



Missouri's Ozarks

Antiques & Oddities in the Ozarks



May 1- 7, 2017 (7 days)

Antiquing in the Ozarks

If antiques and collectibles are your cup of tea, you need to join us on this wild and somewhat whacky adventure. We will have a chance to shop 30+ antique shops and flea markets, and visit many quaint and delightful tea rooms and shops. It's a trip like no other offered by R&J Tours. If you are passionate about the good ole days and love antiques and anything vintage, this trip is for you!

Plus we'll take in a spectacular Branson show!



MAP AT A GLANCE



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Except pack our bags!”
Sylvia & Jerry, Lindstrom MN



Day 1 - Home to Kansas City, MO

We start out this morning and spend most of the day in travel to Kansas City, stopping for coffee and lunch along the way. We will enjoy the manager's reception at the Drury Inn before boarding the coach for a trip to our first antique mall of the trip: *The Brass Armadillo*. It has 500 dealers and 42,000 sq. feet of showroom so we will be off to a great start! We'll shop till we drop and then head back to our comfy home for the night.

Included Meals: Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn

Day 2 - Kansas City to Branson, MO

After our tasty hot breakfast we will board the coach and follow 291 south of 470 to Harrisonville. Our very first stop of the day will be *Keepers Antique Mall*, covering 7,500 sq. feet of quality antiques. You will find it all - furniture, glass, pottery, stoneware, sports & fishing, toys, and advertising collectibles. Before we leave town we will pay a quick visit to *Vintage Elegance*, where we will find antiques, collectibles, repurposed, local gift items, and jewelry. Boarding our coach again, we travel on to *Davis Bros Antiques*, in the red barn outside of Lowry City. We will make a fairly hurried stop as we will want to savor time for our next stop, *Smiths Café*. It's a great lunch stop with its tasty home-style cooking. We will then travel down the road to *Country Classics Antique Mall* in Bolivar. We trust you will love this classic stop as we did. It is neatly arranged and spotless, and even sports its own 60's coffee shop right inside the mall. After the hunt we will head down the road to our *Hampton Inn* in Branson. We will have enough time to check out the antique shop across the road from our hotel, *Vintage Marketplace*, before our evening meal at *McFarlain's*. It is famous for legendary Ozark cuisine like homemade pies and featuring their own special slow-cooked pot roast, famous honey and cornbread, fried green tomatoes and more. It is also known for its unique atmosphere and hospitality. We will be entertained tonight by a famous Branson show to be advertised at a later date. Heading back to our hotel we are looking forward to a good night of rest.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 3 - Branson to Springfield, MO

We will start out the morning with a great hot breakfast. Moving on to downtown Branson, we will be dropped off to continue our hunt at several flea markets on one entire block. We will be given one hour before we are picked up again to continue our hunt in Ozark. We will find two neat shops located side by side, therefore the coach will be parked between and we can go from side to side. The first is *Spring Creek Antiques and Tea Room* filled with booths of vintage pieces and antiques. Their tea room is small and quaint, but fun to see. Next door you will enjoy a stop at *The Avant Garde'n*, a furniture and home décor fun shop filled with delightful treasures. By now you have worked up an appetite so we will take you to a one-of-a-kind place we know you will enjoy, *Lamberts Café*. It has won the distinction of 1st place in the food category in the Show-Me-State. It's the home of the Threwed Rolls. You will learn more about that at the café - we guarantee a great experience! Our afternoon will be filled with stops at a variety of shops. Our first will find us at *Pickers Antique Mall* with 10,000 sq. feet of floor space full of antiques. Down the street a bit will find us stopping at *Keen Eye Antiques* housing primitive furniture, jewelry, industrial lighting, western signs, and gas and oil advertising. We have much more in three outstanding malls coming up. The coach will park midway between all three and you can choose as you like between the three malls. Hint: they are all well worth it! *Ozark Antique Mall* is voted #1 antique mall in the entire area. They specialize in toys, furniture, primitives, advertising, taxidermy, and jewelry. Yesterday's *Antique Mall* with two full floors is filled with art books, quilts, glass, china, jewelry, clocks, pottery, plus lots



So many pieces filled with history!



of collectibles. *Main Street Antiques* with 25,000 sq. ft. of jewelry, furniture, primitives, sporting and fishing equipment. I say, if you can't find what you are looking for in one of these malls you just may not find it. After a full day of antiquing we are ready to drop at the Drury Inn in Springfield. Enjoy the provided manager's reception or hop on over to one of the nearby restaurants.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn (2 Nights)



Day 4 - Springfield

Rise and shine and enjoy a somewhat relaxed breakfast this morning. Our coach will leave at 9:45 for *Relics Antique Mall*, the largest antique mall in Missouri. It has been voted Springfield's best. There is none like it in the Show-Me-State, and you will be very, very impressed. We will begin our hunt wherever we choose, with 90,000 sq. ft. to cover, we had better get going! At 10:50 we will gather at the tearoom for a short talk and a chance to enjoy an early lunch. Take your time to enjoy lunch prepared just for you, or eat and run so as not to leave any stone unturned. At 1:00 we will board the coach and head to a few more shops: *Ozark Treasures*, *Robertsons Gallery and Antiques*, and *The Cottage* dealing with English antiques, pewter, black forest, period art paintings, covered boxes & tins, and blue & white. At Ozark Treasures you will be able to purchase Amish baked goodies and jams, as well as man cave items. After another full day of "the hunt," it will feel good to settle in for the night and dine at your choice of the manager's reception or another eating spot close by.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Reception

