



Good Times Travel

Arkansas & The Great American Eclipse

NEW!

Featuring the Great North American Total Solar Eclipse, Hot Springs National Park, Little Rock, Bentonville
April 6-12, 2024 – 7 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ The rare opportunity to experience a total solar eclipse with a viewing party at a Little Rock winery that includes lunch, entertainment, viewing glasses and unobstructed views
- ◆ Explore historic downtown Hot Springs and Hot Springs National Park with an opportunity to relax in the thermal water
- ◆ Visit the Clinton Presidential Library & Museum and the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site
- ◆ In Bentonville, explore historic Bentonville Square and the extraordinary Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art which features works by Norman Rockwell, Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol along with a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed "Usonian" house
- ◆ Visit the Walmart Museum (or The Walmart Museum Heritage Lab), the United States Marshals Museum, the Museum of Native American History, the Will Rogers Memorial Museum and the Peel Museum & Botanical Gardens



Solar Eclipse Viewing Party



Crystal Bridges Museum



Hot Springs National Park



Little Rock, Arkansas

Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 11 Meals – 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$2,199 per person
Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$400
Roundtrip airfare from \$795 per person

Itinerary

This extraordinary Arkansas adventure full of natural wonders and historic treasures is highlighted by a rare celestial spectacle, a national park, a Presidential library and a number of unique sights. From Arkansas' capital city of Little Rock to historic Hot Springs and the Norman Rockwell-esque Bentonville in Arkansas' Ozark Mountain Region, this new itinerary features the best of "The Natural State" capped off by the once-in-a-lifetime experience of a total solar eclipse!

Day 1 – Welcome to Little Rock, Arkansas!

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX this morning for a flight to Little Rock, Arkansas. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and continue to our deluxe Midtown hotel where we'll begin a three-night stay in the heart of **Little Rock**, Arkansas' capital city.

Day 2 – Hot Springs National Park

This morning we'll travel to Hot Springs, Arkansas, the historic small mountain town known for its famed thermal springs. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own in charming **Historic Downtown Hot Springs** in the heart of **Hot Springs National Park**. As you stroll along Central Avenue you'll find one side of the street features historic Bathhouse Row while the opposite side features a collection of artisanal shops, galleries, restaurants, sweet shops and museums in Greek Revival, Italianate, and Colonial Revival structures. The town features several thermal spring fountains so you can, "quaff the elixir," as they used to say in the heyday of the spas. For those looking for some relaxation, Bathhouse

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ◆ Nights 1-3 **Four Points by Sheraton Midtown**
Little Rock, Arkansas
- ◆ Nights 4-6 **Staybridge Suites**
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

Optional Airport Transfers

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$99 p.p.

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills
- ◆Long Beach ◆Seal Beach

Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

Row features two bathhouses where the thermal springs are piped directly in so you can fully submerge and relax in the thermal water, providing a true and authentic experience (*Reservations and additional fee payments are to be made directly to the bathhouse; reservations are highly recommended*). We return to Little Rock with an included dinner and entertainment at a locals' favorite this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 – Total Eclipse of the Sun in Little Rock

The momentous day has arrived – April 8, 2024 – a **total eclipse of the sun** will be visible (weather permitting), only from a narrow corridor that traverses the U.S., including this portion of Arkansas. Witnessing a total eclipse of the sun is a rare and possibly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our experience includes a private **eclipse viewing party** at a local winery with an included lunch, entertainment, viewing glasses and a completely unobstructed view of the eclipse. We'll watch for several hours as the moon slowly moves across to cover the sun leading to "totality" beginning at 1:49 p.m. and lasting 3 minutes and 39 seconds. This evening, we'll enjoy time at leisure for browsing and dinner on your own at Little Rock's **River Market Entertainment District**. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 4 – Little Rock to Fayetteville

After an included breakfast, we'll visit the **William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum**, the architectural masterpiece nestled on the Arkansas River. The **Clinton Presidential Center** features a full-scale replica of the Oval Office and the White House Cabinet Room, interactive exhibits and historic artifacts related to the 42nd president. We'll visit **Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site**, where in 1957 the "Little Rock Nine" made a courageous stand in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement. This afternoon we'll travel to **Fort Smith, Arkansas** and visit the new **United States Marshals Museum**, the iconic, star-shaped museum that sits on the picturesque banks of the Arkansas River. The immersive and interactive exhibits within the 53,000 square-foot museum tell the story of U.S. Marshals from the colonial days to today. This evening, we arrive in **Fayetteville, Arkansas** and begin a three-night stay with an included dinner at a locals' favorite. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 – Bentonville, Arkansas

This morning we'll travel north to **Bentonville**, nestled in Arkansas' Ozark Mountain Region. We'll visit the **Museum of Native American History**, home to some of the finest ancient artifacts of early man: brilliant headdresses, artistic effigy vessels, the famous Sweetwater Biface, and an Ice Age Woolly Mammoth. This afternoon we'll visit the **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art** where we'll enjoy an included lunch and time at leisure to explore this iconic destination that celebrates the American spirit in a setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of nature. Founded by philanthropist and arts patron Alice Walton (daughter of Walmart founder Sam Walton) and designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie, Crystal Bridges features a massive art collection spanning the colonial era to contemporary works with pieces by renowned artists such as Norman Rockwell, Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol. On display is **Frank Lloyd Wright's Bachman-Wilson House**, a classic "Usonian" house designed and built in New Jersey in the 1950s, but acquired and relocated here in 2013. Five miles of sculpture and walking trails link the museum's 120-acre park to downtown Bentonville. Enjoy time at leisure this evening for dinner on your own in Fayetteville's, **Dickson Street**, a dynamic dining and entertainment district. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 6 – Bentonville, Arkansas

This morning we'll visit **The Walmart Museum** or **The Walmart Museum Heritage Lab** which feature exhibits, interactive displays and fascinating artifacts that tell the Walmart story – from the beginnings of the Walton family and the founding of Walmart to today's global dominance. *The Walmart Museum is currently closed for renovations and scheduled to reopen Spring, 2024.* Enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own in **Bentonville Square**, the heart of historic downtown Bentonville, featuring restaurants, stylish boutiques, delicious bakeries, coffee shops, and unique public artwork. This afternoon, we'll experience what life was like for the Peel family and other Bentonville families in the late 1800s while touring the **Peel Museum & Botanical Garden**. The beautiful, Civil War era Italianate mansion was built in 1875 by Colonel Samuel West Peel, the first Arkansas native to be elected to the United States Congress. Enjoy an included farewell dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 – Will Rogers Museum, Journey Home

After an included breakfast, we'll travel west to Claremore, Oklahoma and visit the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum**. Established in 1938 to honor the "Cowboy Philosopher," the beautiful limestone museum has 12 galleries filled with the largest collection of Will Rogers memorabilia in the world including artifacts from his cowboy and vaudeville days and all of his writings. This afternoon we'll arrive at the Tulsa International Airport for a return flight to Los Angeles. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in Los Angeles, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-off points. (Breakfast)