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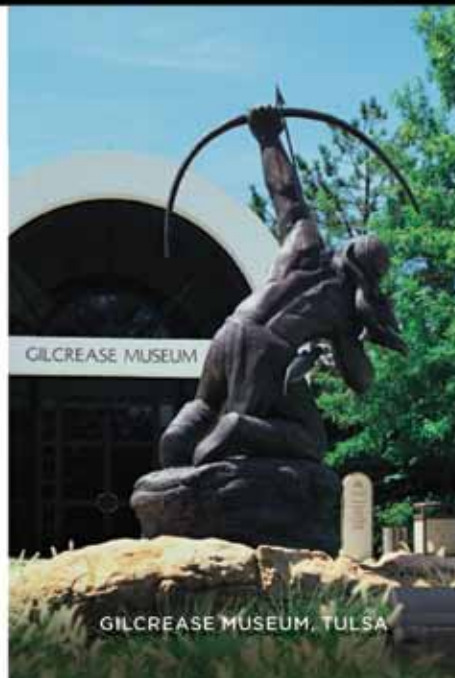
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# a letter to TOUR OPERATORS:

There's more to do and see in Oklahoma than you can imagine. And you'll be greeted by some of the friendliest people in the country! Come on, *"Play Your Heart Out."* Enjoy Oklahoma hospitality and experience sights and events you won't find anywhere else!

## New to Destination Oklahoma this year:

- Itineraries for your ease in planning, special events listings and a new Rewards Program. Travel across Oklahoma, enter our drawing and win up to \$1,000. Details on page 38.
- Enhance your tours by including some exciting events in your planning (see page 36–37) and check out the included websites for even more events (page 36–37).

We welcome you and your groups...Come on...*Play your heart out with us!*



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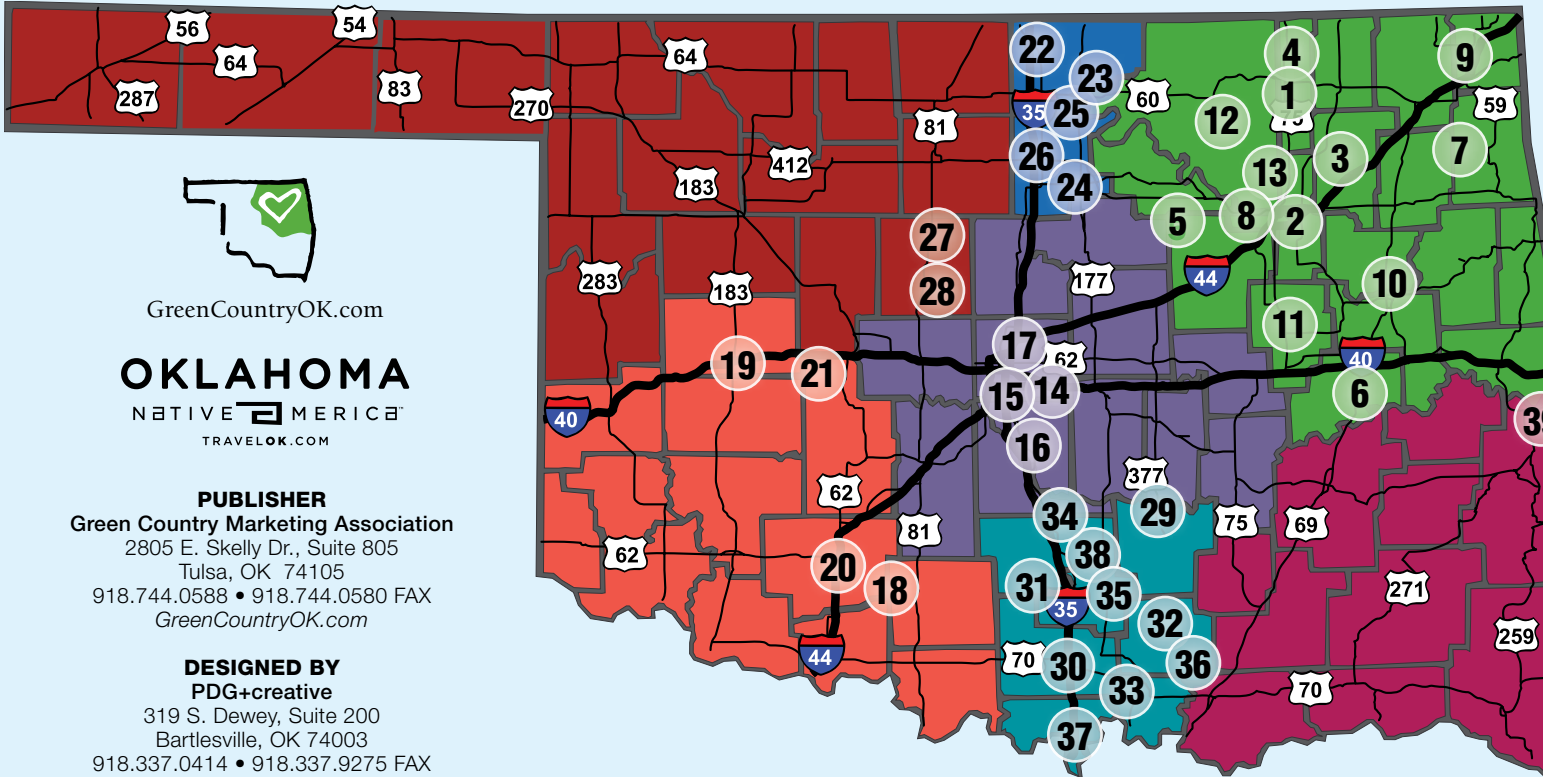


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# OKLAHOMA: Great Destinations



