

## NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ACTIVE TIMERS "ROUTE 66 TOUR" 3 DAYS – SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2013 Tour #G1309NEATS

## **Tour Highlights:**

2 Continental Breakfasts — 2 Lunches — 2 Dinners — Nurse Onboard StableRidge Vineyards Tour & Tasting – Rock Café – Chandler Route 66 Interpretive Center Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum – Guided Tour of Oklahoma City's Historic Era Buildings Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum – Clinton's Route 66 Museum National Route 66 Museum & Old Town Complex – Acadia's Round Barn – POPS Special Meals – Fun & Fellowship

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**Day 1.** Oklahoma and Route 66 go hand in hand. Ten Associations of State Highways in 1923 examined roads across the country to come up with a list of important interstate routes. Cyrus Avery from Oklahoma was a strong supporter of the Chicago to Los Angeles route, a route that he wanted to pass through his home state of Oklahoma. To make a long story short...this route was designated U.S. Highway 66 on November 11, 1926. Today many consider Cyrus Avery to be the Father of Route 66, "America's Mother Road." Board your Travel Tours coach for a Route 66 tour traveling west where you will see unique Oklahoma art and find history in every mile. First stop is at the StableRidge Vineyards on Historic Route 66 for a winery tour and tasting. Enjoy an included lunch at the Rock Café, a small café run by Dawn Welch & listed on the National Register of Historic Places. PIXAR chief John Lassiter said that Dawn was the inspiration for the movie "Cars." Well, at least the inspiration for Sally the Porsche in "Cars." Originally built in 1936 with rocks gathered from the construction of Route 66, it has been restored & reopened a number of times. A fire in 2008 gutted much of the building, but it was completely restored in 2009. After lunch, visit the Chandler Route 66 Interpretive Center housed in the historic Chandler Armory building. Visitors to the museum are encouraged to experience a nostalgic trip down Route 66 told through an array of videos and a collection of memorabilia from the 1920s to current-day Oklahoma. Three miles west of Chandler watch for the old barn painted with **Merimec Caverns**. There was a time during the hey-day of Route 66 that these signs once graced barns throughout the countryside along Route 66. This is the only one left in Oklahoma now. Last stop is the Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum. A successful Route 66 business, known in 1924 as the Seaba Filling Station, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This Route 66 landmark is now filled with 65 vintage motorcycles from 1908 to the present, memorabilia, antiques & more. Check into the Courtyard Downtown Oklahoma City, your accommodations for the night. Savor an Oklahoma City dining experience at Nonna's in Bricktown, nestled in a 90+ year old refurbished & beautifully remodeled warehouse. (L, D)

Day 2. A knowledgeable and entertaining guide boards your coach for a narrated tour of historic era buildings along Western & Classen Blvd. and Kelly & Lincoln Streets. See the vintage Kamps Grocery (1910) on Old Route 66 and the Old Townley's Milk Bottle building, & other sites as time permits. Then visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. Take an interactive tour of the museum for a better understanding of the story of April 19, 1995, and the days, weeks, months and years that followed the bombing of Oklahoma City's Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The Outdoor Symbolic Memorial is a place of quiet reflection. It honors the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were changed forever on April 19, 1995. After lunch tour Clinton's Route 66

**Museum**, giving visitors a personal journey through the history of the nation's most revered highway. Experience the Dust Bowl as thousands streamed along the road, away from drought & despair and towards the "land of promise." Encounter the iconic ideas, images and myths of the Mother Road. This evening dine at a local favorite, the Hough Trough, for a delicious BBQ dinner. La Quinta Inn Elk City is your accommodations for the night. (B, D)

Day 3. This morning explore at your leisure the National Route 66 Museum Complex. The Route 66 Museum encompasses all eight states through which the "Mother Road" traveled. Numerous artifacts & antique cars, along with rare historical documents and collections, recapture the spirit of "The Road." Other museums in this complex include the Transportation Museum, Old Town Museum and the Farm & Ranch Museum. All housed in a spacious territorial-era residence, they feature numerous displays that relate to the social & economic progress of western Oklahoma. It's off for lunch at Lucille's Roadhouse, a Route 66-themed restaurant in Weatherford, sporting a 1950s diner look with polished chrome, glass, brick & colored lighting. Lucille's outside appearance, which includes vintage gas pumps, is inspired by the original Lucille's, a now closed historic gas station a few miles down Route 66. This afternoon visit Arcadia's Round Barn, built in 1898 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a break at **POPS**; it's the effervescent essence of Route 66: colorful, free-wheeling, and lots of fun. POPS answers the call of the road - an unquenchable thirst for adventure. See the 4-ton, 66-foot tall sculpture of a soda bottle & straw. Each night as the sun sets on Arcadia, LED lights transform it into a dazzling light show ... an infinite array of colors and patterns salute the world's greatest variety of soda pop found in their store. As you head home Travel Tours hopes you Got Your Kicks On Route 66! (CB, L)

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