

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

Plus ride the rails on the A&M Railroad, enjoy an art demo at Terra Studios, tour the Peel Mansion

Nov 17-20, 2026

Come see some of the best works of American Art in a brand-new gallery designed just for this purpose! Alice Walton used the Walmart fortune to bring incredible works of art to the South, put on display for the public to see. From Norman Rockwell's *Rosie the Riveter* to Winslow Homer's *Spring* you will be astonished at the collection that's less than a day's travel from home! A highlight is touring a Frank Lloyd Wright house on the property.

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026

We begin our journey by heading west, along I-44, following the course of the famous Route 66. We'll take a break along the way and enjoy lunch at one of Dea's favorites, **Sybill's** in St. James. Enjoy a plated lunch and then shopping at her boutique. We then head south into Arkansas, arriving at the **Embassy Suites** for their **Happy Hour**. Tonight, dine at Mermaids Seafood House with a choice of 4 entrees to choose from.

(L, Happy Hour, D)

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2026

Enjoy our included hot, cooked to order breakfast at the hotel before we visit a homegrown artist haven, **Terra Studios!** A collection of art studios with numerous artists in residence tucked away into the woods, Terra Studios is the home of the *Original Blue Bird of Happiness* made famous by Hallmark! After a tour of their Art Park and Garden, we will see an artist create right before our eyes. (Based on availability) This visit will get you prepared for taking in all the different types of art tomorrow at Crystal Bridges.

We then head down to Van Buren, Arkansas for a quick bite to eat and to ride the rails on the **A&M Railroad**. Arkansas & Missouri Railroad's special passenger train services offer you 'A Window Seat to History' -- an opportunity to travel in the style of a bygone era. You can still enjoy the leisurely elegance of real train travel through the mountains and valleys of Northwest Arkansas. Over trestles with views for miles and through a quarter mile tunnel, your journey will take you all the way to the top of the scenic Boston Mountains and into the historic Arkansas River Basin.

The Arkansas & Missouri Railroad is one of the few commercial lines left in the United States that operates both freight and passenger service. All passengers travel the regular working rails in refurbished antique passenger or parlor coaches. We arrive at the Springdale station where our motorcoach meets us to return to the hotel to enjoy Happy Hour before. Still hungry? We will take those who want something more or just want to try the local cuisine at the Catfish Hole in Fayetteville to dine on your own. You'll be sure to find some fine southern cooking here with a large choice of menu from fish to chicken to beef. **(B, L)**



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Thursday, Nov 19, 2026

Enjoy our included hot, cooked to order breakfast at the hotel before visiting the highlight of our tour at opening time - **Crystal Bridges Art Museum!** Enjoy an afternoon wandering the curving halls of this incredible museum, featuring such well known works as Asher Durand's *Kindred Spirits* and Andy Warhol's *Dolly Parton*, just some of the many treasures awaiting your gazing pleasure at the gathering place of five centuries of American masterpieces. Or take a stroll through the outdoor sculptures along the walking paths on the grounds as well. Lunch will be on your own at Eleven or Bars & Bites located in the Museum. Enjoy yourself for as long as you like.

LET US KNOW AT TIME OF RESERVATION IF YOU WANT TO TOUR THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME ON PROPERTY. WE NEED TO SECURE TICKETS.

We will run two shuttles to the hotel this afternoon. We then return to the hotel to enjoy Happy Hour before heading to a local Arkansas favorite for a family style fried chicken dinner. **(B, Happy Hour, D)**



Friday, Nov 20, 2026

After breakfast we visit the wonderfully quaint Bentonville downtown, home to numerous shops as well as the Walmart



Welcome Center, a museum focused on the origin of the largest retailer in the world. There is even an AI generated Sam Walton available to answer your questions. We then head for a **tour at the Peel Mansion Museum and Heritage Gardens.** Built in 1875 by Colonel Samuel West Peel, this amazing Italianate Mansion features amazing woodwork, particularly the walnut stairway in the front hall. There are numerous other styles found in the home as well, including a rare Anglo-Japanese mantle in the library and Greek Revival molded trim in the parlor, and the museum has collected period appropriate pieces to furnish the house in the grand Victorian Style in which it was designed. This attention to detail extends to the gardens, where paintings, photographs and even interviews with those descended from the early settlers were interviewed for what the gardens would have been like in the late 1800s.

We depart Arkansas and stop for lunch and shopping on our own at Branson Landing before returning home this evening. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

Tour Price includes:

- Deluxe Motor Coach transportation round-trip
- THREE** nights at the Embassy Suites
- Admission to all attractions as listed
- 7 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners and 3 Happy Hours
- A Ride on the A&M Railroad
- Day visit to Crystal Bridges
- Art Tour at Terra Studios
- Baggage Handling of one suitcase per person.
- Are We There Yet? Tour Directors to handle whatever comes our way
- Gratuities to Tour Guides, Coach Driver, Bellmen & Servers at Included Meals

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