America’s Pioneer Spirit
featuring Kansas Dodge City Days Festival

8 Days • 13 Meals Embrace America’s pioneering spirit as you travel along the historic trails of this great Nation. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis welcomes you on our journey through the states of Missouri and Kansas. The Old West comes to life with visits to authentic frontier towns, pioneer trails and the Dodge City Days Roundup Rodeo.

2017 Departure Date: July 30
The Mayflower Way

✔ Free home or local pickup and return
✔ 13 Meals (5 dinners, 1 lunch and 7 breakfasts)
✔ Visit the Lewis and Clark Boat House and Nature Center
✔ See the newly-remodeled Gateway Arch Experience
✔ Old Santa Fe Trail covered wagon ride and Chuckwagon lunch
✔ Visit the National Frontier Trails Museum, telling the story of the Santa Fe, Oregon and California Trails
✔ Tour the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, dedicated to America’s 33rd president and one of the most beloved
✔ Stop at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Historic Site
✔ Visit Old Cowtown Museum, a living history museum depicting life in a mid-1800s frontier town
✔ See Big Well, the world’s largest hand dug well
✔ Visit Boot Hill Museum, preserving the history of the Old West and situated on the original site of Boot Hill Cemetery
✔ Enjoy a Chuckwagon Dinner at Long Branch complete with a live stage show
✔ Enjoy the Dodge City Days Festival including a narrated Trolley Tour, Western Art Show as well as the Miss Rodeo Kansas and Teen Pageants
✔ Reserved seats to the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo to watch events from bull riding and calf roping to barrel racing and bronc riding
✔ Visit the Wizard of Oz Museum, which pays homage to the legendary movie and book
✔ Tour the Plumlee Buffalo Ranch for an up close and personal visit with the ranch’s inhabitants
✔ Visit the Kansas Museum with its full sized Cheyenne tipi and Santa Fe Railroad’s 1880 locomotive
✔ Relive one of the great stories of the American West at the Pony Express Museum
✔ Stop at the Walter Cronkite Memorial devoted to the famed TV anchor
✔ Special farewell dinner highlighted by some rousing Western entertainment from Calamity Jane and Miss Lizzie
✔ $40 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Lewis & Clark and the Mighty Mississippi
We begin our search for our pioneering spirit at the Lewis and Clark Boat House and Nature Center. Here, see exhibits and dioramas highlighting their expedition and see full-scale replicas of their boats. In downtown Saint Louis, we see the newly-remodeled Gateway Arch Experience and board our waiting riverboat for a cruise along the mighty Mississippi River. (Dinner)

DAY TWO – Old Santa Fe Trail Covered Wagon Ride
Motoring across Missouri we arrive in the town of Independence. Here, a hearty Chuckwagon lunch awaits next to the historic 1879 Chicago Alton Depot, on the campground used by the pioneers. Then, we board our covered wagons for a narrated tour of the Old Santa Fe Trail. Hold on tight as we see the home where Bess Truman was born and circle the prestigious Bingham-Waggoner estate. Back in camp, we visit the National Frontier Trails Museum. This interpretive center and research library is dedicated to telling the rich history of America’s three principle western trails, the Santa Fe, Oregon and California. (Breakfast and lunch)

DAY THREE – Harry S. Truman and Old Cowtown Museum
Begin today at the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, the first presidential library created under the 1955 Presidential Libraries Act. Learn all about Truman, the straight-talking Midwesterner who became the nation’s 33rd president and one of America’s most beloved. We stop at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Historic Site, the last remaining stagecoach stop along the Santa Fe Trail to see the two-story icedhouse and wooden peg barn. In Wichita, we visit the Old Cowtown Museum. Experience life in the west during the mid-1800s in this living history frontier town, through its costumed interpreters and historic structures. Be on the lookout though, you never know when a gunfight might break out. (Breakfast)
DAY FOUR – Big Well and Boot Hill
A stop at Big Well shows us this marvel of pioneer engineering. The world’s largest hand dug well was completed in 1888 as the town’s original water supply. At 109 feet deep and 32 feet in diameter, this is an incredible sight to see. It is said Dodge City is where the west began. At Boot Hill Museum the history of the Old West is preserved through its collection of artifacts and buildings. Situated on the original site of Boot Hill Cemetery, today you can walk down the boardwalk of Front Street, see saloon shows and experience gunfights. Tonight, enjoy a Chuck-wagon Dinner at Long Branch complete with a live stage show. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY FIVE – Dodge City Days Festival and Evening Rodeo
Begin the day with a narrated trolley tour of Dodge City to see the city’s historic sites before taking in the best of the Dodge City Days Festival. From the fine art displays of the Western Art Show and tours of the historic Santa Fe Depot to the excitement and skill of the Miss Rodeo Kansas and Teen Pageant Horsemanship displays. Later, all trails lead to the local arena for the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo. A special “Pizza and Pepsi” dinner is included with all proceeds going to support local charities. Then, settle in for an evening of excitement at one of the nation’s premier Rodeos. See the rough and tumble cowboys compete in events from bull riding and calf roping to barrel racing and bronc riding. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY SIX – Wizard of Oz Museum and Plumlee Buffalo Ranch
No trip to Kansas is complete without a visit to Wizard of Oz Museum. Propelled by the magic of the children’s book and adventure of the legendary movie, the museum is home to over 2,000 artifacts dating from 1900 to present day. Then, we pay a visit to the Plumlee Buffalo Ranch for an up close and personal tour of the ranch’s inhabitants. Tonight, dinner and overnight is in Topeka. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY SEVEN – Kansas Museum of History and the Pony Express Trail
At the Kansas Museum of History, exhibits present the state’s history from the Civil War and Native American heritage with a full sized Cheyenne tipi, to the Santa Fe Railroad’s oldest surviving locomotive from 1880. One of the great stories of the American West is that of the Pony Express. In St. Joseph we visit the original livery stable where the first rider, Johnny Fry left on April 3, 1860, which was a successful venture for only 19 months when the Pacific Telegraph line was completed. A stop at the Walter Cronkite Memorial which is dedicated to this famed TV anchor is planned. Tonight, our farewell dinner is highlighted by a visit from Calamity Jane and Miss Lizzie who provide some rousing Western entertainment guaranteed to please. Be on the lookout, as that rogue Jessie James might make an appearance. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY EIGHT – Travel Home
With our Pioneering Spirit renewed, we arrive home today in the late afternoon. (Breakfast)
Cancelation Fee Waiver (CFW) - $60

On a Mayflower Motorcoach tour, the cost of the tour is refundable less the deposit amount when cancellations are made more than 30 days prior to departure. If you purchase the optional Cancelation Fee Waiver (CFW), you will be refunded all payments, less the $60 for the CFW. While on tour, if a passenger must leave early due to a personal illness, illness or death of a member of the immediate family or a traveling companion, the purchase of the Cancelation Fee Waiver guarantees full refund for any unused services. Should you choose not to purchase our Cancelation Fee Waiver, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed:

- **31 days or more**
- **30 to 7 days prior** $300 per person
- **6 to 1 day prior** $400 per person
- **Day of departure** 100% of the tour cost
- **Early departure from tour** 100% of the tour cost
- **No refund on unused portions of the tour**

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**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Day One** – Drury Plaza at the Arch, St. Louis, MO

**Day Two** – Drury Inn, Independence, MO

**Day Three** – Best Western Plus, Wichita, KS

**Days Four and Five** – Hampton Inn, Dodge City, Kansas

**Day Six** – Country Inn and Suites, Topeka, KS

**Day Seven** – Drury Inn, St. Joseph, MO

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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

1. **Easy**
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