# OKLAHOMA: city legend

| GREEN COUNTRY        |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1                    | Bartlesville    |
| 2                    | Broken Arrow    |
| 3                    | Claremore       |
| 4                    | Dewey           |
| 5                    | Drumright       |
| 6                    | Eufaula         |
| 7                    | Grand Lake      |
| 8                    | Jenks           |
| 9                    | Miami           |
| 10                   | Muskogee        |
| 11                   | Okmulgee        |
| 12                   | Pawhuska        |
| 13                   | Tulsa           |
| FRONTIER COUNTRY     |                 |
| 14                   | Choctaw         |
| 15                   | Midwest City    |
| 16                   | Norman          |
| 17                   | Oklahoma City   |
| GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY |                 |
| 18                   | Duncan          |
| 19                   | Elk City        |
| 20                   | Lawton/Ft. Sill |
| 21                   | Weatherford     |

| KAW LAKE AREA      |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 22                 | Blackwell    |
| 23                 | Kaw Lake     |
| 24                 | Perry        |
| 25                 | Ponca City   |
| 26                 | Tonkawa      |
| RED CARPET COUNTRY |              |
| 27                 | Enid         |
| 28                 | Kingfisher   |
| ARBUCKLE COUNTRY   |              |
| 29                 | Ada          |
| 30                 | Ardmore      |
| 31                 | Davis        |
| 32                 | Gene Autry   |
| 33                 | Madill       |
| 34                 | Pauls Valley |
| 35                 | Sulphur      |
| 36                 | Tishomingo   |
| 37                 | Thackerville |
| 38                 | Wynnewood    |
| KIAMICHI COUNTRY   |              |
| 39                 | Poteau       |

## MILEAGE

| Tulsa to:                | Oklahoma City to:     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bartlesville.....47 mi   | Ardmore.....97 mi     |
| Claremore.....30 mi      | Duncan.....81 mi      |
| McAlester.....91 mi      | El Reno.....27 mi     |
| Miami.....90 mi          | Enid.....101 mi       |
| Muskogee.....49 mi       | Lawton.....84 mi      |
| Okmulgee.....38 mi       | McAlester.....135 mi  |
| Ponca City.....94 mi     | Norman.....19 mi      |
| Pryor.....44 mi          | Ponca City.....102 mi |
| Tahlequah.....69 mi      | Stillwater.....73 mi  |
| Oklahoma City.....105 mi | Tulsa.....105 mi      |

|                      | Tulsa  | OKC    |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Kansas City, MO..... | 249 mi | 353 mi |
| Dallas, TX.....      | 263 mi | 205 mi |
| Wichita, KS.....     | 176 mi | 161 mi |
| Little Rock, AR..... | 276 mi | 340 mi |
| Amarillo, TX.....    | 364 mi | 258 mi |
| Joplin, MO.....      | 114 mi | 219 mi |
| Des Moines, IA.....  | 462 mi | 546 mi |

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# What To See and Do While In... GREEN COUNTRY



TRIBAL DANCE AT WOOLAROC, BARTLESVILLE



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***Play your heart out!*** in Northeast Oklahoma's amazing Green Country! Whether you crave an exciting, activity focused trip or a more relaxed, contemplative vacation, Oklahoma's Green Country is your heart's desire.

Here you'll discover year-round opportunities for the finest entertainment, dining, natural beauty, attractions and events.

As you travel through this beautiful region of Oklahoma, enjoying the rolling hills, waving prairie grasses and many gorgeous lakes and rivers, you'll notice a special bonus... the friendliness of the people. From cosmopolitan Tulsans to residents of charming small

towns, you'll appreciate the warm welcomes and perhaps come away with a fuller understanding of the words of Native Oklahoman Will Rogers, "I never met a man I didn't like."

Route 66, known as the "Mother Road," meanders through the heart of Green Country allowing you to visit museums, neon diners, one-of-a-kind art deco structures, totem poles, flowing rivers, small-town treasures and big city excitement.

Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, houses the world's largest, most comprehensive collection of art and artifacts of the American West!

There's more! Be sure to visit Wolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve, a western art-lovers treasure; Tulsa's Philbrook Museum of Art, blending European influenced collections and American Indian art; the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee and the Will Rogers Memorial Museums in Claremore and Oologah. Also, Phillips Petroleum Company museum in Bartlesville, Dewey's Tom Mix Museum and Victorian Hotel, Tulsa's Air & Space Museum and Planetarium, the Oklahoma Aquarium and other museums throughout the region.

If your interest is Native American heritage—you've come to the right place! Bartlesville is home to the Delaware's, Tahlequah is home to the Cherokee Nation and offers an historical site, museums, art exhibits, educational demonstrations and pow-wows. The Osage Tribe is headquartered in Pawhuska where you'll find the Osage Tribal Museum near the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve,

complete with roaming bison and native wildflowers. Okmulgee is home to the Creeks, and their museum is a must see. Native American events and festivals abound here.

Green Country boasts several fine wineries with special events, chef-prepared meals and a vast choice of wines for your tasting and dining pleasure.

Garden tours and festivals are numerous. There are garden tours in Muskogee, Tulsa, Shidler and Grove, and the grounds of Philbrook, Gilcrease and Woolaroc also provide a tour of beautiful gardens.

As far as festivals go, Green Country has it covered from Tulsa's Mayfest to Muskogee's Azalea Festival to Pryor's Rocklahoma and Bartlesville's renowned OK Mozart Festival. There are also German festivals, fishing-based festivals and even a Whole Hawg Festival. All are listed on the website.

In addition, a wide array of performing arts are scheduled throughout the year including Broadway shows in Bartlesville and Tulsa. Rodeos, outdoor theater, car shows, fly-ins and fishing tournaments fill spring, summer and fall days and nights.

You'll love the fine casino gaming and horse racing available in Green Country. Many casinos offer luxury accommodations and fine dining.

Visitors to Green Country enjoy an amazing variety of opportunities to shop—from neighborhood shops and boutiques to major malls and national retailers. You'll find antique malls and flea markets when you visit towns such as Jenks, Claremore, Wagoner,



TALLGRASS PRAIRIE PRESERVE, PAWHUSKA



AZALEA FESTIVAL, MUSKOGEE

Dewey and Pryor.

With so many attractions, special events, shopping districts, museums, lakes, resorts, casinos and much more in Green Country's 18 counties, there's something to fulfill everyone's heart's desire.

