

## **Grapevine (Dallas/Fort Worth), Oklahoma and Arkansas**

### **Day 1 – Arrive in Grapevine, Texas**

- Arrival Arrive at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, conveniently located in Grapevine, Texas — a historic town nestled between Dallas and Fort Worth that you are sure to love.
- Check-in Check in to your Grapevine hotel, located just minutes from the airport. Most Grapevine hotels offer complimentary airport transportation as well as transportation within a three-to-five-mile radius of your hotel, so you may not need a rental car right away.
- 6 p.m. Grapevine is home to the Urban Wine Trail, so make your first stop one of their many winery tasting rooms in the charming Historic Main Street District. The Grapevine Visitors Shuttle provides complimentary service from many Grapevine hotels. [Click here](#) to confirm shuttle schedule and routes.
- 7:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner at one of the many local bistros and cafés in Grapevine’s Historic Main Street District. You’ll find Texas favorites such as steak, barbecue, chili and Tex-Mex, as well as international options that include Italian, French and Mediterranean.
- 8:30 p.m. You can find complimentary live music seven nights a week in Grapevine. After dinner, stroll the Historic Main Street District and check out the different music genres available.
- Hint: After checking in, make your first stop the Grapevine Visitor Information Center located inside Grapevine Main Station in the Historic Main Street District. The concierge is a wealth of information and can provide you with a shopping, wine and dining map as well as inform you of which locations will have live music on the dates you are in town.*

### **Day 2 — Grapevine, Texas**

- Morning Enjoy a light breakfast at your hotel or grab a little something at one of the many coffee shops, including Main Line inside Grapevine Main Station’s Harvest Hall. Don’t fill up too much, as you will want to experience Grapevine with a food tour today.
- 10:45 a.m. Meet your Grapevine Food Tour guide at the Grapevine Visitor Information Center. This tour will fill you in on the city’s unique history, as well as the local fares that make Grapevine so popular, such as a fried avocado, spaghetti pizza and, of course, wine. Tour reservations must be made in advance.
- 2 p.m. View the one-of-a-kind Glockenspiel Clock Tower in Grapevine’s Historic Main Street District! This glockenspiel features two figures known as the “Would-be Train Robbers”

that emerge on the hour six times a day. Watch their show, and you'll see why train robbing doesn't pay.

- 2:05 p.m. Just steps away from the glockenspiel viewing area, you'll find many galleries and working art studios, including the popular Vetro Glassblowing Studio & Gallery. Also in the area are Giddens Gallery, Grand Gallery, Tower Gallery and Holder Dane Gallery & Art Studios, along with a tinsmith studio and blacksmith shop.
- 3:30 p.m. Who's up for another beverage? Plan a visit to another winery tasting room or possibly Hop & Sting Brewing Company, which is easy walking distance from the Historic Main Street District.
- 5 p.m. Return to your host hotel to relax and refresh.
- 7 p.m. Enjoy dinner and a hilarious murder mystery set in 1800s Grapevine at the Texas Star Dinner Theater. Performances are available on Friday and Saturday evenings.

If you're in town on another day of the week, enjoy dinner at Harvest Hall, which has seven kitchens to select from and live entertainment or events Tuesday through Saturday. You can also choose from one of Grapevine's other fabulous restaurants.

### **Day 3 – Grapevine, Texas, and Fort Worth, Texas**

- 10 a.m. Head back to the Historic Main Street District to browse the charming boutiques and gift shops. If you happen to be here on a Saturday, you can also visit the Grapevine Market, which offers local arts, crafts, food items and live music.
- 11:15 a.m. Enjoy lunch at one of Grapevine's many local bistros and cafés. Since you'll be boarding the train soon, you might want to try a nearby eatery such as Willhoite's, Tolbert's, Weinberger's Deli, Wine Fusion, AJ's or Harvest Hall.
- 12:30 p.m. Board the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, where you will step back in time on 1920s Victorian-style coaches. The railroad operates seasonally from mid-February through mid-November on Saturdays and Sundays. If it's not available on the day you are in Grapevine, you can still purchase a ticket aboard TexRail, which departs every 30 minutes for the Fort Worth stockyards. Either way, you'll be headed in to Fort Worth.
- 2 p.m. Grab yourself a longneck beer and explore Fort Worth's Historic Stockyards, which offer western shops, museums and local saloons.
- 4 p.m. Witness a live cattle drive down Fort Worth's Exchange Avenue.

