

# Kaleidoscope of Colors

October 24 - 29, 2019  
(6 days - 5 nights)



## Thu, October 24

## Paris, TX

With our bags packed we set out in search of the vibrant colors of fall. Such breathtaking sights can be found just a day away on one of the nation's first designated Scenic Byways. Keep those cameras handy as we make our way northeast. of fall. Getting acquainted with fellow travelers always fills the motorcoach with excitement. We stop in the county seat of Wise County, Decatur for lunch before continuing today's journey. No passport is necessary today to visit the Eiffel Tower; however, it is only 1/10 the size of the original Eiffel Tower. After all, we are in Paris, TX.

## Fri, Oct 25 Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, AR

After a good night's rest we cross over into Oklahoma and stop in Hugo, OK. There we will be in awe by the second largest herd of Asian elephants in America at Endangered Ark Foundation. Before leaving Hugo we will make our way to the beautifully restored St. Louis—San Francisco (Frisco) Railroad Depot. After lunch we head east and make our way into Beavers Bend State Park. After leaving Beavers Bend we turn and head north along the

## Highlights Include:

- 2- Nights in Queen Wilhelmina State Park, AR
- 2- Nights at The Artesian, OK
- Beaver's Bend State Park, OK
- Lake Murray State Park, OK
- Talimena National Scenic Byway, OK
- Kiamichi Trace (Beaver's Bend), OK
- Endangered Ark (Asian elephant refuge), Hugo OK
- Frisco Depot Museum, Hugo OK
- Chickasaw Cultural Center
- Amtrak excursion - Heartland Flyer (Ardmore, OK - Ft Worth)

Kiamichi Trace through the western portion of the Ouachita National Forest before crossing into Arkansas and finding our Queen Wilhelmina Lodge.

## Sat, Oct 26 Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, AR

Today we venture out to take in the majestic beauty along the Talimena National Scenic Byway, one of the nation's first designed byways. The state's premier foliage route glows with color —bronze, gold russet, punctuated with the rich purple of gum trees, scarlet of sugar maples and sumac and deep green pines. Joining us on our journey will be a Park Interpreter for Queen Wilhelmina State Park to insure we do not miss a thing.

## Sun, October 27

## Sulphur, OK

Today we continue our quest for leaves of splendor. Oklahoma's state department of

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tourism lists the top areas in the state for fall foliage as Talimena National Scenic Byway, Ouachita National Forest, and Beavers Bend State Park. Now that we have reveled in their beauty it is time to move further west to prepare for yet another top location on their list; Chickasaw National Recreation Area, just outside of Sulphur, where we settle in for the next two nights.

**Mon, October 28**

**Sulphur, OK**

This morning we explore the Chickasaw Cultural Center where we will watch the story of the Chickasaw people unfold before our eyes through demonstrations and exhibits at one of the most extensive tribal cultural center in the US. After lunch we began our trek through the Chickasaw National Recreation Area situated in the foothills of the Arbuckle Mountains in route to Lake Murray State Park. Lake Murray holds the distinction as being the first and largest state park in Oklahoma. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the most identifiable structure with any of Oklahoma's state parks, the Tucker Tower. It was designed and primarily built by the WPA during the 1930's and is believed that originally planned to served as a retreat for Oklahoma governors. We will dine at the Lake Murray Lodge before returning for the evening in Sulphur.



**Tue, October 29**

**Return Home**

We truly have taken in a kaleidoscope of colors throughout our journey but one more treat awaits our travel adventurers. Taking a break from our motorcoach, we will board Amtrak's Heartland Flyer. The Heartland Flyer connects travelers from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth daily along a 206-

mile route. While operated by Amtrak, it is jointly funded by Oklahoma & Texas. Our train excursion begins in Ardmore, OK and terminates in Fort Worth. After lunch, we reboard our motorcoach and head west. It is hard to believe our wonderful tour is coming to an end. Keep those passenger lists handy so you can share some of your amazing photos with your travel friends and make plans to travel with them again on another Bilbrey Tours adventure.

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