*So come play! Come stay in Oklahoma's Green Country!*



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- Big Heart Day—*Barnsdall*—May
- Skiatook Bluegrass Festival—*June*
- OK Mozart—*Woolaroc*—*June*
- Ben Johnson Memorial Steer Roping—*Pawhuska*—*June*
- Internat'l Round-Up Clubs Cavalcade—*Pawhuska*—*July*
- Kihkah-Steh Pow-Wow—*Skiatook*—*July*
- Shidler Car Show—*August*
- Osage County Free Fair—*Pawhuska Fairgrounds*—*September*
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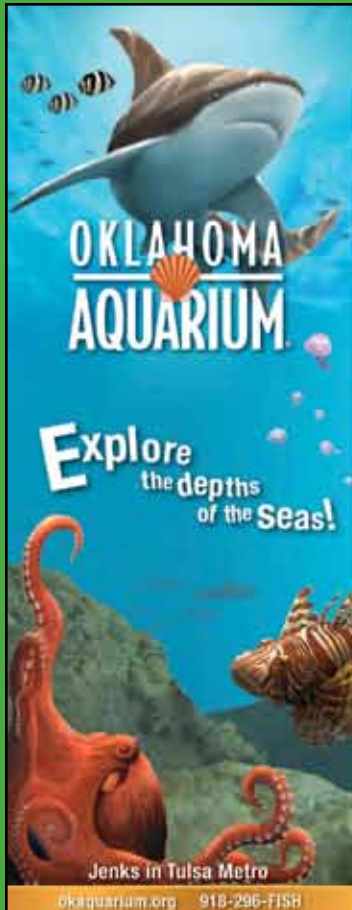
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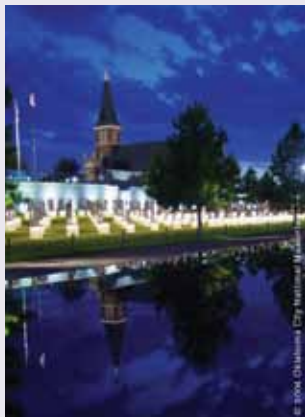
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- Heritage Express Trolley
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## Midwest City

- Joe B. Barnes Regional Park
- Rose State College Performing Arts Theater

- Town Center Plaza shopping district
- Midwest City Holiday Lights Spectacular (November–December)
- Tinker Inter-Tribal Council Pow Wow (June)

## Shawnee

- Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art
- Santa Fe Depot Museum
- Parsons Vineyard & Winery
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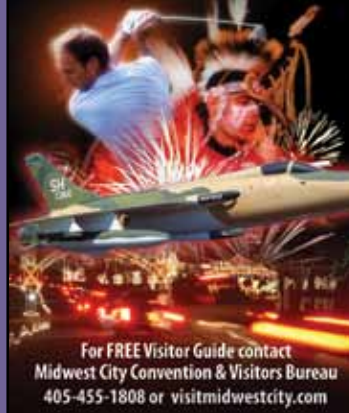
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# What To See and Do While In... GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY

**F**ourteen counties of scenic parks, mountain ranges, plains and prairies, wildlife management areas, Western and Native American heritage, arts and culture, shopping, fairs and festivals, museums, historic sites, water sports, camping, fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation. There's something for everyone! Get ready for great times in Great Plains Country!

There's so much to do in Southwest Oklahoma—surrounded by so much beauty—that your toughest decision will be what to do next!

From wide open plains to peaceful lakes, Great Plains Country has everything to make your vacation memorable.

- **Quartz Mountain Resort & Lodge**—set deep in the ancient hills of the Wichita Mountains, this multi-million dollar resort is perfect for your group stay
- **Western Prairie Museum**—housing period stagecoaches and other remnants of our western heritage
- **Medicine Park**—tucked away in the shadow of Quartz Mountain, this picture-perfect resort town is unique in architecture and personality
- **Chisholm Trail Heritage Center**—home of the largest monument in America dedicated to the Chisholm Trail and the longest Chisholm Trail Walkway in the world

- **Anadarko**—the Indian Capitol of the Nation, Anadarko is home to Indian City USA, the National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians and the Southern Plains Indian Museum



WESTERN HERITAGE STATUE

- **Frederick**—the 'jumping off point' for the adventurous Abernathy Boys, who rode alone on horseback to New York City in 1910—at the tender ages of 6 and 10
- **Historic Route 66**—in addition to having lots of drivable miles of Rt. 66, there are two museums dedicated to the Mother Road; the National Route 66 Museum & Old Town Complex in Elk City, and the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton

And that's just a small sample of all there is to see and do in Southwest Oklahoma's Great Plains Country! Take your time and wander through our website, order some brochures, then load up that '57 Chevy and pay us a visit!

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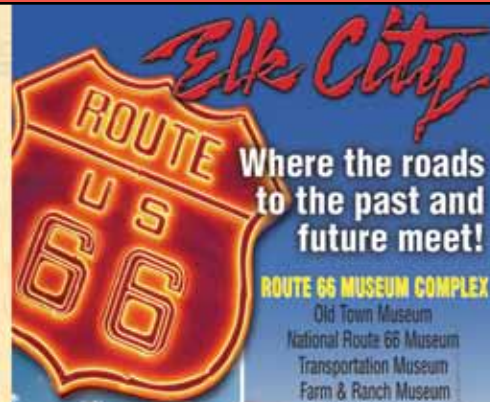
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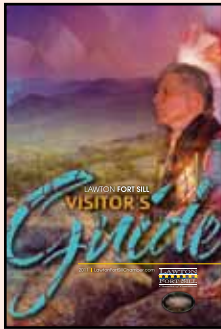
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Marland's second home, the Marland Mansion, is a virtual "Palace on the Prairie." Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it also includes the Bryant Baker Art Studio, Marland Oil Museum, and chauffeur's house, known today as "Lydie's Cottage." Tours start daily at 1:30 pm. To schedule other tours, call 580.767.0420.

Other Ponca City attractions include the Pioneer Woman Museum, Standing Bear Park, Ponca City Art Center, Poncan Theatre, Conoco Museum and more. Six casinos dot the Kaw Lake area.

If you're into genealogy or antiques, Blackwell is the stop for you. The Top of Oklahoma Museum in the Electric Park Pavilion holds artifacts including antique lace, old farm equipment, vital records and historic photos of the area. Numerous annual events bring people back again and again.

South of Blackwell is Tonkawa, which hosts a growing agritourism program, the McCarter Museum, the A.D. Buck Museum on the Northern Oklahoma College campus and Heart in the Park, a heart-shaped labyrinth with a unique timeline of Tonkawa's history in Centennial Park. View downtown from the upstairs of the Tonkawa Bed and Breakfast located in the historic 1926 Tonkawa Funeral Home.

