

# Ozark Fall Foliage

October 25 - 30, 2010

(6 days - 5 nights)



## Mon, Oct 25

## Durant, OK

With the feel of autumn in the air we board our motor-coach and get acquainted with fellow travelers to begin our colorful tour to the Ozarks. We will enjoy lunch in Fort Worth before heading north to Denison, TX where we visit the Eisenhower Birthplace Historic Site. The two-story farm house in which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was born has been restored to its 1890 appearance. A 9-foot tall bronze statue of the former President stands in the 10-acre park. We continue to Oklahoma and overnight in Durant.

## Tue, Oct 26

## Fort Smith, AR

Have your camera ready as we drive one of the most beautiful routes in the south! Talimena Scenic Byway stretches 54 miles across the very top of the Ouachita Mountains in eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas and offers spectacular views and incredible scenery. We will stop at view points to aid in your getting wonderful pictures. Lunch will be at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, known at the "Castle in the Clouds" or "Castle in the Sky". After continuing our scenic byway to Mena, AR we will turn north to Fort Smith, located on the Arkansas River. In 1817 the site was selected for the region's first military fort, which prompted settlement and the naming of the town after General Thomas Smith. Tonight we will enjoy some local entertainment before settling in for a good night's rest.

## **Highlights Include:**

- Ozark Folk Center-Mountain View, AR
- Craft Village
- 2 Music Shows
- Blanchard Springs Caverns
- Lunch at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge
- Fort Smith, AR
- Hot Springs, AR
- Ouachita Mountains
- Talimena Scenic Drive
- Pickles Gap Village
- Eisenhower Home-Denison

## Wed, Oct 27

## Mountain View, AR

This morning we enjoy more beautiful scenery of the Ozark Mountains as we head east to Conway, AR with a stop at Pickles Gap Village. The area was named Pickles Gap when a German immigrant overturned his wagonload of pickles while crossing the creek. This small, but picturesque settlement has turned into an entrepreneurial wonderland with a variety of gift, souvenir, music, antique and craft shops, knife shop and more. By mid-afternoon we will be arriving at the Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View, AR. We will stay the next 2 nights in the Cabins at Dry Creek with all the standard, modern-day amenities, surrounded by nature and the woodlands of the park. The Ozark Folk Center is America's only facility that works at presenting the heritage and way of life of the Ozark Mountain people. It makes learning about Ozark history fun and is an adventure to yesterday's Ozark way of life that you can see, touch and enjoy today. Upon arrival we will visit the Craft Village which offers over 20 homespun craft demonstrations. Dinner will be at the Skillet Restaurant before our evening music show. Using all acoustic instruments, the talented musicians perform pre-1941 songs to preserve the Ozark history of the arts.

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**Thu, Oct 28**

**Mountain View, AR**

Begin the day with a breakfast buffet before departing for Blanchard Springs Caverns. Stroll through large, beautifully lighted rooms with handrails and paved trails for easy walking. This afternoon we will visit the historic Downtown Square in Mountain View for shopping and browsing. Stop by Woods Pharmacy for a nostalgic ice cream soda. After dinner at the Folk Center we will return to Mountain View for another great music show.

**Fri, Oct 29**

**Texarkana, TX**

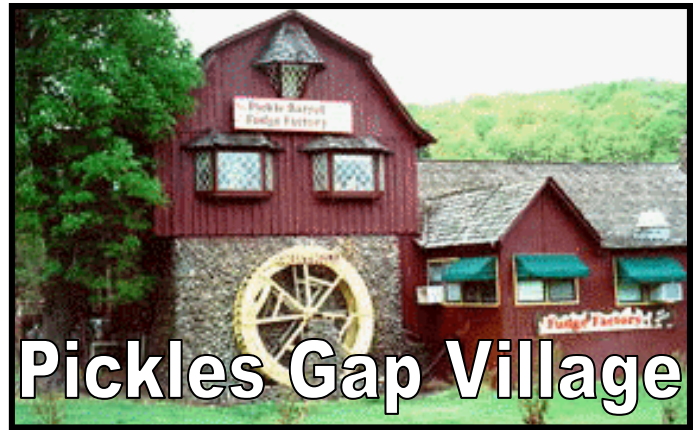
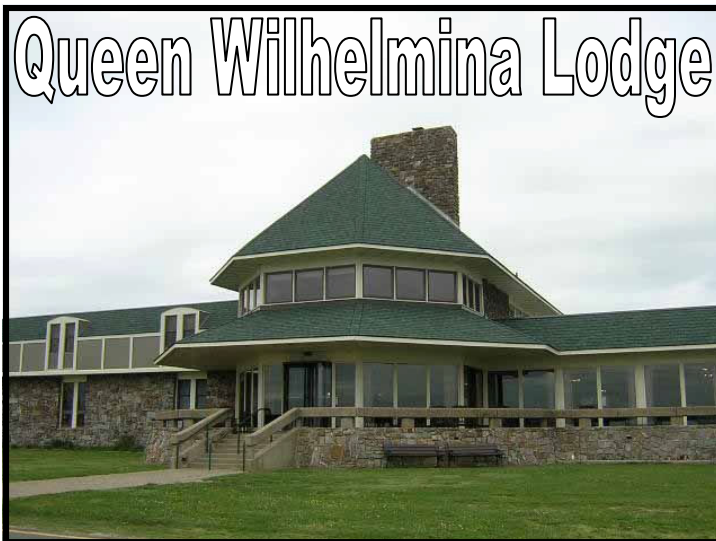
After breakfast we will leave the Ozark Folk Center State Park and return to the picturesque Ouachita Mountains and the town of Hot Springs, a year-round health and pleasure resort. The thermal water that flows from the spring is naturally sterile. You may choose to tour the Fordyce Bath House during our leisure time before we continue to Texarkana.

**Sat, Oct 30**

**Return home**

This morning as we board the motorcoach, we realize our Ozark Fall Foliage Tour is coming to a close but we will long remember the memories shared by all and the new friendships we have made. Lunch will again be in the Metroplex of Fort Worth-Dallas before returning to West Texas.

**Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!**



**Price Includes:**

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring and Midland**
- 5-nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 3 continental breakfasts and 2 breakfasts  
6 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver
- Services of a tour escort

**Cost per person:**

**\$1039 (2 people per room)**

**\$1257 (1 person per room)**

**\$25 deposit + \$99 insurance (optional)  
due June 4, 2010**

**Final payment due September 14, 2010**

Travel Protection Insurance is available at a cost of \$99 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. Insurance is optional and may only be purchased with initial deposit. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a **medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.**

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to tour.

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