

Lowe Museum
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ART & CULTURAL TOUR

Kansas City, Missouri AND Crystal Bridges Bentonville, Arkansas

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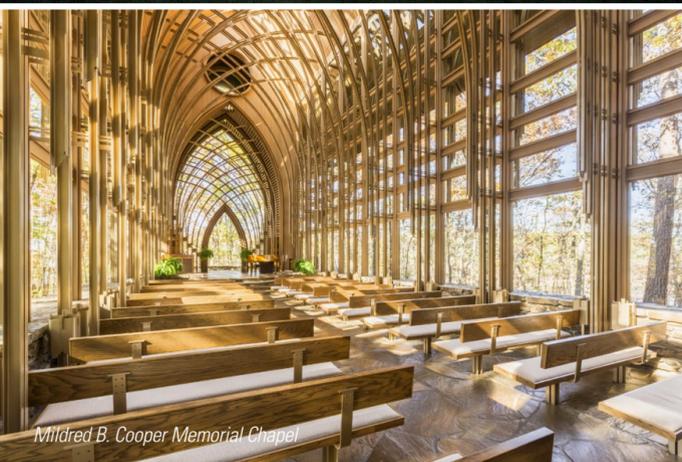
The Nelson-Atkins Museum



"Gao Brothers: Grandeur and Catharsis," Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art



Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art



Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel



Crystal Bridges Museum

The price for this trip is \$3,580.00 per person (double occupancy) for all land arrangements, and includes a tax-deductible donation to the Lowe Museum of \$400 per person. For solo travelers, there is an additional \$600 Single Room Supplement. The price includes hotels, ground transportation, and all meals (including alcohol) with the exception of one independent dinner in Kansas City (May 10). Travelers are responsible for their own air transportation *into Kansas City, MO* and *out of Fayetteville, AR*. Airport transfers can be arranged at an additional cost. Please note, this itinerary is still in development and subject to change.

Please join Dr. Jill Deupi, Beaux Arts Director and Chief Curator of the Lowe Art Museum, on this exciting 6-day, 5-night trip to America's heartland, where we will enjoy world-class art & architecture, experience wonderful hotels, and savor fabulous meals together!

Tuesday May 9

Kansas City, MO

Independent arrivals in Kansas City, MO, where you will enjoy luxury accommodations at the **Raphael Hotel**, voted one of the World's 500 Best Hotels by *Travel & Leisure* readers.

Our program kicks off this evening with a welcome dinner at one of Kansas City's "hottest" new restaurants (TBA). An optional afternoon activity is planned for those arriving earlier in the day.

Wednesday May 10

Kansas City, MO

Breakfast at the Raphael Hotel (included). Our day begins at the **Nelson-Atkins Museum**, an encyclopedic museum with a permanent collection comprising more than 35,000 works, including those featured in the **Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park** (a 22-acre oasis in an urban setting with works by Claes Oldenburg, Mark Di Suvero, Robert Morris, Alexander Calder, and others). We will be among the first to visit the Nelson-Atkins' newly renovated **Bloch Galleries**, home to 29 Impressionist and post-Impressionist masterworks that were gifted to the Museum in 2015. We will also have an opportunity to explore the Nelson-Atkins' other galleries on private curatorial tours in addition to enjoying the Museum's temporary exhibition of new, large-scale color photographs by British artist **Richard Learoyd**. Our morning concludes with lunch at the Nelson-Atkins' **Rozelle Court Restaurant**.

Afternoon highlights include a visit to a distinguished **Private Collection (TBA)**, and a secret Kansas City gem, the **Lawrence Lithography Workshop**, which has made prints for over 130 notable American artists. Master printmaker Michael Sims will host us in the Workshop's studio and gallery, where he will share highlights from this iconic institution's 38-year history with us.

Independent dinner at your leisure (recommendations will be provided).

Thursday May 11

Kansas City, MO

Breakfast at the Raphael Hotel (included). Our action-packed day begins with a guided tour of the **Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art**, which will be featuring *Hail We Now Sing Joy*, a new "chapter" by **Rashid Johnson** that follows his acclaimed Hauser & Wirth exhibition *Fly Away*. We will then visit the **Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art**, an elegant, minimalist building designed by Kyu Sung Woo Architects that has been named one of the Top 10 University/College Campuses for Public Art in America. We will also visit and studio of painter **Thomas Hart Benton** in addition to squeezing in a few **gallery** visits and perhaps an **artist's studio** visit as well!

Today we will enjoy both lunch (**Cafe Sebastienne**) and dinner (**TBA**) together.

Friday May 12

Bentonville, AR

Breakfast at the Raphael Hotel (included). This morning we will travel by luxury coach to Bentonville, AR, a drive of approximately 3.5 hours. Upon arrival in Bentonville, we will check into the **21c Museum Hotel**, a luxury boutique hotel featuring stylish, contemporary rooms, a superb restaurant, and 12,000 square feet of space that showcases the hotel's own collection of contemporary art. Installations throughout the hotel change regularly, drawing from a highly-regarded collection that regularly lends to museum exhibitions all over the U.S. and Europe.

After settling in and having a light lunch, we will make a short (15-minute drive) excursion to Bella Vista to see the **Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel**. Designed by Arkansas architect E. Fay Jones, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright, the Chapel was awarded the AIA Gold Medal, one of architecture's most prestigious awards. We will then walk the **Crystal Bridges Art Trail**, on which we will see **James Turrell's** *The Way of Color*, one of the artist's renowned Skyspaces, and **Leo Villareal's** 30-foot tall outdoor light sculpture, *Buckyball*.

Saturday May 13

Bentonville, AR

Breakfast at the 21c Museum Hotel (included). Today is **Crystal Bridges Day!** We will begin with a tour of the Permanent Collection, which spans five centuries of American art. The Collection is presented chronologically, providing an overview of both the art and the history of America. We will have lunch in the museum's wonderful restaurant, **Eleven**, followed by an **architectural tour** of the Museum. Designed by Moshe Safdie to complement the surrounding Ozark landscape, Crystal Bridges is nestled into a natural ravine on a site featuring two spring-fed ponds that are spanned by signature bridges and surrounded by a group of pavilions housing the Museum's galleries and studios.

Last but not least, we will tour **Frank Lloyd Wright's Bachman Wilson House**. Originally built in 1954 along the Millstone River in New Jersey, the house was purchased in 1988 by architect/designer team Lawrence and Sharon Tarantino, who meticulously restored it. Crystal Bridges acquired the home, complete with all its interior fixtures and furnishings, in 2013, thereby preserving it from the encroaching river and threat of flooding. The building was reassembled at a site on the museum's 120-acre grounds overlooking Crystal Spring and opened to the general public in 2015.

Our farewell dinner will be in the private dining room of **The Hive**, 21c Museum Hotel's acclaimed restaurant.

Sunday May 14

Bentonville, AR

Breakfast at the 21c Museum Hotel (included). Independent departures from North-West Arkansas Regional airport ("XNA"), Fayetteville, AR (25 minutes from Bentonville).