Looking for casinos? Visit the Tonkawa Casino just east of town and the Native Lights Casino at the north end of the lake.

At the south end of the Kaw Lake area, Perry serves as the gateway to the Cherokee Strip area. Learn about its history at the Cherokee Strip Museum, a five-acre complex that includes indoor and outdoor exhibits, an implement building, one-room schoolhouse and shaded picnic areas. View sculptor Jim Franklin at work in his location on the square.

To assist you as you plan: Kaw Lake Association, 877.671.6985 or 580.762.9494.

**KawLake.com • PoncaCityTourism.com**  
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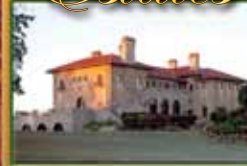


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OCT: Blackwell Alumni Homecoming Celebration

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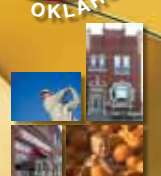
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# What To See and Do While In...RED CARPET COUNTRY

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Head for the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge near Jet, the only place in the world where you can dig for hourglass selenite crystals. It's also a major birding habitat. Go underground at Alabaster Caverns State Park with a tour of the world's largest alabaster cavern open to the public. Don't forget the many lakes that Red Carpet Country has as well.

Get a taste of the Wild West at

the Cherokee Strip Stampede Rodeo in Enid, the nation's fourth-largest PRCA rodeo, or try your hand at the world's largest cowchip throwing contest in Beaver. Walk in the dinosaur tracks, and then climb Black Mesa near Kenton, Oklahoma's highest point, where stargazers camp out on sweeping plateaus to study the stars.

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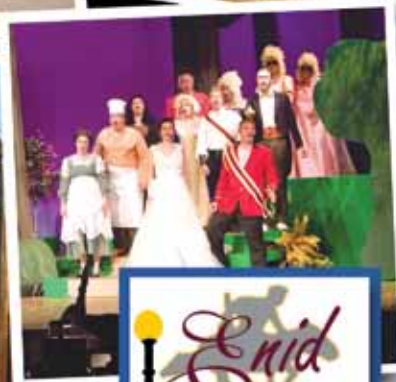
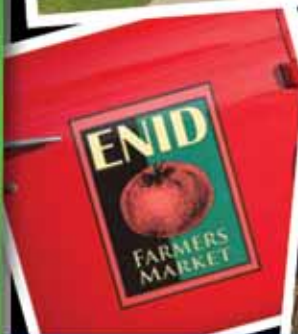
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- Historic Main Street

## PAULS VALLEY

- Toy and Action Figure Museum
- Santa Fe Depot Museum
- Bedre Chocolate Factory
- Catfish Noodling
- Historic Downtown Brick Streets
- Local Winery and B&B's

## ARDMORE

- Greater Southwest Historical Museum
- Lake Murray
- Ardmore Convention Center
- Charles B. Goddard Center for Arts
- Historic Walking & Driving Tour
- Antique Shopping

## DAVIS

- Turner Falls
- Arbuckle Wilderness
- Arbuckle Historical Museum
- Treasure Valley Casino
- Antique Shopping

## GENE AUTRY

- Gene Autry Museum

## TISHOMINGO

- Sipokni West
- National Fish Hatchery
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Chickasaw Capitol Museum/ Historical Society
- Pennington Creek Park
- Blue River
- Murray State College

## ADA

- Historic Downtown Ada (Walking Tour)
- Centennial Homes of Ada (Driving Tour)
- East Central University
- Old Bank Art Gallery
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- Ada Arts & Heritage Center



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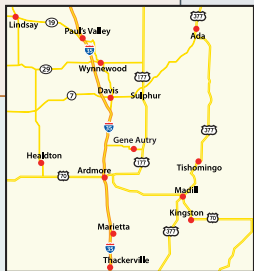
- Peanut Inn
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- Marshall County Historical Society
- Chickasaw Point
- Sand Bass Festival (1st weekend in June)

## WYNNEWOOD

- Eskridge Hotel Museum
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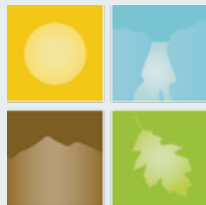
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# GREEN COUNTRY

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## DAY TWO

Drive to Bartlesville stopping at Windle's Jewelry for a short shopping spree followed by a tour of the Price Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright's only skyscraper (2 hours). After lunch tour **Keepsake Candles** where you will find a variety of candles that are molded from antique glassware. Tours available (1 hour).

This afternoon we will learn about the life of oil baron Frank Phillips with a tour of the **Phillips Home** built in 1908. Depart for Dewey and visit **Prairie Song**, an authentic turn of the Century Old West Town Museum. See Texas Longhorn cattle, walk the streets of Prairie Song, and enjoy country music entertainment (2 hours). Overnight in Bartlesville.



## DAY THREE

**Options:** Drive to **Pawhuska** for a drive through the Tallgrass Prairie where hundreds of bison thrive in a prairie paradise (1 ½ hours). Visit the Osage Tribal Museum and the Catholic church with imported stained glass windows (2 hours); OR drive to Drumright and the **Tidal School** vineyards where you will see how wine is made and also do a little wine tasting (3 ½ hours).

After lunch we travel to Jenks and the **Oklahoma Aquarium** where we find over 200 exhibits and more than 1 million gallons of water and ocean creatures. Walk under the shark tank and visit the coral reef exhibit where you can touch not only coral but stingrays as well (1 ½ hours). The **RiverSpirit Casino** is nearby so you may want to try your luck at your game of choice. Or visit museums in **Broken Arrow** or shop at Bass Pro. Have dinner here and overnight in Broken Arrow.

## DAY FOUR

Tour Claremore's **J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum** and see the largest privately owned gun collection in the world, along with antique music boxes, musical instruments, steins from around the world and more (1 hour). Next tour the **Will Rogers Memorial** which pays tribute to the life of Will Rogers, humorist and entertainer (1 hour).

