

Cost: \$0

Nestled in the south-central region of Oklahoma, [Chickasaw Country](#) represents 13 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. Chickasaw Country is an easy, versatile, friendly and beautiful escape packed with First American and Western culture, outdoor recreation, local dining, breathtaking landscapes and one-of-a-kind festivals. For adventure-seekers, culture lovers and everything in between, Chickasaw Country is uniquely positioned as a go-to, spur of the moment, easy-to-get-to, ever-changing vacation, for a day, a weekend, a week or longer.

Join this exhilarating tour showcasing the very best of Chickasaw Country. From the breathtaking beauty of Oklahoma's oldest state park and the vibrant activities on Lake Murray to retracing the steps of Jesse Chisholm along the historic Chisholm Trail, our tour will take you on a whirlwind journey through the spellbinding landscapes of southwest Oklahoma. So, pack your bags and come along with us on an adventure to Chickasaw Country.

<b>Wednesday, July 12, 2023</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Depart Oklahoma City	
9:45 a.m.	<p>Arrive at Greater Southwest Historical Museum 35 Sunset Drive SW Ardmore, OK</p> <p><i>Located inside the old Ardmore National Guard Armory that was built in 1936 by the WPA, the Greater Southwest Historical Museum tells the captivating history and culture of south-central Oklahoma from early Native Americans in the mid-1800s to the farmers, ranchers and townspeople of present day. The exhibits emphasize pioneer life, oil and gas development and urban life. Other major exhibits are housed in three historical wings including the Military Memorial Museum.</i></p>	<p><b>IG:</b> @ChickasawCountry <b>FB:</b> @ChickasawCountry</p> <p><b>Hashtags:</b> #VisitChickasaw</p>
10:15 a.m.	<p>Depart for the Santa Fe Depot 251 E. Main Street Ardmore, OK 73401 (1.8 miles and 7 minutes away)</p> <p><i>The Santa Fe Depot, located in Ardmore, OK, was constructed in 1918, but has been painstakingly restored at a cost of over \$1,000,000, most recently in 2015. This popular meeting spot hosts all kinds of events. These include meetings, receptions, parties, weddings, reunions and other celebrations. The Depot forms the eastern edge of Depot Park which is the permanent home of the Mercy Train. Following a devastating explosion in 1915, steam locomotive 1108 brought medical personnel to the city to care for the injured. When the locomotive was retired in 1954, the City of Ardmore bought the train and moved it to the grounds of Hardy Murphy Coliseum. On September 7,</i></p>	

	<i>2017, the Mercy Train was brought to a permanent home in the Depot District of Ardmore at Depot Park.</i>	
10:45 a.m.	Depart for Ten-Star Pizza (walk across the street)	
11:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch: Ten-Star Pizza</b> 109 East Main Street Ardmore, OK <i>Ten-Star Pizza Kitchen serves gas-fired oven cooked pizza. The light, crispy, old-world crust has a unique, sophisticated flavor. Although it's a secret family recipe, we know one of the keys to its delicious taste is using sliced mozzarella and using fresh ingredients every day.</i>	
12:30 p.m.	Depart for Lake Murray State Park	
1:00 p.m.	Arrive at Lake Murray State Park 13528 Scenic State Hwy 77 Ardmore, OK  Drive to Tucker Tower 18407 Scenic Highway 77, Ardmore, OK 73401 (Approximately 4.4 miles and 7 minutes from entrance)  <i>As Oklahoma's oldest and largest state park, Lake Murray appeals to outdoor and water sport enthusiasts. Features include onsite lodge, cabins, RV campgrounds with over 300 RV sites and unlimited tent camping, trails, golfing, water sports activities, swimming and more.</i> <i>Tucker Tower, located at the State Park, is an icon for southern Oklahoma and beyond. Overlooking beautiful Lake Murray, this tower was intended as a summer home for Oklahoma Governor Bill Murray and now stands as a lighthouse sentinel many years later.</i>	
2:00 p.m.	Depart for Lake Murray Lodge (Approximately 5 miles and 10 minutes from Tucker Tower)	
2:45 p.m.	Check in at Lake Murray Lodge 3323 Lodge Road Ardmore, OK <i>Situated on the banks of Lake Murray, the property includes 32 guest rooms in the lodge overlooking the lake and 56 cabins.</i> *Time to relax before next activity	
4:15 p.m.	Walk to Lake Murray Water Sports	
4:25 p.m.	Lake Murray Water Sports 3323 Lodge Road Ardmore, OK <i>Mini-golf, wave runners, water slides and trampolines, kayaks, paddle boats, party barges and lake cruises can all be found at this Ardmore attraction. Soak up the sun and learn interesting facts about Lake Murray's 70-year history while taking a guided daytime or sunset cruise across the water.</i>	
6:00 p.m.	Depart for Café Alley	