- 4:15 p.m. Board the Grapevine Vintage Railroad for your return to Grapevine, or if you prefer to return aboard TexRail, hang out a little longer and experience the Stockyards Championship Rodeo, which happens at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.
- 6 p.m. If returning aboard the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, you can enjoy dinner and live music in Grapevine. Friday and Saturday nights are always hopping with live bands and musicians up and down Main Street.
- Hint: Harvest Hall, Hotel Vin, Tolbert's and Willhoite's always have terrific cover bands on Friday and Saturday nights, with DJs coming out at Harvest Hall, Chill Sports Bar & Grill and Rioja Terrace of Hotel Vin beginning at 10 p.m.*

#### **Day 4 – Grapevine, Texas**

- 10 a.m. This morning, hop aboard the Grapevine Visitor Shuttle or utilize the hotel shuttle to take you to Grapevine Mills, the largest outlet mall in North Texas. Here you can also experience fantastic attractions including Meow Wolf, SEA LIFE Aquarium, LEGOLAND Discovery Center and more.
- Lunch can be enjoyed at your leisure at one of Grapevine Mills' many restaurants.
- 2:30 p.m. If you haven't done so, it's now time to pick up your rental car for the rest of your adventures. When you rent your car in Grapevine instead of at the airport, you save by not having to pay the extra airport tax.
- 3:30 p.m. Visit Historic Nash Farm, which is just minutes from Grapevine's Historic Main Street. This historic farmstead started in the 1860s and continues to operate like it did in the 19th century.
- 5 p.m. Head over to Chicken N Pickle for a little fun, food and drinks ... and possibly even a game of pickleball, a sport quickly growing in popularity across the United States. Chicken N Pickle offers indoor and outdoor seating, as well as fun yard games such as cornhole, shuffleboard and Jenga.
- 7 p.m. If you didn't eat at Chicken N Pickle, how about a nice steak dinner before departing Grapevine or possibly a beautiful sunset dinner at Big Daddy's at Lake Grapevine? And you can always catch some live music in the Historic Main Street District.

#### **Day 5 — Grapevine, Texas, to Durant, Oklahoma**

- Morning Enjoy breakfast at your host hotel or visit one of Grapevine's local favorites such as Chez Fabien or Old West Café.

- 10:00 am Depart for Oklahoma, where you'll be continuing your adventure in a country music superstar's hometown.
- 12:30 pm Arrive for lunch at Reba's Place in Atoka. Opened in early 2023, legendary singer Reba McEntire's new venture is a unique combination of restaurant, bar, live music venue and retail store. You can dine on classic Oklahoma dishes, see memorabilia from McEntire's personal collection and shop for exclusive merchandise.
- 2:00 pm Depart for the Durant area. The city is known as the magnolia capital of Oklahoma, and it's also the headquarters of the Choctaw Nation.
- 2:45 pm First, you'll visit the Choctaw Cultural Center in nearby Calera. Opened in 2021, this immersive, 100,000-square-foot facility tells the 14,000-year history of the Choctaw people through interactive exhibits. Outside, you can explore a living village with heirloom crops, a dance circle, a stickball field and a replica of a ceremonial mound.
- 5:00 pm Depart for your nearby hotel.
- 5:15 pm Check in at the Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant. This complex is loaded with amenities, including a massive gaming area, a spa, high-end shopping, a bowling alley and a movie theater. During the warm-weather months, can unwind in AQUA, a complex with an adults-only pool.
- 5:45 pm Visit Lost Street Brewing Co, a family-owned — and family-friendly — brewery in the heart of downtown Durant. You can relax in the beer garden with a beverage from the brewery's rotating selection of small-batch brews.
- 6:45 pm Explore downtown Durant and dine in one of the many restaurants, where options include barbecue, burgers, Tex-Mex and a steakhouse. Alternatively, you can return to the resort and choose from a variety of eateries.

#### **Day 6 — Durant, Oklahoma, to McAlester and Tulsa, Oklahoma**

- 8:30 am Depart Durant and head north to McAlester.
- 10:00 am Start your day with a tour of the Tannehill Museum in McAlester. Open by appointment only, this museum holds many unique artifacts, including century-old weapons and Oklahoma State Penitentiary memorabilia.
- 11:15 am Next, you'll visit the McAlester Masonic Scottish Rite Masonic Center. One of the largest Masonic centers in the nation, this lavish structure was once called the "Million-Dollar Temple."