Don't miss **Muskogee** for a stop at the **USS Batfish Submarine & Military Museum**, an actual World War II sub that was highly decorated (1 hour). After lunch visit **The Five Civilized Tribes Museum** housing the art, history and culture of the Five Civilized Tribes; then on to the **Three Rivers Museum** boasting exhibits on local multi-ethnic history, then conclude at the **Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame** (1 ½ hours). Depart for Okmulgee and tour the Creek Council House Museum or one of many festivals and next see Checotah for antique shopping before your overnight at Lake **Eufaula**, the largest lake in the state of Oklahoma with quaint shops, several festivals to enjoy and peaceful scenery.

# FRONTIER COUNTRY

## DAY ONE

This morning tour Guthrie, the first capital of Oklahoma, to enjoy a narrated ride on the **First Capital Trolley** (1 hour). Spend some free time exploring historic downtown Guthrie's museums, antique, specialty shops, and galleries (2 hours).



Tour the **Scottish Rite Temple**, one of the largest Masonic centers in the world (1 hour). Next, we head to Oklahoma City for a tour of **Harn Homestead** situated on 10 acres of original Land Run property. After a tour of the house which presents life as it was in the early 1900's we will visit the one-room school and barn where our lunch is included (2 hours). This afternoon visit the **Express Clydesdales Barn** in Yukon where we will get up close to some of the most beautiful black Clydesdales in the world. As we walk through the barn we will be able to see these gentle giants who love visitors (45 minutes). Black Jack, the riderless ceremonial horse which was in the funeral processions of three presidents and one General was raised and trained at **Fort Reno** (1 ½ hour). Next, sit back and relax on a rail trolley as the **Heritage Express Trolley** takes us on a tour of El Reno (45 minutes).

## DAY TWO

This morning travel to Blanchard to tour **Matador Processors** often referred to as the "Pepper Plant." After a tour of the plant we will enjoy sampling some of their products (1 ½ hours). In Norman, on the campus of OU, we tour the **Sam Noble Museum** (1 hour).

After lunch, tour exhibits at the **Oklahoma Museum of Natural History** that presents the diverse eco system of Oklahoma dating back millions of years with fossils and recreations that depict pre-historic times (1 hour). Next, we tour the **National Weather Center** for an overview of the operations as we see the School of Meteorology, the observation deck, NOAA's Storm Prediction Center, and National Weather Service Forecast Office, and the National Severe Storms Laboratory (1 ½ hours / *Passenger list must be submitted in advance*).

This evening enjoy some free time for gaming and dinner on your own at Riverwind Casino. (2–3 hours).

## DAY THREE

This morning depart Norman and head east on Highway 9 to **Country Cottage Primitives** where it is all about lavender. Nestled in a country setting we will enjoy lavender lemonade and refreshments as we visit the lavender field and cottage shop (1 ¼ hour). On the campus of St. Gregory College, Shawnee, tour the **Mabee Gerrer Museum of Art**, noted for its Egyptian mummies and artifacts (1 hour).

Next, travel to **Midwest City**, the largest city in eastern Oklahoma County and proud neighbor of Tinker Air Force Base. Here find a golf course, million dollar water park, baseball museum and Draper Lake with 34 miles of shoreline. Midwest City is an excellent choice for overnight accommodations. Just minutes away in Choctaw, dine on authentic German cuisine at **Old Germany Restaurant**.

# GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY

## DAY ONE

At Duncan's **Chisholm Trail Heritage Center** we'll experience what the Chisholm Trail was like as we smell the coffee and bacon from the chuck wagon, feel the blowing wind and see the lightening, and feel the chairs shake as the cattle stampede (1 hour).

The **Great Plains Museum** preserves the culture of the Great Plains with over 3,000 artifacts (allow 1 hour). And next we tour **Fort Sill Historic Landmark & Museum's** historic homes and buildings on the Post Quadrangle and Geronimo's Grave. Groups can make special arrangements for a reenactor to present the life of a Buffalo Soldier that served during the late 1800's at Fort Sill (2 hours). Overnight in Lawton.

## DAY TWO

Visit **Medicine Park**, the first resort area in Oklahoma and a quaint cobblestone village that attracted celebrities, gangsters, and presidents for its serene picturesque setting along Medicine Creek in the early 1900's (allow 1 hour). Medicine Park sits at the entrance to **Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge**, said to be the oldest range in the world and dates back 500 million years. A drive thru the refuge area offers scenery of the prairie ranges and lakes and an opportunity to see buffalo, longhorn, elk, prairie dogs, and other wildlife. Rest at the **Quanah Parker Nature and Visitor Center** to browse the interpretive displays or visit with a ranger (2 hours).

Lunch at **Quartz Mountain Resort** at Lake Lugert before we tour the facility and Arts Center (2 hours), then travel north to Erick to tour the **Roger Miller Museum** with memorabilia and personal items of Miller (45 minutes).

Overnight in Sayre located on Route 66. We'll drive by the Beckham County Courthouse which appeared briefly in the film "The Grapes of Wrath."

## DAY THREE

Head north to Cheyenne and the **Washita Battlefield National Historic Site**

and view 27 minute film "Destiny at Dawn" tells of Lt. Col. George A. Custer's attack on the Cheyenne village of Chief Black Kettle in 1868 (1 ½ hours). At the **Black Kettle Museum** photos and a diorama depicts the history of the battle and the Plains Indians. A drive thru the area will give us a brief look at the **Black Kettle National Grasslands** with 30,000 acres of rolling hills and a variety of wildlife (30 minutes).

In Elk City tour the **National Route 66 & Transportation Museum** which pays tribute to all eight states that the "Mother Road" passes thru with artifacts, murals, and vintage automobiles that are symbolic to those that traveled and those that worked along Route 66 (2 hours). Overnight in Elk City.

## DAY FOUR

In Clinton the **Oklahoma Route 66 Museum** will take us on a journey thru six decades of Route 66 history with an audio tour that was written and narrated by Michael Wallis, author of Route 66 (1 hour). Travel to Weatherford and see **Wind Turbines** lining the countryside. A stop at Weatherford City Hall we get close to a turbine blade for a better idea of the massive size of the turbines and learn about the efficiency of wind energy (30 minutes).

Weatherford is the birthplace and childhood home of astronaut General Thomas P. Stafford. Tour the **Stafford Air & Space Center** for an amazing collection of aircraft and artifacts from space missions. This center houses one of the most comprehensive collections of rocket engines in the world (1 ½ hours).





