



Cooper Chapel

# Autumn Adventures: Northwest Arkansas

October 22 - 28, 2023 (7 days)

## HIGHLIGHTS



Incredible Crystal Bridges Experience

Original Walmart and Museum

Arkansas Botanical Gardens

Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks

Original Daisy Air Guns Collection

Sassafrass Winery

A & M Railroad Journey thru the Ozarks

Calico County Dining

US Marshalls Museum

Fort Smith – Gateway to the Frontier

Arkansas Air & Military Museum

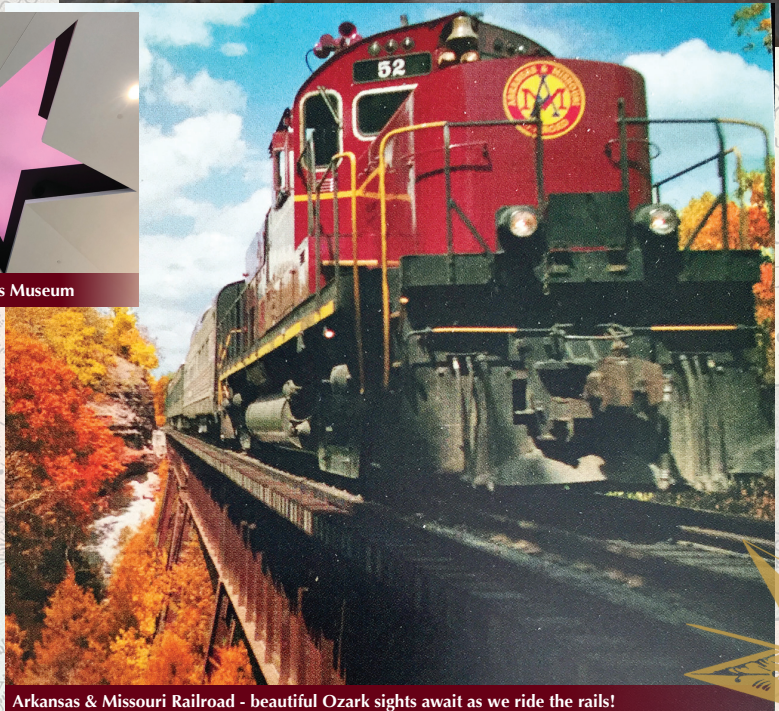
Fascinating Country Doctor Museum

Peel Mansion

Inspiring Cooper Outdoor Chapel

Peak of Ozark Fall Colors

4 Nights at Beautiful Hampton Inn of Springdale



Arkansas & Missouri Railroad - beautiful Ozark sights await as we ride the rails!



Fort Smith Historic Site

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Explore the Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks



Peel Mansion - completed in 1875



Remember when the doctor made house calls in the early 20th century?!



## Day 1 - Home to Overland Park, KS

We travel straight south today through Iowa and into Missouri. We note that the fall colors that have started to fade in Minnesota are beginning to reappear as we head south.

**Included Meals: Manager's Reception**

**Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites**

## Day 2 - Overland Park to Springdale, AR

We always enjoy the Drury's full hot breakfast before we start out the day. Continuing south through Missouri, the autumn color of the Ozarks start to surround us as we enter Arkansas. Our first stop is the totally amazing Crystal Bridges Experience. Crystal Bridges, opened in 2011 & created by the Walton Foundation, is a unique collection spanning five centuries of American masterworks. Enjoy an included lunch at your leisure at "Eleven" right on site. We are in Bentonville, home of Walmart, so a visit to the Walmart Museum Heritage Lab is a must! Relive the full story of Walmart, maybe the greatest of all American success stories! See where they test new technologies and ways to share Walmart's heritage. An included welcome dinner is planned tonight. Our accommodations for the next four evenings is the Hampton Inn & Suites in Springdale, centrally located for all our activities the next four days.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites (4 Nights)**

## Day 3 - Springdale

Breakfast is served at our hotel before we begin our day. The Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks showcase the natural beauty of the Ozark Mountain Region. Twelve separate themed gardens are featured including a butterfly and a seasonal garden, highlighting the vibrant fall colors of the mountains. Shiloh Museum of the Ozarks takes its name from the pioneer community of Shiloh, which became Springdale in the 1870's. This exhibit highlights the real shapers of Ozark history, the everyday lives of men, women and children who settled this area. Visit six historic buildings depicting life in these settlement times. We make our way just up the road to historic, brick-paved, downtown Rogers, the home of Daisy Airguns. Take your time at the museum and then visit the quaint stores downtown during free time on your own. We then return to our hotel to refresh before our next adventure. What a pleasant adventure this will be! Sassafra Winery is a delightful place. This is a good time to just relax as we are treated to a winery tour complete with wine and beverage tasting. Wines are made on site from locally grown grapes. Dinner is served here this evening.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

