

Legends of the American Frontier

A Journey Through Presidents, Outlaws & Pioneers

Max. 24 spaces

DAY 1: Monday, June 8, 2026

Depart from Karried Away with Carrie enjoy Muffins, fruit, and coffee while we pack the bus.

Lunch **Mark Twain Dinette:** Maid-Rite Restaurant and Diner.

Arrive 3 nights at the Drury Inn & Suites, St. Joseph, MO. 5:30 – 7:00 PM Enjoy the “Kickback”

DAY 2: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Breakfast is included at the hotel

Depart with your guide to begin your exploration of St. Joseph, MO. Often called "St. Joe," it is a city where the rough-and-tumble history of the American West comes alive. The city is best defined by its local slogan: "Where the Pony Express started and Jesse James ended." Beyond its wilder roots, St. Joseph boasts an impressive collection of Gilded Age architecture, including the opulent mansions of "Millionaire's Row."

The stop this morning is at **The Glore Psychiatric Museum.** Widely regarded as one of the most unusual and thought-provoking museums in the United States, it offers a haunting yet educational look at the history of mental health treatment on the grounds of a former state asylum. It is famous for its stark, often jarring exhibits that range from primitive "treatments"—like the immobilizing Tranquilizer Chair—to the Tunnel of Art, an underground passage lined with patient-created murals that provide a window into their inner worlds. Most notably, the museum displays a collection of over 1,400 swallowed objects recovered from a single patient and intricate embroidery pieces that highlight the creative resilience of residents despite their isolation. Ultimately, the museum serves as a powerful reminder of how far medical science has progressed from archaic restraints toward modern, compassionate care.

Lunch is included Wyeth Tootle Mansion. A striking 1879 Gothic Revival landmark it was designed to resemble a majestic German castle. Known for its iconic turret and sweeping views of the Missouri River, the mansion serves as a pinnacle of Gilded Age opulence with its hand-carved walnut woodwork and ornate ceiling murals.

This afternoon visit the **Pony Express National Museum.** It is a tribute to one of the most daring and short-lived adventures in American history. Housed within the original 1858 Pikes Peak Stables' it was from this very location on April 3, 1860, that the first westbound rider—often cited as Johnny Fry—galloped into the night to begin a 2,000-mile relay to California. Today, the museum immerses visitors in the grit of the Old West through interactive exhibits where you can explore the original horse stalls, feel the weight of a mochila mailbag, and learn about the "young, skinny, wiry fellows" who risked their lives for \$25 a week.

Enjoy an afternoon break with a glass of "**sasparilla,**" and entertainment featuring **Miss Lizzy at the Pony Bar.** It offers a spirited dose of living history that transports guests back to the bustling St. Joseph of the 1860s. Through humor and "first-hand" storytelling, she shares the trials and triumphs of the frontier, highlighting the grit of the women who kept the city running while riders galloped west and the Goetz family began their brewing empire. The show blends local lore with historical facts, making the era feel personal and immediate as she recounts the excitement of the first ride and the daily realities of life in a "jumping-off" town.

The afternoon concludes with a visit to the **one-room schoolhouse.** It is an often-humorous trip back to the rigid classroom culture of the 1860s. Far from a passive exhibit, the experience is led by a stern but playful schoolmarm who stays strictly in character, "testing" grown-up visitors on their McGuffey Reader skills and 19th-century etiquette. Adults find themselves sitting in authentic wooden desks, perhaps facing a "dunce cap" or a sharp rap on the knuckles (in spirit) if they fail to stand when addressed or falter on their arithmetic. The session highlights the stark contrast between modern education and the disciplined, multi-age environment of the frontier, where wood-burning stoves and slate boards were the only technology available. It serves as a charming, reminder of the grit required of pioneer children—and a lighthearted way for visitors to see if they could actually pass a third-grade exam from 150 years ago.

This evening return to the **Drury to relax and enjoy their Kickback.**

DAY 3: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Breakfast is included at the hotel

Pick up your guide. At the Ameristar Casino to pick up the guide. The day begins with a mini tour of Sub Tropolis Carved from a 270-million-year-old layer of Bethany Falls limestone, **SubTropolis** began its life in the 1940s as a mining operation. Today, it has evolved into the world's largest underground business complex, spanning over 55 million square feet.

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum. The museum offers a cinematic and interactive experience that chronicles Truman's rise from a small-town Missouri farmer to a world leader during some of the 20th century's most critical moments. Walk through a meticulously detailed replica of the Oval Office, view the original "The Buck Stops Here" desk sign, and engage with immersive exhibits on the decision to use the atomic bomb, the Marshall Plan, and the beginning of the Cold War. Beyond the high-tech galleries, the library's peaceful courtyard provides a somber space for reflection at the Trumans' gravesites. The tour continues to the Historic Independence Square, famously known as the "jumping-off point" where pioneers in the mid-1800s outfitted their wagons for the perilous journey west along the Oregon, California, and Santa Fe Trails. A cornerstone of this legacy is **Clinton's Soda Fountain**, located on the northeast corner in the very building where a 14-year-old Harry S. Truman earned his first paycheck mopping floors and serving customers at what was then a pharmacy. Today, the fountain remains a nostalgic staple where you can sit at a 100-year-old marble counter to enjoy an **included choice of an Ice Cream Cone or a "Phosphate" Float** before continuing a driving tour of this historic city that includes the Truman Courthouse, the Truman home and the 1859 Jail & Marshal's Home, which famously housed the outlaw Frank James.

A **late lunch is included** in a restaurant located on the KC Plaza in Kansas City, MO.