6:30 p.m.	<p><b>Dinner: Café Alley</b>  126 A Street NE  Ardmore, OK  <i>Founded in 1986, Café Alley is an upscale restaurant located in Ardmore, Oklahoma, that serves up fine foods in a quaint ambiance. Their food is delivered fresh every day, guaranteeing diners a rich and flavorful dining experience.</i></p>	
	Depart for Lake Murray Lodge	
<b>Thursday, July 13, 2023</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Depart for Duncan, OK	
10:15 a.m.	<p>Arrive at Crossed Arrows Alpaca Farm &amp; Fiber Mill  178740 N 3000 Road  Duncan, OK  <i>Crossed Arrows Alpaca Farm &amp; Fiber Mill is a full-service natural fiber mill, specializing in alpaca and llama fleece processing. We will tour the artisan fiber mill and the ranch followed by activity.</i></p>	
11:45 a.m.	Depart for Billy Sims BBQ	
12:15 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch: Billy Sims BBQ</b>  3400 North Hwy 81  Duncan, OK  <i>Billy Sims BBQ serves BBQ in a big way. Their two most popular main courses are their delicious ribs and brisket. The atmosphere is filled with nostalgic sports memorabilia ranging from photographs, jerseys, footballs and more.</i></p>	
1:30 p.m.	Depart for Chisholm Trail Heritage Center	
1:40 p.m.	<p>Arrive at Chisholm Trail Heritage Center  1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway  Duncan, OK  <i>The museum offers an interactive experience for all ages and interests. The 4D Experience Theater offers a multi-sensory adventure “on the trail” where you can smell the wildflowers of the Oklahoma prairie in the springtime and watch a stampede in a thunderstorm. A visit to the Campfire Theater will have you eavesdropping on Jesse Chisholm and Cowboy Tex. Home to one of the finest Western Art collections west of the Mississippi, in the Garis Gallery of the American West, you can enjoy an incredible collection of paintings and sculptures.</i></p>	
3:20 p.m.	Depart for Kochendorfer Brewing Co.	
3:45 p.m.	<p>Arrive at Kochendorfer Brewing Co.  1155 McCurdy Road  Duncan, OK  <i>Here in the Duncan woodlands, Kochendorfer Brewing Company has made brewing their craft and people are their passion. They’ve traveled the globe, brewing from Illinois and Kentucky to England and Germany. Now, they have their own little patch of land and they’ve filled</i></p>	

	<i>it with the things that make them happy.</i>	
4:15 p.m.	Depart for Chickasha, OK	
5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Dinner: A&amp;E Grill</b>  802 West Grand Avenue  Chickasha, OK  <i>A&amp;E Grill is a step above your average bar &amp; grill. Along with being voted for having the Best Restaurant in Grady County, the menu serves other American favorites made fresh including made-to-order pasta with home-made sauces, fresh salsa and their famous home-made baked potato soup.</i></p>	
6:30 p.m.	Depart for Downtown Chickasha (2 miles/6 minute drive)	
	<p>Photo opportunity with the Leg Lamp  100 W. Chickasha Ave  Chickasha, OK 73018  <i>Chickasha is home to a 50-foot permanent fiberglass Leg Lamp – yes, just like the one in “A Christmas Story.”</i></p>	
7:00 p.m.	Depart for Oklahoma City	
8:00 p.m.	<p>Arrive in Oklahoma City</p> <p><i>Colcord Hotel - 15 N Robinson Ave,  Oklahoma City, OK 73102</i></p> <p><i>First National Center - 120 N Robinson Ave, Oklahoma  City, OK 73102</i></p>	

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