Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

HOT SPRINGS, RT 66 & SIMPLE PLEASURES --- WITH BATH & SPA "SPOTLIGHTED TOUR" FOR 2019 SUN-SAT SEPT 22 – 28, 2019

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Indepenence, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Medina, Mansfield, Columbus North.

This new tour continues the tradition of our one-of-a-kind adventures that makes it most enjoyable and, if you aren't careful, you just might learn something about the history of our great country. It's something you have come to expect from Great Day! Tours . . . which is why it's our 2019 Spotlighted Tour.

Our travels take us south through Columbus and on to Tennessee and Arkansas. Our Tour Staff has arranged a stop at the Delta Heritage Center where we will be exploring the history, music and culture that makes this area unique, from the school of Tina Turner to the Cotton Museum and one of the largest privately-owned collections of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia in the Southeast. Then it's off to Marlsgate Plantation to

tour, followed by a delicious dinner served here . . . it's a dinner that has always impressed our passengers.

Afterwards, we continue to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a two-night stay at the Waters Hotel. During a recent convention, Batman and Robin "made a grand entrance" as they scaled down the side of this beautifully-restored historic hotel. Nestled in Hot Springs National Park, this hotel boasts a multimillion-dollar historic renovation of a revered building on Bathhouse Row and has yielded a boutique hotel with vintage details yet up-to-date comforts and amenities. The rooms are true to the building's history, filled with art from local artists.



We will be seeing Hot Springs' Bathhouse Row, known everywhere for the healing and relaxing powers of its hot mineral spring waters. We will also be experiencing this town, learning about some of its history including its link to some of the country's most notorious gangsters and, of course, we've planned another great dinner while we are here.

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Now for something you find in virtually no other tour . . . Quapaw Baths & Spa. We want you to experience the "perfect place to immerse in Hot Springs' acclaimed thermal waters and indulge in luxurious surroundings." We've arranged for forty admissions so that you can enjoy a treatment that is what made Hot Springs so popular over the years. Relax at the spa (included) in the water from the natural thermal springs and experience the rejuvenation of

mineral hydrotherapy.

Our visit here will include the nationally-recognized Garvan Woodlands Gardens, the botanical garden of the University of Arkansas. Nestled in picturesque mountains, they were a gift from a local industrialist and philanthropist. The beauty will probably "blow you away" as you see the canopy of pines reaching skyward providing protection for delicate flora and fauna while gentle lapping waves can be heard along the wooded shoreline and rocky inclines.



Admissions have also been included for our visit to the Gangster Museum of America where you will be learning of some of the colorful history of Hot Springs and its connection to folks from up-north in Chi-town.



We will be traveling north through Arkansas into Fort Smith which began as a western frontier military post in 1817 and then being known for its role in the settling of the "Wild West" and its law enforcement heritage, most famously known for the actions of "Hanging Judge" Isaac C. Parker and one of the restored (former) bordellos where Miss Laura will be taking us through the first bordello to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Then it's just a short distance into Bentonville where your coach will be making a stop at Sam Walton's original 5 & Dime variety store with its original tin ceiling and floor tiles.

By lunch time we will be exploring Crystal Bridges, the "preeminent American art museum in the country" financed by Alice Walton, Sam's daughter. The permanent collection is incredible and includes iconic images such as Asher B. Durand's



"Kindred Spirits", Norman Rockwell's "Rosie the Riveter" and Andy Warhol's "Coca-Cola". No, the fellow on the right (in the photo) is definitely not considered a "piece of art" as he is Great Day! Tours' Founder and President. We will then travel to the Museum of Native American History. We will be walking through five time periods, as we get a glimpse into what life was like for America's first inhabitants.

One of the most popular stops on last year's tour will be repeated, the fascinating Simple



Pleasures Event Center (see left) in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Today we will be enjoying a leisurely pace and seeing a collection of farm vehicles, antique cars and trucks before a lively show with dinner.

We will be visiting Joplin, Missouri, this morning. The city is located in the

southwestern corner of Missouri. While many folks have taken it for granted that it was named after the ragtime composer Scott Joplin, who also lived in Missouri, it was



actually named for an early minister who settled here. The city grew as Route 66

came through the city, leading to its name being incorporated into the lyrics of the legendary song, "Route 66". Enjoy a great new perspective of our country, both from what we've seen and experienced.

HOT SPRINGS, ROUTE 66, SIMPLE PLEASURES, BATH & SPA – SEPTEMBER 2019 7-Day package includes 12 meals

\$1534 per person in a double \$1504 per person in a triple \$1474 per person in a quad \$1920 per person in a single

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