



Western Chapter of the Society of American Travel Writers Post Tour July 12-14, 2023

[Visit Tulsa](#)

8:00-8:30am	Enjoy continental breakfast at your hotel before departing
8:30am	Depart OKC
9:00am – 9:15am	POPs 66 – Quick stop to check out POPs 66 Soda Ranch. Enjoy a blast from the past or try a new creation like the brown gravy soda! Take pictures with the 66' soda pop.
9:20-10:00am	Tour the Round Barn of Arcadia . This Route 66 icon has been intriguing passersby for more than 100 years. Take photos and learn why it's round.
11:30-12:15pm	Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum – This decommissioned National Guard Armory turned auto museum is a great stop along Route 66. The museum opened in 2016 and boasts the world's tallest gas pump, great for selfies. The museum will be undergoing a renovation adding more floor space and room for special events.
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch TBD in Sapulpa
2:00pm	Arrive in Tulsa
2:00-2:45pm	Check-in to hotels - Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown, Courtyard Downtown Tulsa, Hotel Indigo – SJS Hospitality Properties are located in the heart of Tulsa Downtown
3:00-5:00pm	Route 66 Tour – Tours of Tulsa/Meet and Greet with Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios and Decopolis Tulsa Art Deco mini Museum – Mary Beth Babcock & William Franklin – The Brut Hotel and Sharp Development Car Vending Machine, Mother Road Market (if more than 5 writers participate we will ask Kelly Gibson to lead tour)
6:00-7:30pm	El Rancho Grande dinner, meet & greet with John & Frannie Walden (owners) One of Route 66's iconic neon's and restaurants. Opened in





1953, this classic Tex-Mex restaurant has been serving Route 66 for 70 years!

Return to hotels:

Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown, Courtyard Downtown Tulsa, Hotel Indigo – SJS Hospitality Properties

THURSDAY, July 13

Tulsa Sound

7:45am

Depart for Dilly Diner, Downtown Tulsa

8:00-8:45am

Breakfast – [Dilly Diner](#) 402 E 2nd St., Blue Dome District of Tulsa

9:00-10:00am

[Gathering Place](#) w/Docent Tour. Tulsa’s \$465 million dollar, privately funded city park with over 5,800 evergreen and deciduous trees, including more than 100 different species! USA Today 10 Best Readers’ Choice named it America’s Best City Park in 2021 and Best New Attraction in 2019! All ages are sure to have a blast at the Chapman Adventure Playground, with creative structures shaped like animals, castles and fruits. The Gathering Place also offers plenty of fitness activities like the SemGroup Sports Courts, skate park, Midland Valley & River Parks Trails, as well as an indoor cafe, outdoor patio and QuikTrip Great Lawn for live entertainment. Gathering Place offers diverse recreation for pedestrians, cyclists, fishermen, disc-golfers and more, the full [Tulsa River Parks](#) system is an outdoor retreat along the banks of the winding Arkansas River.

10:15-10:45am

[Harwelden Mansion](#) Tour – This 1923 historic mansion built by oilman Earl Harwell and his wife Mary. Designed by the Kansas City architectural firm, Wight and Wight; Long Construction, also of Kansas City, constructed the mansion. Long was also the builder of the world-famous Philbrook Museum Villa 4 years later. Purchased and renovated by Teresa Knox, Harwelden Mansion is now a special event facility and beautiful bed & breakfast.

11:00-Noon

[Church Studio](#) Tour – This historic Grace Methodist Episcopal Church built in 1915 and later turned into the recording studio and home office to Shelter Records in 1972. Under Leon Russell’s leadership, the stone structure serviced as a creative workshop for songwriters, musicians, engineers, and singers to collaborate, learn and inspire. Purchased by Acosta and Teresa Knox, the renovated studio is now a recording studio,





audio engineering school, museum and event space that was completed in 2022.

12:15-1:15pm

Lunch at Wanda J's or Sisserou's or Albert G's Downtown

1:30-3:00pm

[Bob Dylan Center](#) – [Woody Guthrie Center](#) Tour - The Bob Dylan Center® is dedicated to the study and appreciation of renowned American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan and his cultural significance. The Woody Guthrie Center is a public museum and archive located in Tulsa, Oklahoma that is dedicated to the life and legacy of American folk musician and singer-songwriter Woody Guthrie. The Center also contains the archives of folk singer, songwriter, and fellow social activist Phil Ochs. Both the Bob Dylan Center and the Woody Guthrie Center® operate under auspices of the American Song Archives, a project of the George Kaiser Family Foundation (GKFF) and located in the Tulsa Arts District.

3:00-4:30pm

Walk to [Greenwood Rising Black History Center/ John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park](#) Tour – John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park Tower of Reconciliation was the first monument on National Geographic's list of "Six essential American monuments to see in 2021."

4:45pm

Return to hotels for rest and relaxation

6:00-7:00pm

Dinner TBD

7:00-9:00pm

[Cain's Ballroom](#) Concert – [Forgotten Space](#) Celebrating the Grateful Dead – Built in 1924 by Tulsa entrepreneur Tate Brady, The Cain's Ballroom has gone from a garage, a dime-a-dance joint and dancing academy until it became know as one of the top performance venues in the world today. In 2020, LA Times name Cain's one of the top 4 live music venues in the country.

FRIDAY, July 14

9:00-10:00am

Breakfast – Wildflower Café – 1306 E 11th St / Route 66

Goodbye!

Depart for airport

