

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**KANSAS CITY . . . HERE WE COME!**

**SUN-FRI JUNE 20-25, 2021**

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

## Attractions from the Route 66 Era – Kansas City Highlights – Arch – Steamboat Arabia

Kansas City grew as the French and Spanish arrived but, after the 1804 Louisiana Purchase, a visit by Lewis & Clark led to the construction of a fort where the Kansas and Missouri rivers meet. Today the city is known for its wonderful meals, jazz, architecture and for being the home of Hallmark Cards. Nicknamed “*The City of Fountains*”, it has more fountains than any city, with the exception of Rome, Italy. With 48 fountains, hundreds of miles of boulevards and 124 parks, we’ll be showing you why Kansas City is truly the Midwest’s best kept secret!



Since our company is known for the great meals provided in our packages, we’ve included the top specialty meal entrees that Kansas City is most known for . . . a great steak and KC Hickory-Smoked Barbeque, just two of the 12 meals in this tour!

At the Hallmark Visitor Center, you’ll discover the company started by a Nebraska teen. Later we’ll be seeing artifacts from the “*Arabia*”, the side wheeler steamboat that sank in the Missouri River in 1856. It was discovered in 1989 in what is now a farm field due to the meandering of the river over the years.



The artifacts are preserved and displayed at the Arabia Steamboat Museum, located in the historic City Market. From clothing, fine china and carpentry tools to guns, dishes and children’s toys to the world’s oldest pickles. The treasures of the Steamboat Arabia will connect you to American history in an all-new way.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:30 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.



We will be guests during our visit to Longview Mansion. Built in 1914 by a lumber baron, it was the heart of Longview Farms, once known as *“The World’s Most Beautiful Farm”*. In 2018, this mansion underwent a multi-million dollar restoration, bringing the property back to its former “glory and sophistication”.

At the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Experience we’ll see historic brewing methods all the way through to tasting today’s popular products coming off the line. Afterwards we will be enjoying a *“Route 66 Favorite”*, a Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, known as “Concretes”, an icon on Route 66.

Our narrated tour will have us stepping back into the early 1800s to the *“Town of Kansas”* as our Guide relates its beginnings as we drive to Lewis & Clark Point on the Missouri River. You’ll be seeing the huge *“Community Bookshelf”* on the outside of the KC Public Library, with *“book spines”*, each measuring 25 feet, depicting books. You will be learning of the origin of modern-day Kansas City, Missouri, which dates back to the 1830s, when John McCoy founded the settlement of Westport, opening an outfitting store for pioneers on the Santa Fe Trail and then establishing a river boat landing on the Missouri River. There will be a visit to the Crown Center Complex and the Visitor Center, the dream of the founder of Hallmark Card Company. It is more than a museum, offering various activities that have always seemed to be enjoyed by our motorcoach passengers.

We will also be visiting the 1914 Union Station which, at one time, saw a dozen railroads joining forces to form the Kansas City Terminal Railroad, selecting a noted Chicago architect to design the new station in the beaux-arts style. This architectural style was popular in the U.S. and France at the time and carried a price tag of six million dollars. The number of railroads using the facilities has been reduced over the years and now

serves as the Amtrak Station after its most-recent restoration. This Great Day! tour to Kansas City has something for everyone – whether you’re a history buff, art lover, or just enjoy the “art” of celebrating, you’ve taken a tour that includes something for each of these interests.

We will also be visiting Independence, Missouri, home of former President Harry S. Truman, viewing both the Truman Library and Independence Square. We will also be learning of about the Power & Light District and Subtropolis, created through the mining of a 270 million-year-old limestone deposit; it now boasts miles of underground wide, paved streets.



The Gateway Arch celebrates the westward expansion of the United States and the pioneers who made it possible. Over 43,000 tons of concrete and steel make up this monument that soars 63 stories into the Midwest sky. Time-permitting, we will be visiting the museum for this 630-foot high National Park Arch.



Grant’s Farm, the ancestral home of the Busch family, is named for Ulysses S. Grant who originally worked a portion of the land. We will be touring this homestead.

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**Package includes 12 meals.**

**\$1464 per person in a double**  
**\$1439 per person in a triple**  
**\$1414 per person in a quad**  
**\$1746 per person in a single**



**Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept credit cards.**  
**Tours can be booked online 24 hours a day with a credit card.**