

SUGGESTED ITINERARY # 1

DAY ONE: Fly into Intercontinental Airport in Wichita.
Have bus scheduled for Southwest Tour.
Board bus and head west on Hwy. 54/400
Stop in **Greensburg** and see what the tornado of 2007 did to the town.
Head for the bunkhouse in Dodge to freshen up,
Then go to **Casey's Cowntown** for a fine dinner.
Back to the bunkhouse for a great night's sleep.

DAY TWO: After breakfast at the bunk house, have the **trolley** pick you up at the bunkhouse and take you on a tour of old Dodge City, the Cattle Industry and old Fort Dodge.

The trolley will drop you off at the **Boot Hill Museum** at 10:30 AM and you can take a guided tour to relive the legend in a western history village museum. It is a fully accredited western history museum with authentic artifacts from Dodge City and the surrounding area. The Great Western Hotel is the entrance to the museum and provides some mighty fine shopping, also.

At 12:00 noon, every day during the summer there will be a ruckus in front of the **Long Branch Saloon**. It seems that the boys with that Texas herd south of town are causing some trouble. It's an awesome re-enactment of a gunfight that will stop you dead in your tracks! Pun intended.

At 12:30 PM, you can enjoy at lunch **Beatty's and Kelly's** (located on Front Street in the Boot Hill museum), a small café serving sandwiches, ice cream, and light snacks.

At 2:00 PM, you can mosey up the street to the **Home of Stone**. One of the oldest homes in Dodge City. Built in 1881 by John Mueller, the local bootmaker, it still contains the original furniture. The Muellers fell on hard times after the blizzard of 1886 ruined the cattle business John had built up, in addition to his boot shop. They sold the house and its contents to the Adam Schmitt family and went back to St. Louis. The Schmitt family had two children who never married, but grew old in the house and finally died, but not before giving the house and their belongings to the city of Dodge City. Guided tours are given to one and all every day during the summer.

At 3:30 PM, walk three blocks to the **Carnegie Center for the Arts**, once the Carnegie Library and built in 1907. It was built with a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, obtained by the ladies of Dodge City.

OR you can walk down to the **Old Dodge Photo Parlor**, where Troy Robinson is the photographer specializing in antique photos. You can get your picture taken as a dance hall girl or gunfighter or old time preacher.

At 6:00 PM Hop back on the coach to go to the **Boot Hill Casino and Resort** to try your luck at the slots or gaming tables and sit down at the Firesides restaurant for some really fine food.

OR head for the newly restored **Santa Fe Depot** with its state of the art theater. Gourmet dinners, lobby bar, great wine list and a matchless theater ensemble makes for fantastic dinner theater entertainment. The Depot has been restored to its former glory as a Harvey House Restaurant and Hotel.

10:00 PM should find you back in your room and ready for bed after your busy day.

DAY THREE: Up early this morning for breakfast and preparations for the rest of the bus tour.

Leave Dodge City at 9:00 AM and go west on Hwy. 50/400 to the **Santa Fe Trail ruts**, visible, still, in the turf of a pasture about 8 miles west of Dodge City. There is an area to pull off and a platform built out over the ruts so you can see them.

Plan on lunch in LaJunta, Colorado and don't forget to set your watches back an hour---you're in mountain time, now.

After lunch, go visit the Koshare Museum, filled with real Indian artifacts. A real five star museum! Downtown, is the Otero Museum, which is a great American cowboy museum. LaJunta was also part of the Santa Fe Trail; lots of historical things here, including Bent's old Fort, just a few short miles down the road.

When you leave, just stay on Hwy. 50 to Pueblo, Colorado. At Pueblo, get on I-25 and head north to Colorado Springs.

Overnight in Colorado Springs

DAY FOUR: There are so many things to see and do in Colorado Springs, it's hard to name them all.

Start with a tour of the Garden of the Gods. This is an area just west of Colorado Springs with fantastic red rocks that your imagination can readily turn into statues of familiar things.

After the Garden of the Gods, take a walking tour of Manitou Springs. It is one of the earliest examples of a resort in the West. People used to "come take the waters" here in the mineral springs. It has been revived as a unique and quaint place with great restaurants in old hotels and fun shopping venues.

A list of other attractions are: The Cave of the Winds, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (one of the best in the country), Green Mountain Falls, Old Colorado City Historic District, the Broadmoor Hotel, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Olympic Training Center, the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame and the Pro Rodeo Hall Of Fame.

Day Five: Drive up I-25 to Denver

As with Colorado Springs, there is a myriad of attractions in Denver. Take in the Colorado State Capitol, the Denver Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver History Museum, the U.S. Mint, the Molly Brown House museum, Larimer Square, Coors Field, 16th Street Mall, LODO, or the Coors Brewery in Golden. There are wonderful places to eat and sleep in Denver.

Day Six: Fly out of Denver to home.