



Gladstone Parks & Recreation

50+ Travel

Autumn in the Ozarks

October 16-17, 2014

Day 1: Thursday, October 16th

Eureka Springs, Arkansas has been a popular resort town and vacation destination since the 1800s. Nestled in the Ozark Mountains of Northwest Arkansas near the Missouri border, Eureka Springs became known early on for its healing waters, Victorian architecture and historical significance, and as a haven for artists. The entire town of Eureka Springs has been designated as a community of national significance on the National Register of Historic Places. We will take you to downtown Eureka Springs where the shopping is unique. Often, you can even meet the people who make what you buy. From fudge makers and wedding cake bakers to woodcarvers and candle dippers, many shop owners have kitchens, studios and workshops on-site, and they love to show and tell. Positioned among the shops are many convenient dining spots to enjoy lunch while you explore. See and learn about Eureka Springs up close and personal as you ride slowly and quietly through the beautiful and charming historic district on an open air tram with a local guide. The tour passes literally 100's of old homes and historic buildings, as well as several of the healing springs that made Eureka Springs so famous in the late 1800's. Dinner is included at the historic 1886 Crescent Hotel. You're in store for a fun filled evening at The Ozark Mountain Hoedown Show featuring Carl Acuff Jr., where you'll experience a dynamite show, great costuming, music and comedy. Your hotel is the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks. (Dinner is included today).

Day 2: Friday, October 17th

Nestled in the Ozark Mountains near Eureka Springs is Thorncrown Chapel. It is 48 feet tall with 425 windows and over 6,000 square feet of glass. Since the chapel opened in 1980, over six million people have visited this woodland sanctuary. You will travel to Bentonville, Arkansas to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Alice Walton, the daughter of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, spearheaded the Walton Family Foundation's involvement in developing Crystal Bridges. It is set on 120 acres amidst 500 dogwood trees, sculpture gardens, and springs, and boasts art works gathered from private and public collections around the country that celebrate the American tradition in art. Collections include The American Spirit, Wonder World, Colonial, 19th Century, Modern, Contemporary and Announced Works. Sculpture in the collection graces interior galleries and outdoor trails. With 120 acres of native Ozark forest, Crystal Bridges' grounds invite visitors to enjoy the natural environment as a continuation of their museum experience. You will return to Gladstone later that day. (Breakfast is included today).

Per Person Tour Price: Double - \$245.00
Single - \$295.00

Price includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 2 meals, and driver's gratuity. A deposit of \$50.00 will hold space with final payment due September 5th.

Cancellation policy: A full refund will be issued if participant cancels before the deadline for final payment. After that time, a full refund cannot be guaranteed. It will be at the discretion of hotels, restaurants and attractions. A \$5.00 processing fee will be withheld for any refunds issued.

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