

Meet Me in St. Louis

Including Route 66 & Memphis, TN

April 9 - 15, 2019

(7 days - 6 nights)



Tuesday, April 9 Ponca City, OK

With our bags packed we begin our expedition through OK, MO, TN and AR. Getting acquainted with fellow travelers always fills the motorcoach with excitement. Upon our arrival in Ponca City, OK, we make our way to Marland Mansion, also known as the Palace on the Prairie. Marland Mansion, built by oil baron E.W. Marland, is one of the largest residences in southwestern US. We will enjoy our evening meal in one of the 55 rooms that make up this 43,561 sq ft home.

Wednesday, April 10 Springfield, MO

Before leaving Oklahoma behind, we make a morning stop in Pawhuska to visit Ree Drummond – Pioneer Woman’s Mercantile. Whether it is home décor, kitchen accessories or just a pastry from the bakery upstairs, there is something for everyone. After lunch we then cross over into the Show Me state, Missouri.

Highlights Include:

- 2-night stay in downtown St. Louis
- Pioneer Woman Mercantile (Pawhuska, OK)
- Gateway Arch Museum
- Tram to the top of the Arch
- Gateway Arch National Park (reopened July 2018)
- Mississippi Riverboat Cruise
- St Louis City Tour
- St Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad Excursion
- Choice of Elvis Presley's Graceland or Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid

Taking advantage of traveling along the infamous Route 66, we take our afternoon break in Joplin to admire some of the Route 66 murals.

Thursday, April 11 St. Louis, MO

Today we venture on to St. Louis but first stop for lunch at Blue Owl Restaurant, made famous by their “Levee High Caramel Apple Pie!” This afternoon you will stand in the shadow of the world’s tallest arch, the centerpiece of the Gateway Arch National Park that completed its \$350 million makeover in July 2018. Explore the museum, watch the award-winning film Monument To The Dream, that documents the

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construction of the Gateway arch but certainly do not miss your opportunity to ride the tram to the top of the arch, for a stunning view of St. Louis, the Mississippi River and beyond from a 630-foot vantage point. Afterwards we will settle into our home away from home for the next two nights.

Friday, April 12 **St. Louis, MO**

Today we enjoy a full day of exploration in the city known as the “Gateway to the West.” St. Louis, built along the western bank of the Mississippi River, marks Missouri’s border with Illinois. Joined by our local guide, we start our day with a city tour. From the iconic skyline to riverboats, Clydesdale horses to laser lights, we quickly learn there is something for everyone as we take in all that St. Louis has to offer.

Saturday, April 13 **Havti, MO**

We say goodbye to St. Louis with anticipation of more adventures ahead. Step back in time as we board the 92-year old passenger cars on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway, initially established to deliver iron ore from Iron Mountain to St. Louis. Hold on to your purses and wallets as there might be some shady characters hanging around.

Sunday, April 14 **Texarkana, TX**

This morning YOU decide! You have two options for your morning activities. The first option is to fill your morning at Elvis Presley’s **Graceland**. There you will have full admission to the mansion tour, the airplanes, cars, costumes and plethora of memorabilia and exhibits. Lunch is on your own at the entertainment complex. Your second option is **Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid**. This megastore includes hunting, fishing, camping and related outdoor recreation merchandise as well as a bowling alley, archery range and an outdoor observation deck. Lunch and admission to observation deck are included in this option.

Monday, April 15 **Return Home**

As we travel west towards home, it is hard to believe our wonderful tour is coming to an end. Keep those passenger lists handy so when you return you can stay connected with your new travel friends. Make plans to travel with them again on another Bilbrey Tours adventure.

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

Price Includes:

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

Cost :

\$1589 per person (2 people per room)

\$1989 per person (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due February 20, 2019

Travel Protection Insurance is optional and available at a cost of \$177 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. All insurance payments must be received with or before final payment of tour. 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 mailed 2 weeks prior to the tour.

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