokee History records, photographs and documents. (Allow 2 hours)

The Native American tour continues as you arrive at the **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. (Allow 30 minutes)

After a full day we will head back to Claremore where we will arrive at the **Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs**; enjoy dinner, live and/or simulcast horse racing (seasonal), and live concerts. (Free time) Depart for hotel.

Day 3: off to Ponca City and Bartlesville; each home of a famous Oklahoma Oil Baron (Ponca City is one and one half hours from Claremore)

Get an early start as you head to **Ponca City**, to visit the beautiful **Poncan Theatre**

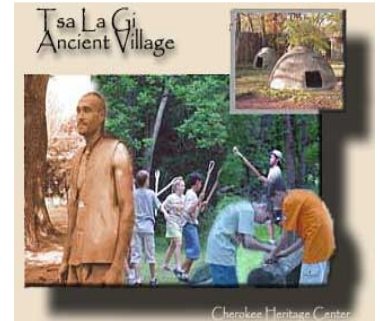
Northern Oklahoma’s Grand Show Place. The theatre has entertained and enthralled audiences for almost a century. It has been restored to its 1927 look but modernized for today’s use. (Allow 45 minutes)

The next stop is the **Marland Mansion, home of Oil Barron E.W. Marland**

A \$5 million dollar mansion built in 1928 for E.W. and Virginia Marland. E.W. was one of Oklahoma’s first Oil Barron’s and a Governor; his legend carries on today. Known as the Palace on the Prairie, the mansion is 48,000 sq. ft. over 4 floors with leather lined elevators, 12 bathrooms, 3 kitchens 7 fireplaces and an elegant ballroom with 24 karat gold leaf covered ceiling...it is a National Historical Landmark. After touring the mansion, enjoy a catered lunch by the world famous **Head Country Barbeque**. (Allow 2 hours)



**Life is short...
Eat dessert first!**



Cherokee Heritage Center



Will Rogers was known as the “**Cherokee Kid**”

After lunch you will have just enough time for a power nap as you head to **Bartlesville**, arriving at the **Home of Oil Barron Frank Phillips**

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)

Visit another of Oklahoma’s famous actors, at the **Tom Mix Museum**

Tom was known as the “King of the Cowboys”, the original good guy in the white hat. Galloping across the silent screen on his horse, Tony, he rescued damsels, lassoed villains and performed death-defying feats of bravery. The museum displays his costumes, memorabilia, photographs and some of his personal property; in addition some of his silent movies can be seen in the museum’s theatre. (Allow 1 hour)



Free Roping lessons if you are willing!

Next, head back to **Claremore for a Chuck Wagon supper at the Route 66 Nut House** (Allow 1 hour drive)

Have dinner under the stars while getting chow off the back of a wagon (availability & weather permitting of course). Visit the shop inside the Nut House or sample the sweet treats before heading to the hotel where we part ways....



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

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