

## ***Sample Itinerary***

### ***Fort Smith, Arkansas Where the West was FUN@***

#### **First Day:**

- 2:00 PM**      ***Arrive at Miss Laura's Visitor Center - Plan time for a good look around this former bordello, the first to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. With prior arrangements, Miss Laura will be in costume to greet your group and give the tour of this historic old hotel, but don't expect any literal old-fashioned hospitality. Pre-arrange for refreshments of sarsaparilla and peanuts to be served from the bar area. Miss Laura will also answer any questions about your Fort Smith visit. Catch the Trolley Bus here for an interpretive tour of the Historic District.***
- 3:30 PM**      ***Fort Smith National Historic Site - Step back in time as you tour Judge Isaac C. Parker's Courtroom (he was known as the hanging judge), visit the old jail known as A hell on the border@ and hear voices from the past. See a replica of the famed gallows where 79 men met their fate at the end of a rope.***
- 5:00 PM**      ***Check in***
- 6:30 PM**      ***Dinner - Either a delightful Italian dinner at A The Hall at Taliano's OR a seafood dinner at A The Lighthouse Inn@ on the banks of the Arkansas River.***
- 7:30 PM**      ***Miss Laura=s Players present A The Medicine Show on Hanging Day an original musical/comedy now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year of production. Step back for a short while into a colorful past, both novel and entertaining!***

#### **Second Day:**

- 9:00 AM**      ***Darby Home - Tour the boyhood home of the founder of famed World War II group A The Darby's Rangers which has been carefully restored to the early 1940's and contains lots of World War II memorabilia to browse through.***
- 10:00 AM**      ***A & M Railway - Board the train for an excursion north through the beautiful Ozark Mountains. One-way and round trip excursions are available. Box lunch on the train can be pre-arranged -OR-***
- 1:30 PM**      ***A High Tea@ at the Clayton House. Built in the 1850's, this is the restored home of William Henry Clayton, Prosecuting Attorney for Judge Isaac C. Parker. Contains authentic Clayton family and period pieces. AHigh Tea@ and tour must be pre-arranged.***



**Fourth Day:**

- 9:00 AM**      **Fort Smith Art Center - Galleries contain fine paintings, sculptures, and permanent and changing art exhibits.**
- 10:00 AM**      **Fort Smith Museum of History - trace 150 years of Fort Smith history; learn the city=s role in the early frontier, the Civil War, and the late 19<sup>th</sup> century lawlessness of this area. Enjoy an old-fashioned soda at a working frontier drug store exhibit.**
- 11:00 PM**      **Take a nostalgic ride through our downtown on a restored electric trolley (1926 Birney) from the Fort Smith Museum of History to our National Cemetery where both Judge Parker and General Darby are buried.**
- 12:00 N**        **Lunch at AThe Park at West End@ in a restored rail car at the Nickel & Dime Diner. Ride a classic 1935 Ferris Wheel (it was in the World=s Fair in San Diego in the 1930's), or take in the sites and sounds of an old-time calliope.**
- 1:30 PM**        **Tour one of our oldest churches:**
- First Lutheran - Century old and contains unusual stained glass windows. Learn the church=s past from a guide in period costume.**
- OR**
- Immaculate Conception Church - Visible from Oklahoma, this historic Catholic church sits at the head of wide Garrison Avenue. Built in 1800, it has beautiful stained glass windows and a fascinating history.**
- 2:15 PM**        **St. Scholastica - Tour facility built in 1924 and get insight on life in a convent.**  
**See artworks by Sisters dating back to early 1900's.**
- 3:30 PM**        **Leave Fort Smith**

**Other activities available:**

**Visit our new Nature Center, opened in 2006. Built on 170 acres, you'll learn how A The Natural State@ got its name. The Center focuses on the wide variety of animals and birds that call the area home. See the exhibits, walk the trails to enjoy the native plants or canoe/fish in Wells Lake.**  
**Choctaw Casino - Enjoy some time at the slots!**