



Welcome to the Star of the Western Frontier, where your group will relive a history that inspired *True Grit*, *Lonesome Dove* and other iconic tales of the American West. Discover world-renowned public art, explore the majesty of the Ozarks by train, visit the barbershop where Elvis received his famous military buzz cut, and more in Fort Smith, Arkansas!



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Day 1

Miss Laura's Visitor Center: arrange for a guided tour of the first former bordello on the National Register of Historic Places by "Miss Laura" herself.

Fort Smith Museum of History: browse more than 40,000 local artifacts and exhibits chronicling the city's colorful history.

Dinner with Miss Laura's Players: enjoy a catered meal and comedic performance of, "The Medicine Show on Hanging Day."

Day 2

Belle Grove Historic District: discover the timeless architecture of Belle Grove Historic District and tour the the Italianate mansion of William H. H. Clayton.

Driving Art Tour: explore a vibrant, growing gallery of world-renowned urban and contemporary public art that has breathed new life into the historic streets of Downtown Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Fort Smith National Historic Site: tour Judge Parker's court and a replica of the Fort Smith gallows, see the remains of the first fort, and learn about the Five Civilized Tribes as your group walks along a paved portion of the Trail of Tears.

Lunch at Taliano's: dine inside of the James Sparks Home (1887); Romanesque style mansion with original hand-carved fireplaces, chandeliers and more.

River Valley Nature Center: situated on 170 acres overlooking Wells Lake, the center features realistic interior exhibits depicting the region's biodiversity, such as a life-sized oak tree, aquarium with native fish, and more.

Shops at Brick City: described as a "brick and mortar Pinterest" your group will find vintage treasures, gourmet foods, home decor, clothing, specialty gifts, and more more. Named one of the Top 5 Shopping Centers in the State by AY magazine.

Dinner at Calico County: a landmark of the area's culinary landscape offering down home southern dishes and a nostalgic environment filled with classic American memorabilia.

Other Options:

Chaffee Barbershop Museum: visit the Army barbershop where Elvis received the famous military buzz that headlines referred to as, "the haircut heard 'round the world," after he was drafted during WWII.

A & M Railroad Excursion: explore the majesty of the Ozarks aboard an antique Pullman Railcar. Includes lunch.

Mount Magazine: Enjoy lunch and an incredible view before heading into the Visitors Center and gift shop.

Arkansas Wine Country: Visit St. Mary's Church before experiencing the tradition of Swedish wine making and enjoying dinner at Wiederkehr Wine Cellar.