# KIAMICHI COUNTRY

## DAY ONE

We begin our time in Kiamichi Country at **Lake Eufaula**, the largest lake located entirely in the state of Oklahoma. With more than 600 miles of shoreline and 102,000 surface acres, Eufaula offers a variety of recreational opportunities (1 hour).

In Poteau, Lunch is included at the **Kerr Conference Center** which was the former home of US Senator Robert S Kerr. The Kerr family donated the 11,000 square foot home to the state in 1978. After lunch visit the **Kerr Museum** for more information about Senator Kerr and eastern Oklahoma (2 ½ hours). While in Poteau, we will visit the Black Sheep Winery for some wine tasting.

After dinner we will check into our rooms at the **Days Inn and Suites** in Poteau.

## DAY TWO

This morning we depart for **Robbers Cave State Park** in the woodlands of the San Bois Mountains. The park is famous for the cave but legend has it as being a hideout for outlaws including Belle Star and Jesse James (1 hour). Traveling on to McAlester to visit **Fort Washita** which was built in 1842 to protect the Chickasaw and Choctaw Tribes from the Southern Plains Indians (45 minutes).

Enjoy some free time for lunch and gaming at the Cherokee Casino (allow 2–3 hours) before heading east to Hugo which is the winter home of many circuses. The Hugo Depot contains memorabilia from “Circus City, USA” and a miniature Circus display (allow 1 hour). We will visit the Showman’s Rest area of Mount Olivet Cemetery to see unique headstones and gravesites of circus performers and owners (1 hour).

Dinner and our overnight will be in Idabel.

## DAY THREE

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for the **Museum of the Red River**. The museum introduces us to the cultural heritage of the North, Central, and South Americans.

See the reconstructed skeleton of a dinosaur which was found 12 miles from the museum. The **Garner Museum and Mansion** was the home of Chief of the Choctaws and holds a large collection of Indian artifacts and fossils (1 hour).

After lunch in Broken Bow we will enjoy some wine tasting at **Girls Gone Wine** and visit the gift shop, (allow 45 minutes) before heading to **Beavers Bend State Park**.

The forests of southeast Oklahoma are the number one industry in the area. We will visit the **Forest Heritage Center** where 14 dioramas tell stories of the forestry industry. The center also gives honor to forest firefighters with an eight foot bronze of Jim Burnett, the first forest firefighter from Oklahoma to lose his life fighting forest fires (1 hour).

Tonight is at Lakeview Lodge on Broken Bow Lake.



## DAY FOUR

Today we travel to Talihina where we begin our drive across a National Scenic Byway, the **Talimena Skyline Drive**. Built specifically for its view that winds atop the ridges of the Ouachita National Forest and known for its beauty in the fall as well as spectacular scenery anytime of the year (2–3 hours for the byway drive with scenic stops).

# RED CARPET COUNTRY/**KAW LAKE**

## DAY ONE

We begin our tour of northwest Oklahoma in **Kingfisher** at the **Chisholm Trail Museum** located on the route of the famous cattle trail that ran from Texas to Kansas. This frontier village contains a church, bank, one room schoolhouse and two log cabins along with pioneer artifacts (1 hour). Across the street tour the **Seay Mansion** built in 1892 by Oklahoma's second territorial Governor Abraham Seay (allow 45 minutes). For December tours, **Kingfisher in Lights** is a must do!

Drive to **Perry** for lunch and take a **factory tour of Charles Machine Works** which manufactures Ditch Witch equipment used worldwide (1 hour). Next, relax with pie and coffee at the **Kumback Café** who has been serving patrons since 1926 downtown (30 minutes).

Then it is just a short drive to **Blackwell** to visit the **Top of Oklahoma Museum**, which displays a full historical reference to life in northern Oklahoma from the earliest Indian occupation to the current day. Housed in the historic Electric Park Pavilion, the exhibits cover the home and family life, reflecting a step back in time to the turn of the century. Drive to Ponca City to overnight.

## DAY TWO

The **Marland Mansion**, home of E.W. Marland, is known as the "Palace on the Prairie". Lunch is catered into the mansion for us today as we dine with notable characters as E.W. Marland himself, Lew Wentz, and Lydie Marland and they tell us their story of life in the early 1900's. A mansion tour of its 55 rooms includes 10 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms, seven fireplaces, and an elevator lined in buffalo skin.

Head west to **Enid** where we tour the **Railroad Museum of Oklahoma** with one of the largest collections of rolling stock in the area. See china and silver from passenger trains of the past and a giant model train layout (1 hour). After lunch, drive to the newly renovated **Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center**. (Due to be completed

**summer 2010**). The Center features 6,000 sq. ft. of new exhibit space with exhibits interpreting pioneer life, the importance of agriculture, oil and transportation to the region. A 2,000 sq. ft. temporary exhibit hall features art, history and cultural exhibits (1 hour).

We will enjoy dinner at **Simpsons Mercantile** before settling into our hotel for the night. Simpsons, once a dry goods store, now features a display of Western paraphernalia and antiques. See the jail, hotel lobby, and the saloon area where we will enjoy entertainment and dinner which will be served with the saloon's only beverage Sarsaparilla (2 hours).

## DAY THREE

Drive to the **Great Salt Plains**, the only spot in the world where hourglass selenite crystals are found. A ranger will meet us to explain how the crystals are formed and the process of digging these rare and fragile selenite crystals (1 hour).

Lunch in Cherokee before our next natural wonder, the **Alabaster Caverns State Park** for a guided tour of the caverns. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile cavern formed of alabaster is the largest natural gypsum cave in the world open to the public. (1 ½ hours). You can even stay for the afternoon and dinner with many activities to do at the park including: a horseshoe pit, volleyball court, camping areas, picnic tables and shelters, group shelters with electricity, water and grills are available at the park.



# ARBUCKLE COUNTRY

## DAY ONE

**Bedre Chocolate** in Pauls Valley will satisfy your sweet tooth where we can watch these gourmet chocolates being manufactured (weekdays) before sampling (allow 45 minutes)! Tour the **Action Figure Museum**, creation of Kevin Stark, action figure designer/artist. The museum houses Kevin's life collection of action figurines and is home to the Oklahoma Cartoonists Collection (allow 45 minutes).