- 12:30 pm Now it's time for lunch in Oklahoma's Little Italy, which is just minutes from McAlester. The small community of Krebs started as a coal mining camp that drew a mix of immigrants, including many from Italy. The town eventually became home to several restaurants that serve hearty Italian cuisine. First came Pete's Place, which opened in 1925 and has been going strong ever since. Roseanna's Italian Food followed in 1975. Krebs is also home to Lovera's Italian Grocery, a small store known for its house-made cheese and sausage along with a selection of items imported from Italy.
- 3:00 pm Depart for Tulsa, Oklahoma's second-largest city.
- 4:00 pm Explore the Meadow Gold District. This vibrant area along Tulsa's stretch of Route 66 that is anchored by a massive neon sign first installed in the 1930s to advertise Meadow Gold Dairy. The district is home to many shops, eateries and photo ops, including colorful murals and the unforgettable Buck Atom. Buck is a 21-foot-tall space cowboy statue that stands tall outside of Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on 66, a Mother Road souvenir store located in a former PEMCO gas station. Also in the area are several art galleries, the vintage vinyl haven known as Josey Records, and Decopolis Discovitorium, a gift and toy shop that's home to fantastical displays and a mini-museum that pays homage to Tulsa's Art Deco architecture.
- 6:00 pm Head over to Mother Road Market for dinner. This food hall, retail space and bar offers a relaxed atmosphere, tons of dining options and a spacious patio. You can even play a round of Route 66-themed mini-golf.
- 7:00 pm Once the sun slips slow, it's time to cruise Route 66 and check out some of Tulsa's fabulous neon and LED signs. You're sure to find some of these retro beauties, many of which have been brought back to life in recent years thanks to the City of Tulsa's Neon Sign Grant Program. The marquees for Cain's Ballroom and Circle Cinema are among the historic favorites, while newer additions include Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on 66, Josey Records and Chicken and the Wolf restaurant. There's also Cyrus Avery Plaza Southwest, which has replicas of three iconic signs from long-gone Tulsa motels.
- Evening Check in at one of many Tulsa-area hotels.

### **Day 7 — Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Miami, Claremore, and Catoosa, Oklahoma, then return to Tulsa**

- 9:00 am Depart for Miami, a Route 66 city in eastern Oklahoma.
- 10:30 am Tour Miami's Coleman Theatre, a Mother Road gem built in 1929 to serve as a vaudeville theater. The exterior was designed in the Spanish Mission Revival style, while

the opulent Louis XV interior features a 2,000-pound chandelier, intricately carved staircases and the Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ, which is still in action today.

- 11:30 am Enjoy lunch at a Miami icon that's the last of its kind. Waylan's Ku-Ku Burger is the final surviving restaurant of a chain of Ku-Ku Burger restaurants that went extinct in the 1960s. Grab a selfie with the cuckoo-clock-shaped building and colorful neon sign, then settle in to a made-to-order burger.
- 12:30 pm Depart for Claremore, home of the legendary Will Rogers.
- 1:30 pm Visit the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore. Built on land that Rogers once intended for his home, the museum celebrates the life of the beloved American humorist. It's filled with one-of-a-kind Rogers memorabilia, and there's a theater where you can watch Rogers' movies. Outside, you can pay your respects at the tomb where Rogers and his family are buried.
- 2:45 pm Depart for the Route 66 city of Catoosa.
- 3:00 pm Visit The Blue Whale of Catoosa, one of Route 66's most well-known roadside attractions. The 80-foot-long concrete whale first appeared along the highway in the 1970s, when the landowner built it as an anniversary gift for his wife. Today, there are picnic tables and a gift shop where you can buy fun souvenirs and food to feed the resident turtles.
- 4:00 pm Head back into Tulsa for a visit to the Gathering Place. With imaginative play areas, lush gardens, public art displays and many more inviting spaces, the 66.5-acre park has been named best city park by the USA Today Readers' Choice Awards.
- 5:30 pm Stop by the hotel to freshen up before an evening exploring Tulsa's nightlife.
- 6:30 pm Spend an evening unwinding in the thriving Tulsa Arts District. This area is home to some of Tulsa's most unique restaurants, bars and shops, and there are many spots where you can catch live music and other entertainment.

#### **Day 8 — Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, to Eureka Springs, Arkansas**

- 8:45 am Depart Tulsa and head to Tahlequah. There, you'll learn about the Cherokee Nation, one of the nation's largest Native American tribes, which is headquartered in the city.
- 10:00 am Start at the Cherokee National History Museum, which is housed in the original Cherokee National Capitol building. The 7,000-square-foot museum features interactive exhibits that tell the story of the tribe's lifestyle from before European contact to today.