## Day 4 - Springdale

We arise a little earlier today, but it's well worth the sacrifice. We depart from the historic train depot in Springdale and "ride the rails" on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad for a 2-1/2 hour journey to Fort Smith. We will ride in-style in a restored vintage Pullman railcar. Relax as we wind through the river valleys, traverse high trestles, and cut into a quarter mile tunnel. Marvel at the fall colors now at their peak in the scenic foothills of the Boston Mountains of the Ozarks. Since we got up so early we are ready for lunch. So "let's do lunch" in true Arkansas style. That would be at Calico County. After lunch, we will be joined by a local step-on guide. We will tour the Fort Smith National Historic Site including Judge Parker's Courtroom, the old jail known as "Hell on the Border," and see the Hanging Gallows where 79 men met their fate during Judge Parker's tenure on the bench here. Expect the unexpected as we discover "The Unexpected Project" murals and the story behind them in downtown Fort Smith. Lastly, we will visit the brand new United States Marshals Museum which tells the story of America's oldest federal law enforcement agency, the Constitution, and the Rule of Law through immerse & interactive exhibits. Tonight we will enjoy dinner together before arriving at our hotel for the evening.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**





Arkansas Air & Military Museum - most of the aircraft we'll see still fly!



The unique Crystal Bridges experience

and fresh baked goods to take home with you. You are on your own this evening for dinner.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

## Day 6 - Springdale to Kansas City, MO

Today wraps up our time in NW Arkansas. But before we go, we have a few more adventures to take in. The Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel is unlike any place of worship you have ever experienced. It is not only the Chapel's lofty heights, the massive wooden doors, or even the magnificent arches that gracefully flow above and below each other that will take your breath away. What is most impressive is that a building of this magnitude could so seamlessly fit into the natural scene which envelopes it. What a truly peaceful, inspiring, and reflective place. The Peel Mansion & Heritage Gardens, located in Bentonville, offer a unique look back to a simpler time. The abundant gardens surrounding the Mansion invite visitors to slow down and take in the scenery and view the beautiful flowers, plants, and trees. The Peel Home is chock-full of fun facts, fascinating architecture, and more. One more southern comfort lunch is featured before we start our trek back home. This afternoon we make our way back to Kansas City and one of our favorite overnight homes, Drury Suites.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Reception**

**Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites**

## Day 7 - Kansas City to Home

Enjoy a great Drury breakfast before we board our coach. Today is a full travel day while we observe the fall colors fading as we journey north to Minnesota and wrap up our wonderful Autumn Adventure and the month of October!

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Fort Smith Mural Tour**



## Autumn Adventures Northwest Arkansas

### 2023 DATES & PRICES

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|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| DATES:                          | October 22 - 28, 2023 (7 Days)  |                              |
| PRICE PER PERSON:               | \$1,769 Double  | \$2,159 Single               |
|                                 | \$1,659 Triple  | \$1,589 Quad                 |
| PRICE INCLUDES:                 | 13 Meals & 2 Manager's Receptions, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach |                              |
| DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:         | \$100 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.          |                              |
| OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P: | \$116 Double (per person) / \$149 Single  |                              |
| R&J TRAVEL BUCKS                | \$30 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour   |                              |
| TOUR PACE:                      | Moderate Walking  | (See page 9 for description) |

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Fort Smith Historic Site - home to countless stories of American history!

## Day 5 - Springdale

Have breakfast at the Hampton before we venture out. Fayetteville is one of the anchor cities of this area and the home to iconic University of Arkansas. A local step-on host will give us an informative guided tour of the highlights, including a driving tour of the University and a view of Bill & Hillary's house where they were married and established their first home. The Arkansas Air & Military Museum are thrilled to have us visit at Drake Field. Follow the colorful history of aviation in Arkansas and American military conflicts through numerous displays of original aircraft and aviation memorabilia. After an included lunch, we journey across the rolling wooded pasture land to the little town of Lincoln, Arkansas. Lincoln is the home to one of America's most unique and intriguing places: The Arkansas Country Doctor. The Country Doctor Museum, the 2nd of its kind in the US, preserves and celebrates the history of health care in rural America and the people who served their fellow man by providing that health care. The museum presents the life of a small town doctor and the history of medicine as it was practiced in the early 20th century. We have one more special stop planned for you at Renalli Farms Produce. Shop for locally grown produce



Scenic A&M Railroad ride