

DAY ONE

10:45 am – 21c Museum & Hotel- Tour the "Top New Hotel in the US" and see what is new in the world of contemporary art. See why CNN named the 21c Bentonville one of "The 7 Artsy hotels you must see" last year.

11:30 am – Lunch in Downtown Bentonville- at any of our wonderful establishments ranging from Italian to American to Mexican. Some of our favorites include Tusk & Trotter, Pressroom, The Hive, Tavola Trattoria, Table Mesa, Station Café and Oven & Tap.

12:30 pm – The Walmart Museum- Located in Sam Walton's original Bentonville variety store, it traces the growth of all Walmart Stores, Inc. Learn details about Mr. Walton's story, starting in chapter one. You will get to see the very store that started the number one retail chain in the world. There are many interactive learning tools, videos, and even Sam Walton's office on display! In addition to the museum, the Downtown Bentonville area has several unique stores for shopping.

1:15pm – City Tour- Experience Bentonville as you learn the interesting history of a city that has had three major industries in just over 150 years. See the sites that helped build Bentonville.

2:15 pm – Depart Downtown Bentonville for Museum of Native American History

2:30 pm –Museum of Native American History- Walk through pre-historic time and get a glimpse into what life was like for America's first inhabitants. This museum is split into five time periods that will guide you through the constant changing lives of the Natives, as seen through their artifacts. Relics of over 14,000 years old will take you back to the past. Enjoy seeing some of the finest treasures ever created by early craftsmen through a self-guided audio wand tour.

4:15 pm – Depart Museum of Native American History for Hotel

5:45 pm – Depart Hotel for Dinner

6:00 pm – Dinner at Fred's Hickory Inn- Enjoy a nice dinner at Bentonville's oldest restaurant and favorite dinner spot of Sam Walton, Fred's Hickory Inn. Famous for their steak and ribs, there is no better way to finish your first night in Bentonville.

7:30 pm – Depart Fred's Hickory Inn for Hotel



DAY TWO

8:00 am – Breakfast at Hotel

9:00 am – Depart hotel for Mildred B. Cooper Chapel

9:20 am – Mildred B. Cooper Chapel- This chapel was designed by E. Faye Jones and Maurice Jennings. Jones was a student of Frank Lloyd Wright and his influence is seen in Jones' designs. The chapel is built entirely of glass and steel and sits on a wooded hilltop overlooking Lake Norwood.

10:00 am – Depart Mildred B. Cooper Chapel for the Veteran's Wall of Honor

10:15 am – Veteran's Wall of Honor- The Wall of Honor sits on a 1.67 acre site adjacent to Lake Bella Vista. The site includes a massive entry arch, a center fountain with fiber optic lighting, a 36 foot time line of major historical engagements, 120 bronze plaques telling of American history and 3,500 veterans' names engraved in granite.

10:45 am – Depart Veteran's Wall of Honor for Crystal Bridges

11:00 am – Lunch at Eleven at Crystal Bridges- Enjoy Lunch at Eleven which specializes in modern American comfort food with an emphasis on traditions that hail from the "High South" region...the Ozarks. The robust cuisine of Eleven not only nourishes, but tells a story—a story of the American spirit, inspired by the artworks, natural surroundings, and fascinating regional history connected to the Crystal Bridges Museum.

12:00 pm – Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art- Tour the preeminent American art museum in the United States. Ranging from the colonial era to modern day, you will experience the evolution of American art. The permanent collection is incredible and includes iconic images such as Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, Norman Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter, and Andy Warhol's Coca-Cola. Not only is the permanent collection impressive, the series of pavilions that make up the museum are spectacular. Being designed by world-renown architect, Moshe Safdie, the beautiful building is a treat in itself. It was named after a nearby natural spring and the bridge construction incorporated in the building. This museum is being hailed as one of the best in the world, and it's right here in Bentonville, AR.

2:00 pm – Depart Crystal Bridges for Peel Mansion

2:30 p.m. – Tour at the Peel Mansion Museum and Heritage Gardens- Enjoy a trip to the past as a costumed interpreter takes you on a tour of the 1875 mansion that was built for Colonel Samuel West Peel and observe how Arkansasans lived in the 1800's.

3:30pm – Depart Bentonville