



Bentonville Two-Day Tour

Day One

11:30 a.m. - Lunch and Exploring Crystal Bridges (\$0 per person – Chihuly exhibit will be an extra \$20 per ticket. Lunch can be “on your own” or we can arrange a lunch with Crystal Bridges for a set fee.)

Tour the preeminent American art museum in the United States. Ranging from the colonial era to modern day, you will experience the evolution of American art. The permanent collection is incredible and includes iconic images such as Asher B. Durand’s Kindred Spirits, Norman Rockwell’s Rosie the Riveter, and Andy Warhol’s Coca-Cola. Not only is the permanent collection impressive, the series of pavilions that make up the museum are spectacular. Being designed by world-renown architect, Moshe Safdie, the beautiful building is a treat in itself. It was named after a nearby natural spring and the bridge construction incorporated in the building. This museum is being hailed as one of the best in the world, and it’s right here in Bentonville, AR.

2:30 p.m. - Depart Crystal Bridges

2:45 p.m. - Museum of Native American History (\$0 per person)

Walk through pre-historic time and get a glimpse into what life was like for America’s first inhabitants. This museum is split into five time periods that will guide you through the constant changing lives of the Natives, as seen through their artifacts. Relics of over 14,000 years old will take you back to the past. Enjoy seeing some of the finest treasures ever created by early craftsmen through a self-guided audio wand tour.

4:00 p.m. - Depart Museum of Native American History

4:15 p.m. - The Walmart Museum/Historic Bentonville Square (\$0 per person)

Located in Sam Walton’s original Bentonville variety store, it traces the growth of all Walmart Stores, Inc. Learn details about Mr. Walton’s story, starting in chapter one. You will get to see the very store that started the number one retail chain in the world. There are many interactive

learning tools, videos, and even Sam Walton's office on display! In addition to the museum, the Downtown Bentonville area has several unique stores for shopping.

5:30 p.m. - Depart for Hotel/Check into Hotel

6:30 p.m. - Dinner at Fred's Hickory Inn (Average per person is \$30 including tax, tip and gratuity.)

Enjoy a wonderful dinner at Bentonville's oldest restaurant and favorite dinner spot of Sam Walton, Fred's Hickory Inn. Famous for their steak and ribs, there is no better way to finish up a visit to Bentonville.

7:30 p.m. - Return to hotel.

Day Two

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

Enjoy Breakfast on your own or at your hotel.

9:30 a.m. - Brightwater Local Unique Sampling Tour (\$6 per person)

Brightwater is a world-class food learning and cultural center. It uniquely engages the community with accessible programming and ongoing local food experiences. Enjoy a sampling tour provided by the student Chefs. They will whip up a few special tastings using local ingredients to show how some of these products could be prepared. Afterwards take a tour of the Brightwater facility.

11:30 a.m. - Tour and lunch at the Peel Mansion Museum and Heritage Gardens (Tour is \$5.10 per person and lunch is typically around \$12 per person but is catered so price can be discussed with Peel Mansion.)

Enjoy a wonderful catered lunch and take a tour of The Peel Mansion. It was built in 1875 by Colonel Samuel West Peel. Much care was taken in erecting this magnificent house, a wonderful example of the Italianate Villa Style. The Peel Mansion Museum and Heritage Gardens serve as a living display of that period for those touring the mansion and gardens.

1:00 p.m. - City Tour (\$0 per person)

Experience Bentonville as you learn the interesting history of a city that has had three major industries in just over 150 years. See the sites that helped build Bentonville.

2:00 p.m. - Depart for Cooper Chapel

2:15 p.m. - Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel (\$0 per person)

This chapel was designed by E. Faye Jones and Maurice Jennings. Jones was a student of Frank Lloyd Wright and his influence is seen in Jones' designs. The chapel is built entirely of glass and steel and sits on a wooded hilltop overlooking Lake Norwood.

3:00 p.m. - Depart Bentonville