Day 5 - Springfield to Lebanon, MO

After our tasty hot breakfest we will start out early and stop by *Urban Market* at 9:00 to help open the doors. We will then head off to a famous tea room, Ms. Gilmore's. The minute you enter Ms. Gilmore's tea room, pastry shop, antiques, clothing boutique, and home décor store, you will fall in love with your surroundings and the entire package. We will include your noon (made from scratch) lunch with your choice of pastry for dessert. You will also have a chance to do a little shopping. You can never have enough time to shop the three floors, but we must head out to our next stop, leaving behind memories of *Ms. Gilmore's Vintage Suitcase & Tearoom*. Moving on, we will be guests at *Antique Mercantile*, a versatile Antiques and Collectibles Mall specializing in Fireplace mantels, country store items, as well as plenty of the usual. Next will be the *Route 66 Antique Mall*. You will find farmhouse décor, Route 66 memorabilia, primitives, and of course antiques. Then it's *Heartland Antiques Mall* in Lebanon, which is large and varied with 40,000 sq. ft. A special treat to you is a Russell Stover & cheese shop right in the same mall. Take advantage - they will let you shop the antique market while eating an ice cream cone - Go for it! *Jonesy's Antiques & Collectibles*, our next stop, has been chosen the "collectibles choice" with reasonable prices. Straight from the Lebanon shops we will dine together at Elm Street Eatery, a quaint but cozy place with very good food & service. After fellowshipping together we will board the coach for our return trip to our home away from home, the Holiday Inn Express.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 6 - Lebanon to Kansas City, MO

Wake up ready to take part in our last day of antiquing in the Ozarks. We will start the morning off by driving by the State Capitol, not stopping to tour but just giving you chance for a photo opp. Our first antique shop of the day, *Yellow Moon Antique Mall* is only a couple blocks from the State Capitol. We will find Ike's Old Stuff inside as well as other quality dealers. It's just a short distance to *Missouri Blvd. Antique Mall* where we will spend about 45 quality moments. After our hunt we will travel to Ruby Tuesday for a fresh noon lunch in Jefferson City, home of the large salad bar or whatever your heart desires. Our journey will next take us to Columbia, MO. stopping first at *Veranda Antique Mall* where over 100 of the finest dealers in the Midwest are located. "Come and browse with us" they encourage each guest. *Midway Antique Mall* is next! After adequate time spent at Midway, we will turn our coach towards Odessa and stop to experience *The Silver Fox*. Here we will find



antiques in abundance, as well as another tea room serving awesome home baked goodies. They also have a neat little area all its own called Loft Treasures, a rustic shabby chic boutique to give us an extra shopping experience. The last stop on our antique trail is *Bates City Antiques*, which we found to be very, very, warm and welcoming. We find it in a small and nostalgic town. It reeks with a quaint and friendly atmosphere and lots of country charm. They have promised us fresh coffee and treats just for stopping, and that we will do. This will give us time to sit a bit and ponder our recent antique finds in this crazy antique collecting world. Our plan now is to head back to our comfortable Drury Inn, happy for the time we had together on our special antique hunt. We will spend our evening reminiscing the happenings of our past few days and all of our new (old) finds we are traveling home with that we did not have in our suitcase when we left home. Our farewell dinner will be at The Corner Café.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner

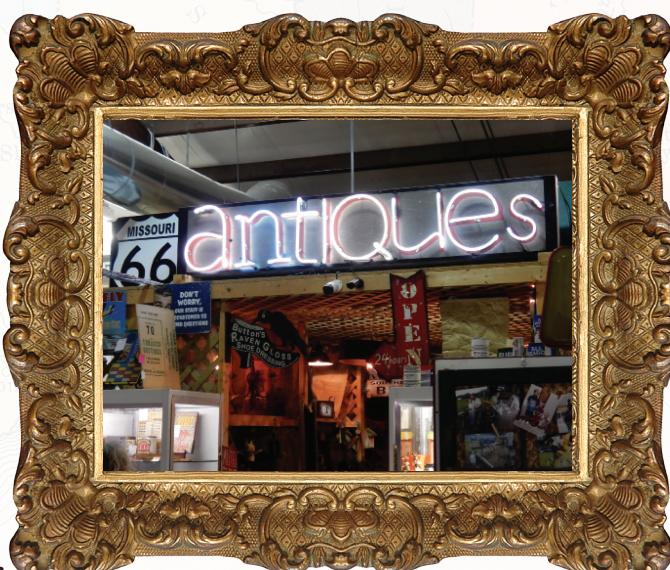
Hotel: Drury Inn Kansas City

Day 7 - Kansas City to Home

After our hot breakfest we will head for home with coffee and lunch stops on our way!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Treasures in Springfield



2017 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	May 1 - 7, 2017 (7 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$1,399 Double \$1,299 Triple	\$1,749 Single \$1,249 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	14 Meals & 3 Manager's Receptions, Hotels & Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$85 Double per person	\$116 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$25 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
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