- 11:30 am Take a break for lunch at one of the Tahlequah's many restaurants. Sam and Ella's Chicken Palace is a local favorite beloved for its hand-tossed pizzas.
- 12:30 p.m. Continue your lesson in Cherokee history at the Cherokee Supreme Court Museum, where you can view exhibits on the tribe's judicial system, language and newspapers.
- 1:45 p.m. Visit the Cherokee National Prison Museum, where you'll explore the history of Cherokee law enforcement — and some of the area's infamous outlaws — inside a former prison built in 1875.
- 2:30 p.m. Swing by the Cherokee Nation Gift Shop, where you can browse for original art pieces crafted by tribal members, including baskets and pottery.
- 3:15 pm Depart for Eureka Springs, Arkansas.
- 5:45 pm Arrive in Eureka Springs and check in to a hotel in the heart of the city. Both the Crescent Hotel and the Basin Park offer ghost tours of their historic hallways as well as on-site restaurants and spas.
- 6:45 pm Enjoy dinner at one of the many local restaurants.

### **Day 9 — Eureka Springs, Arkansas**

- 10:00 am Take a historical tour of the city aboard the Eureka Springs Trolley. This is a great way to acclimate to your surroundings and view the beautiful Victorian architecture of the town.
- 11:30 am Visit the grounds of The Great Passion Play, including the Christ of the Ozarks. Built in 1967 by one of the sculptors of Mount Rushmore, this statue stands 20 meters tall and is lit up at night.
- 2:00 pm Spend some time exploring downtown, where the entire area is on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Eureka Springs one of its Dozen Distinctive Destinations.

### **Day 10 — Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to Bentonville, Arkansas**

- 09:00 am Before you leave Eureka Springs, head to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, home to leopards, tigers, cougars and even black bears and ligers. Many of these animals came to the refuge wounded or neglected. The staff nurses the animals back to health and provides peaceful habitats.

- 10:00 am Travel one hour to Bentonville, known as the mountain biking capital of the world. It's also home to the world headquarters of Wal-Mart.
- 12:30 pm Have lunch at 'Eleven', a restaurant within Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.
- 1:30 pm Celebrate the legacy of U.S. artists and their work, from colonial to contemporary, at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Architect Moshe Safdie designed this museum to unite natural elements from the ravine where it was built with the structure of the museum itself, which opened in 2011. Spend time relaxing on the pavilion beside spring-fed ponds or gazing at masterpieces. From Mark Rothko, Norman Rockwell and Roy Lichtenstein paintings to Charles Willson Peale's portrait of George Washington, the museum's permanent collection does not disappoint.
- 4:00 pm Check in at 21c. Located on the northeast corner of the Bentonville town square and a short walk to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, 21c Museum Hotel Bentonville is a 104-room boutique hotel, contemporary art museum, cultural center and home to The Hive restaurant. During your stay, be on the lookout for the iconic Green Penguin, a signature art piece that could pop up anywhere throughout the hotel.

#### **Day 11 — Bentonville, Arkansas**

- 11:00 am Step back in time and take a 14,000-year journey through America's past at the Museum of Native American History. Exhibits are laid out in chronological order, starting with the first people through the era of early European influence. View some of the finest ancient artifacts of early man: brilliant headdresses, artistic effigy vessels, an Ice Age woolly mammoth and the famous Sweetwater Biface — the thinnest prehistoric stone tool found in North America.
- 2:00 pm Relive the dime store era at the original Walton's 5&10, a forerunner of Wal-Mart. You'll find classic candy, period music and an exhibit gallery featuring interactives. The museum includes such memorabilia as Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton's Medal of Freedom and original office. All artifacts are authentic, including Mr. Sam's iconic 1979 Ford F-150 pickup truck. Spark Café Soda Fountain offers ice cream treats in a 1950s setting.
- 3:30 pm Try out your mountain-biking skills with rental bikes at Gearhead Outfitter, which offers a specialized e-bike and access to some of the best trail systems in the world. Visit Slaughter Pen for clearly marked rides for all levels.
- 7:00 pm Dinner in Bentonville is sure to be fresh and local. The Wall Street Journal named Bentonville as one of its up-and-coming culinary scenes in 2014, and the publication was right on the mark. Seasonality speaks to our chefs, as menus adjust to the harvest



changes. The Bentonville farm-to-table culture is a large influence on the city's unique offerings.

