MTJA PRE-FAMs

Start Date: Monday, Sept. 9
End Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11

Departure Airports: Eisenhower National Airport (ICT) and Kansas City International Airport (MCI); no earlier than 12pm

FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH TO OUTER SPACE

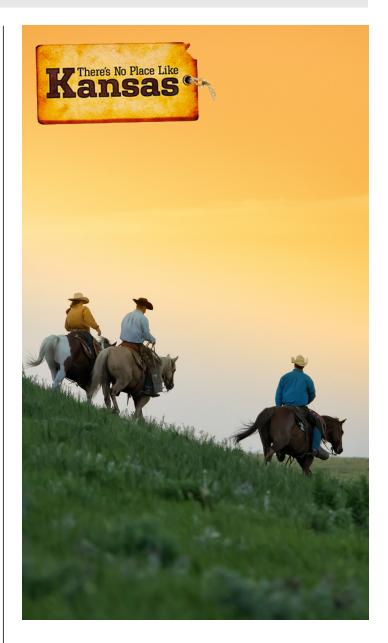
Activity Level: Easy • Number of Journalists: 6

Go 650 ft. below the earth's surface to the Strataca, the only museum in the Western Hemisphere located within a working salt mine. More than mere museum, it's an adventure, as well as having biggest film storage facility in the world for Hollywood Studios. Then explore outer space at the Cosmosphere and Space Center, one of the most significant collections of space artifacts in the world, including the actual Apollo 13 command module, plus IMAX and interactive exhibits. This is a blast from the past for those of you who remember the original space explorations. We'll also enjoy a little bit of Amish country where horse and buggies are intermingled with cars and trucks. Rest assured, we won't forget to treat you to a freshly-made delicious cinnamon roll at the local bakery. You'll finish this tour at a Bison Ranch (because if you come to Kansas then you definitely need to visit a herd of bison).









HOME, HOME ON THE RANGE!

Activity Level: Moderate • Number of Journalists: 6

From an evening observing our dark skies to riding horse-back across the prairie, this pre-fam is a taste of the great outdoors. Explore the Flint Hills and tallgrass prairie, limestone courthouses, and the back-stories of some very fine and unique small towns. We'll visit one of the oldest preserved ranches in Kansas, the Flying W Ranch, a 7,000 acre cattle ranch that offers grand vistas, relaxation, and memorable experiences for all of its guests. Enjoy wildflower walks, star gazing, hiking, horseback riding or just plain relaxing in the beautiful Flint Hills.