After lunch visit **Santa Fe Depot**, Pauls Valley, and also a stop on Amtrak's Heartland Flyer that runs from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth daily. The museum houses railroad memorabilia and exhibits on local history (allow 45 minutes). Outside, the park contains a 1902 Santa Fe steam engine and caboose. Travel to the **Arbuckle Wilderness** where we will enjoy a drive thru this animal park to see wild, exotic and rare animals, mostly roaming free in habitats similar to their own (allow 1 ½ hours).

We will enjoy dinner in Davis before settling into our hotel for the evening.

## DAY TWO

This morning we will stop at the **Original Fried Pies** where we find an array of delicious fried pies of every flavor (allow 30 minutes). Next, the **Chickasaw Cultural Center** depicts our journey through the Chickasaw history and culture. Experience a Stomp Dance with holograms and a glowing campfire that recreate this sacred ceremony. See an

array of artifacts and visit the village before enjoying lunch at the museum (allow 2 ½ hours).

This afternoon we drive through Oklahoma's oldest national park, the **Chickasaw National Recreation Area** which began in 1902 to protect the mineral and freshwater springs of the area. We visit the **Gene Autry Oklahoma Museum** which dedicates itself to the legacy of not only Gene Autry but all the singing cowboys of the 30's, 40's, and 50's. We will see displays and exhibits on Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Eddie, Dean and others from the "B" Western movies of this era (allow 1 hour).

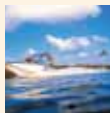
Our overnight and evening meal will be in Ardmore.

## DAY THREE

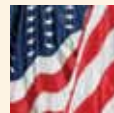
Today tour the **Great Southwest Historical Museum** dating back to 1936 and WPA projects and exhibits that range from pioneer life, to the railroad, and to the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma. The Military Memorial Museum honors all branches of military from the American Revolution to present (allow 1 hour). Just south of Ardmore is **Lake Murray State Park** the largest and first state park in Oklahoma and housing **Tucker Tower Nature Center**, originally intended to be a summer home of Gov. Murray but due to lack of funds in the 1930's was never completed (allow 45 minutes). Enjoy the magnificent view from the tower and the nature center's exhibits.

Lunch at Lake Murray's Lodge before continuing on to **WinStar World Casino**, one of the largest casinos in the world with over 500,000 sq ft of gaming that take you to different parts of the world. Rome, Beijing, London, Paris, Cairo, Vienna, and Madrid are featured through the art, décor, and fountains in these separate areas of the casino. Enjoy free time gaming or relax with a spa treatment at Spa Habitat. Overnight at WinStar World Casino Hotel.





# SPECIAL EVENTS



## JANUARY, 2011

### Oklahoma City Boat Show

*Oklahoma City, OK*

Featuring the largest display of boats anywhere in Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Boat Show will delight visitors to this annual event with hundreds of boats. Visitors to the Oklahoma City Boat Show will also be able to peruse booths filled with ski equipment, fishing tackle and boating accessories of all kinds. Inspect the latest models of boats and motors, or try your luck on the on-site fishing simulator. Over 300 boats and watercraft will be available and boating enthusiasts will also enjoy the exceptional display of accessories including skis, wakeboards, tubes, personal watercraft, miscellaneous sporting items and sporting apparel.

## APRIL, 2011

### Red Fern Festival

*Tahlequah, OK*

The annual Red Fern Festival

celebrates the book *Where the Red Fern Grows* written by local author Wilson Rawls. Visitors enjoy food from many vendors and taste the creations of The Red Fern Chili Cook-off and Barbeque Extravaganza. The festival features a quilt show, fern sale and display of movie memorabilia. The Red Fern Parade is a big attraction and bands will play bluegrass, rock and country music all day. Redbone hounds like those in the book compete in hound dog field trials and the kids can catch live crawdads from the crawdad hole. It is family fun and free to the public.

## MAY, 2011

### Celebration of Freedom

*Hobart, OK*

The City of Hobart, in conjunction with the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum Grand Opening, sponsors the inaugural Celebration of Freedom. It will be an opportune time to promote your

patriotism, share in honoring our military, and remember loved ones who have been lost. Activities include: arts on the square, quilt show, softball and skeet tournaments, motorcycle poker run, freedom fly-in, carnival, police and firefighters BBQ cook-off, fishing tournament and parade and a live concert as well.

## MAY, 2011

### Rocklahoma

*Pryor, OK*

Fans rock out at the Rocklahoma Music Festival in Pryor. Over 100,000 music lovers come together each year to see the best hair bands of the 1980's perform again. Over 25 bands perform each year on three outdoor stages at this camping and music festival. Rocklahoma is located just 45 minutes northeast of Tulsa, in Pryor, OK. The "Catch the Fever" Festival Grounds is a premiere destination for a multi-day festival, and includes on-site camping with access to

restrooms and a shower house, a general store for campers, VIP reserved seating, hospitality areas and much more.

## JUNE, 2011

### OK Mozart International Festival

*Bartlesville, OK*

The annual nine-day festival celebrates the wonder of the musician, both vocal and instrumental, and of music, both classical and in many other genres. The festival features professional orchestra musicians, concert artists and musical performances of artistic excellence for an event with international significance. In addition to the music festivities, you can also make Civil War Era jewelry at the Frank Phillips Home, participate in the Contra Dance! An Evening of Jigs and Reels at The Grande Ballroom, and see two visual artist showcases in the Lyon Gallery of the Bartlesville Community Center.

## JUNE, 2011 Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival

*Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City*

More than 1,200 American Indian artists and dancers from throughout North America will gather to celebrate the richness and diversity of their heritage with the world. Guests can sample the work of some of the nation's most celebrated artists, with opportunities to purchase contemporary and traditional examples of beadwork, basketry, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, paintings, graphics and cultural attire during the juried art show and market. Red Earth dancers represent the elite of Native American dance, some of the most gifted and accomplished in the world. A grand parade features representatives of more than 100 tribes, in full tribal regalia.