### **Day 12 — Bentonville, Arkansas, to Hot Springs, Arkansas**

- 8:30 am Depart Bentonville for a four-hour drive to Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas's only national park and the first land ever set aside for protection by the National Park Service.
- 12:30 pm Have a truly unique lunch experience at Superior Bathhouse Brewery. Superior Bathhouse Brewery is home to the only brewery in a U.S. national park, and the only brewery in the world to utilize thermal spring water as its primary ingredient.
- 2:00 pm Stroll along Bathhouse Row, which is home to eight stately bathhouses constructed between 1892 and 1923. Now owned by the National Park Service, the structures have been described as "the grandest collection of bathhouses of [its] kind in the nation." The row and the trail that runs behind them, which is known as the Grand Promenade, were designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 1987. You can still enjoy a thermal water spa experience at the Buckstaff Bathhouse or take a dip in a public pool at the Quapaw Baths.
- 8:00 pm End your night at the Ohio Club, Arkansas's oldest continually operating bar. For over 100 years, the Ohio Club has been the place to be. It got its start in 1905 as a bar and casino and has been a stop-off place for many celebrities like Al Capone, Bugsy Siegel, Bugs Moran and Lucky Luciano. It was also visited by many Major League Baseball players, including Babe Ruth, when spring training was held in Hot Springs in the early 1900s.

### **Day 13 — Hot Springs, Arkansas to Broken Bow, Oklahoma**

- 10:00 am Take in live horse racing at Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort. Located in beautiful Hot Springs, Oaklawn has a storied history as one of the premier Thoroughbred tracks in America and hosts live racing December-May. A 2021 expansion includes a resort hotel, spa, 24-7 casino gaming, dining, sports betting and entertainment.
- 11:30 am Say goodbye to The Natural State in the best way possible, by spending some time in its beautiful outdoors. The Garvan Woodland Gardens boast an impressive assortment of natural and manmade attractions. Surprisingly, flowers are not the garden's main draw. The Anthony Chapel Complex in particular appeals to architecture enthusiasts with its latticework of wood and glass. The Joy Manning Scott Bridge of the Full Moon, one of the most photographed features within the gardens, is equally admired for its nod to the ancient stone bridges of western China. Meanwhile, green thumbs appreciate the attraction's natural areas, including the bonsai garden and woodland walk, which covers just a fraction of the gardens' diverse green spaces.

- 1:30 pm Depart for Beavers Bend State Park in Broken Bow, Oklahoma — a stunning, serene area that is one of the state’s most popular vacation getaways.
- 4:00 pm Travel the winding roads of richly forested Southeast Oklahoma to arrive at Beavers Bend State Park. The park has a variety of overnight options, including rustic cabins, modern tiny cabins and a freshly renovated lodge with fantastic views of Broken Bow Lake.
- 6:00 pm Head into Hochatown for dinner. This little town is a hopping place in the evening. Its dining options include pizza, Southern cuisine and a steakhouse, and several have patios where you can relax and take in the scenery.
- Evening Spend your evening unwinding with some adult beverages. You can tour Beavers Bend Brewery & Taproom or just relax in the taproom with a seasonal ale or one of their year-round offerings. If wine’s a little more your style, head to Girls Gone Wine, a boutique winery. The wine is produced on site, but there are no vineyards to be found — just a tasting room and gift shop that are fun, funky and for adults only.

#### **Day 14 — Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and Hochatown, Oklahoma**

- Day Spend a day exploring Beavers Bend State Park, one of Oklahoma’s largest and most-visited state parks. It’s known for its towering pines and hardwoods, gently flowing streams and nearly endless opportunities for outdoor fun. Zip-lining, guided trail rides, and boat rentals are all available, while those who prefer quieter activities can try their hand at trout fishing in the Lower Mountain Fork River, play a round of golf or hike one of the many trails.
- Evening Enjoy dinner and shopping in Hochatown.

#### **Day 15 — Broken Bow, Oklahoma, to Paris, Texas, to Grapevine, Texas**

- 8:00 am Gear up for another day of exploring with a hearty breakfast in the area.
- 9:00 am Depart for Texas
- 10:30 a.m. Did you know there is a Paris, Texas? Plan a quick photo stop here with Texas’ own Eiffel Tower. It stands 65 feet (19.8 meters) with its iconic red cowboy hat on top.
- 12:30 p.m. Next stop is the iconic Southfork Ranch, made famous by the Ewing family in the popular television series “Dallas.” Here, you can enjoy lunch as well as a tour of this famous ranch.

- 3 p.m. Depart Southfork Ranch for Grapevine where you can return the rental car, if your hotel offers complimentary airport transportation.
- 5 p.m. Enjoy one last glass of wine at one of Grapevine's winery tasting rooms, or maybe a local craft brew or margarita — all Texas favorites.
- 7 p.m. Enjoy dinner in Grapevine's Historic Main Street District and a good night's sleep before departing for home the next day.

**Day 16 — Grapevine, Texas, to airport**

Fly home

From all of our destinations, thank you for visiting, and come back soon!