This afternoon, discover Kansas City, MO. Known as the "**City of Fountains**," you will discover how they define the region's landscape, particularly the dense concentration within the historic Country Club Plaza. As we admire these architectural gems, we'll discuss the early days of development, confronting both the celebrated and difficult parts of local history to understand how they shaped the modern city. The tour spans from the soulful Jazz District to the bustling City Market and historic Westport, which served as vital stopping-off locations for the growth of early KC. We will trace the influence of the Pendergast era before heading to the stunning grounds of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. There, we'll explore the iconic lawn to see massive works like Henry Moore's Sheep Piece and the city's beloved Shuttlecocks, ensuring a rich experience that captures the unique spirit of every point in between.

Drop Guide back at casino (possible time to gamble before heading back to hotel)

This evening enjoy the Drury Kickback.

DAY 4: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Depart this morning with your guide to visit the **Patee House Museum**. Built in 1858 as a luxury hotel, it became the Pony Express's eastern headquarters in 1860 and is now a National Historic Landmark. It is often described as a "Smithsonian of the Midwest" because it houses an incredibly eclectic and dense collection of artifacts spanning the 19th and early 20th centuries. Inside the museum, visitors can explore the "Streets of Old St. Jo," a full-scale recreation of an 1800s town center complete with a general store, a print shop, and a vintage dental office. The museum is particularly famous for its transportation exhibits, which include a massive 1860 Hannibal & St. Joseph steam locomotive and mail car that guests can actually board. highlight is a unique hand-carved indoor carousel called the "Wild Things" carousel. The Patee House is also steeped in Civil War and outlaw history. It served as a provost marshal's office and a site for war trials during the 1860s. Take some time to relax at the **Buffalo Saloon and enjoy an included drink**.

Stroll outside to visit the small frame house where the infamous outlaw Jesse James was shot and killed on April 3, 1882. Tour the interior, view period furnishings, and even see the bullet hole that marks the spot where one of the Old West's most notorious figures met his end. Stoll outside to visit the small frame house where the Thomas Howard, also known as the infamous outlaw Jesse James was shot and killed on April 3, 1882. d

Noon Lunch is included at **Shakespeare Chateau Inn**, a stunning 1885 Queen Anne Victorian mansion renowned for its breathtaking interior, which features nearly 50 original stained-glass windows, intricate hand-carved woodwork, and ornate busts of William Shakespeare integrated into the design. It serves as a living museum that showcases the immense wealth and craftsmanship of St. Joseph's late 19th-century "mansion row." Shakespeare Chateau Inn will have an included lunch.

The tour this afternoon continues to Missouri Western State University and includes stops at the **The Walter Cronkite Memorial** is a high-tech tribute to the St. Joseph native often called "the most trusted man in America." Spanning 6,000 square feet, the memorial features a series of interactive kiosks and video walls that allow visitors to revisit Cronkite's iconic broadcasts of era-defining events, such as the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The space includes a meticulously recreated 1960s-70s CBS newsroom set, complete with period-accurate technology and personal memorabilia from his legendary career. Beyond the historical archives, the memorial is anchored by "Cronkite's Universe," a massive multimedia display and mural that captures the evolution of journalism through the lens of Cronkite's life and work.

Located in Agenstein Hall on the Missouri Western State University campus, the **Bushman Planetarium** is a high-tech astronomical center that offers immersive shows. The facility features a Digistar 4 projection system and a uniquely tilted dome design that allows audience members to view the screen at a natural forward-facing angle rather than looking directly overhead, making films much more comfortable to watch. Each presentation typically begins with a live look at the current night sky and constellations, followed by a feature film.

Time is allowed to enjoy a drink at the **Drury Inn Kickback** before departing for **dinner** at the **J C Wyatt House**. This beautifully restored Victorian mansion that operates as a premier fine-dining destination. Originally the home of J.C. Wyatt, a partner in a successful local mercantile firm, the 134-year-old brick residence was revitalized by owners Jeff Keyasko and Jim Pallone, who transformed it into a space known for its authentic period ambiance and gourmet meals. The interior is meticulously decorated with Victorian-era memorabilia.

DAY 5: Friday, June 12, 2026

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

Depart the hotel for the John Wayne Birthplace Museum. It stands as the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to the life and legacy of the legendary "Duke." The site features the modest, four-room white frame house where Marion Robert Morrison was born on May 26, 1907, meticulously restored to reflect its appearance at the turn of the 20th century. Adjacent to the home is a modern, 10,400-square-foot museum that houses an extensive collection of artifacts, including original movie posters, film wardrobe—such as his iconic eye patch from True Grit—scripts, and even his last custom-built 1971 Pontiac station wagon. View a documentary in the museum's theater, which features seats originally from Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood, offering a truly immersive tribute to one of American cinema's most enduring icons.

Depart for home.

Noon Depart for an included lunch.



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○ **Single \$2,455**

Optional Insurance \$196

○ **Double \$2,092**

Optional Insurance \$168

Primary Participant Information

Full Name: _____ **Birth date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____

Special Needs / Requests:

(First floor, near elevator, handicap access, dietary restrictions, etc.) _____

Roommate Information (if applicable)

Full Name: _____ **Birth date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____

Special Needs / Requests:

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Payment Information

Payment Type:

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- Credit Card (3% service charge applies). Decline Insurance

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Deposit Amount Paid \$1,500 pp: \$ _____ **Insurance Paid** \$ _____. **Total** \$ _____

Final Payment due: April 24, 2026

Acknowledgement

- I understand that by signing this form, I am reserving my spot for the trip listed above.
- I acknowledge that all payments are due according to the KAWC payment schedule.
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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____