## SEPTEMBER, 2011 Arbuckle Mountain Annual Bluegrass Festival

*Wynnewood, OK*

Kicking off the music festival is a Devotional Service at 10 am. The festival has many featured bands, music contests

and more. Events throughout the week include: musical instrument workshops, a quilt drawing, a golf cart parade, coffee with area chamber of commerce, tours and the annual and always interesting Bluegrass Queen Contest.

## OCTOBER, 2011 Poteau Balloonfest

*Poteau, OK*

The Poteau Balloonfest is an annual hot air balloon festival featuring hot air balloon races and glows, live entertainment, a 4x4 exhibition, stagecoach rides, arts and crafts, games, food and an authentic chuck wagon. Children will enjoy the candy drop from a hovering helicopter, tethered balloon rides and monster truck rides.

## NOVEMBER, 2011 Will Rogers Days

*Claremore, OK*

Will Rogers Days celebrates that November 4, 1879 birth of Will Rogers, Oklahoma's favorite son, in Indian Territory. Festivities include a parade in Claremore, a car show, Pony Express rides, children's activities and more. Festival events will be held at the

Will Rogers Memorial Museum and Birthplace Ranch in Oologah.

## NOVEMBER–DECEMBER, 2011 Kingfisher in Lights

*Kingfisher, OK*

**Nov 23–Dec 30**

Millions of lights are setting historic Kingfisher Park ablaze in the city of Kingfisher. This Christmas season, drive the winding road that weaves in and out of over 75 animated lighted displays. Many visitors to Kingfisher in Lights come to see the famous swinging bridge spanning Uncle John's Creek. Children and adults alike delight in walking across the old-fashioned, 1903 bridge while looking over the rails to see thousands of lights reflecting off the water. Free admission, train rides through the park and horse-drawn carriage rides bring thousands to Kingfisher every year.



## NOVEMBER–DECEMBER, 2011 Garden of Lights

*Muskogee, OK*

**Nov 22–Dec 31**

Experience animated displays and over 1,000,000 shimmering lights at Muskogee's annual Garden of Lights. Drive through Honor Heights Park and view 120 acres of trees, bushes and water areas decorated for the holiday season. Visit Garden of Lights and experience the natural beauty of the park filled with twinkling streams of light. View rose and azalea bushes illuminated with color, imitating their natural state during the blooming of spring. This Christmas-light display will also feature lighted displays of deer, squirrels and birds scattered amongst a wide variety of trees wrapped in lights. Admission to Garden of Lights is free; however, donations are appreciated.

## DESTINATION OKLAHOMA Rewards Entry Form

Name

Company Name

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Email Address

### Mail Entry Form and Receipts to:

Green Country Marketing Association  
2805 E. Skelly Drive, #805  
Tulsa, OK 74105

### Deadline for Entry:

10/31/2011 @ 5pm

### Drawing Held:

11/1/2011



# DESTINATION OKLAHOMA Rewards Program



### WIN \$500

Overnight in at least three Oklahoma "countries" between 9/1/2010 and 9/1/2011

### ADD \$250 (TOTAL \$750)

Charter a Red Carpet Charter for a minimum of one overnight in each of two countries

### ADD ANOTHER \$250 (TOTAL \$1,000)

Charter a Red Carpet Charter for a minimum of one overnight in each in three countries

### TO ENTER THE DRAWING:

- Book a minimum of 20 rooms on each tour
- Keep your receipts
- Complete the attached entry form and mail along with documentation to:

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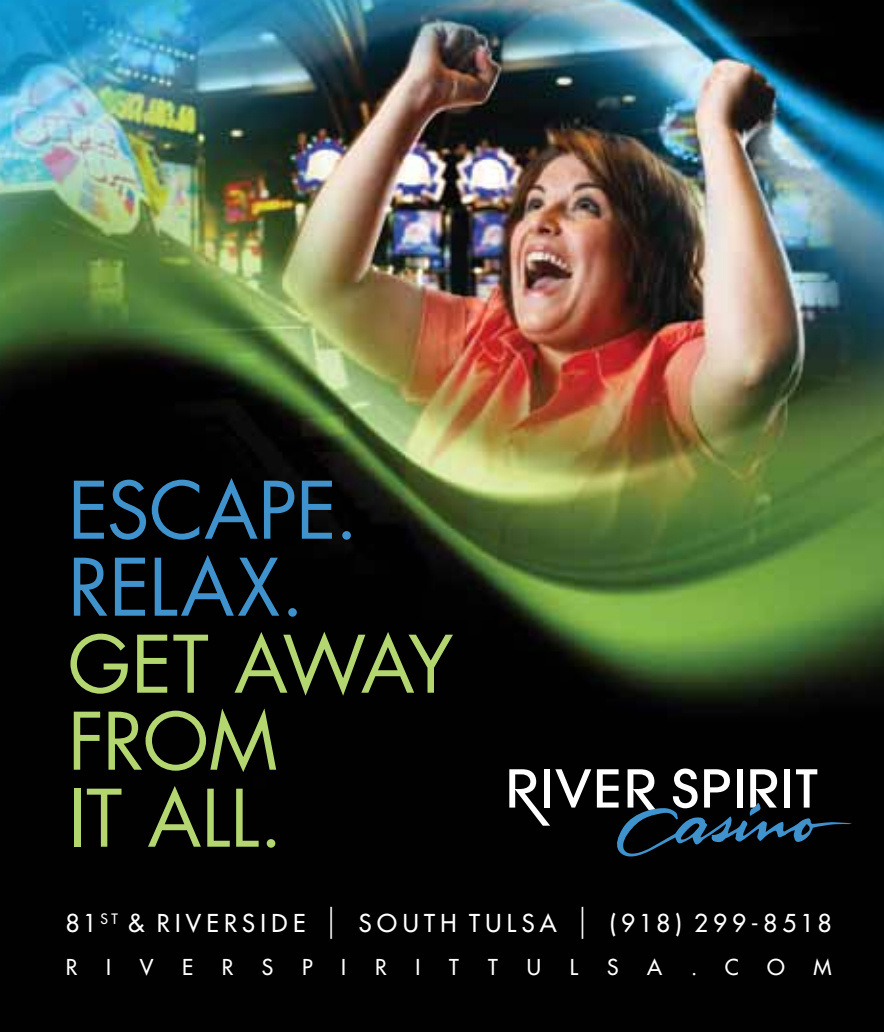
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