



Relive America's frontier past from the perspective of John Butterfield, as your group explores the path of the Butterfield Stagecoach that began in Missouri, stopped on the edge of civilization in Fort Smith, and then pressed forward through the gateway to The Wild West and the many dangers waiting inside of Indian Territory.

The Butterfield Stagecoach Path

Day 1

Historic Courthouse Tour: the Butterfield Stagecoach made stops every 20 miles. Your group will start its adventure by touring the historic courthouse where the stagecoach made a stop in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Lunch at Mermaid's

Headquarters House & Driving Tour: hear stories of the Battle of Fayetteville as your group journey's down Dickson St., then enjoy a driving tour of Fayetteville's historic sites before visiting the Confederate Cemetery.

19th Century Cooking Class: learn how to prepare meals as they were in the early 19th century.

Hotel Check-In & Dinner at The Catfish Hole

Day 2

Fort Smith National Cemetery: visit one of the few cemeteries where Confederate and Union soldiers are buried. See the graves of Judge Parker and local WWII hero/founder of the Army Rangers, General William O. Darby.

A & M Railroad Excursion: explore the majesty of the Ozarks aboard an antique Pullman Railcar. Includes lunch.

Miss Laura's Visitor Center: tour the first former bordello to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Be sure to make prior arrangements and "Miss Laura" will greet your group and guide the tour.

Downtown Driving Tour: discover timeless architecture in Belle Grove Historic District and a growing gallery of world-renowned urban and contemporary public art.

Fort Smith National Historic Site: tour Judge Parker's Court, visit the foundation remains of the first fort, and learn about the Five Civilized Tribes as your group walks along a paved portion of the Trail of Tears.

Check-In at Hotel

Dinner with Miss Laura's Players: enjoy a catered meal and comedic performance of, "The Medicine Show on Hanging Day."

Day 3

Fort Smith Trolley Museum: hop aboard the Fort Smith Electric Trolley and ride the same route located on Garrison Ave. in the 1920's.

Fort Smith Museum of History: browse more than 40,000 local artifacts and exhibits chronicling the city's colorful history.

Lunch at Taliano's: Dine inside of the James Sparks Home (1887); Romanesque style mansion with original hand-carved fireplaces, chandeliers and more.

Chaffee Barbershop Museum: Visit the WWII barbershop where Elvis received the "buzz cut heard around the world" after being drafted.

Pott's Inn Museum: head to Pottsville and visit one of the best-preserved stagecoach stations on the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. The restored Antebellum home was an overnight stop for the stagecoach. Hat and clothing collections from the 1870's are housed inside of 5 log structures on the grounds, and the museum has a collection of antique farm equipment on display.

Continue east to Little Rock!



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