

Black History of Oklahoma

Itinerary

DAY 1 - Oklahoma City: The Legacy of the American West

Arrive in OKC and explore the rich contributions of African Americans in the American West at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, with stories of figures like Bass Reeves and Bill Pickett. Continue to the Oklahoma History Center and the Black Liberated Arts Center before touring the historic Deep Deuce district. End the day with a visit to the Oklahoma National Memorial & Museum and enjoy a welcome dinner in Stockyards City.

DAY 2 - Black Cowboys & Historic Towns

Travel through southern Oklahoma to uncover the stories of African American life in the early 20th century, beginning at the historic Verden Separate School. Experience the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center and learn about the vital role Black cowboys played in shaping the West. Visit the historic Black town of Tatum and enjoy time exploring before returning to Oklahoma City for an evening at leisure.

DAY 3 - Langston University to Tulsa's Greenwood District

Visit Langston University, OK's only historically Black university, and learn about its legacy of leadership and activism. Continue to Tulsa to explore Greenwood Rising, where the story of Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre is brought to life through powerful exhibits. Enjoy time in the vibrant arts & dining district this evening.

DAY 4 - Tulsa: Black Wall Street & Cultural Resilience

Dive deeper into Tulsa's history with a guided city tour and an in-depth exploration of the Greenwood District. Visit historic Vernon A.M.E. Church and the Mabel B. Little Heritage House, both tied to the rebuilding of the community after 1921. Conclude the day at the John Hope Franklin Center, reflecting on the resilience and enduring legacy of Black Wall Street.

DAY 5 - Fort Gibson & Muskogee: Soldiers, Lawmen & Music

Travel to Fort Gibson Historic Site, where African American regiments played a critical role during the Civil War, including the Battle of Honey Springs. Continue to Muskogee to explore the legacy of legendary lawman Bass Reeves at the Three Rivers Museum and celebrate Oklahoma's musical heritage at the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. Enjoy an included dinner before settling in for the evening.

DAY 6 - Black Towns & Living History

Visit Rentiesville and the Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame, where the spirit of blues music lives on. Continue to Honey Springs Battlefield for a powerful look at one of the most significant Civil War sites in the region. Conclude your journey in Boley, one of Oklahoma's most historic all-Black towns, where local historians share stories of resilience, prosperity, & community prior to departing for home.

Discover the powerful and often untold story of Black history in Oklahoma – where thriving all-Black towns, resilient communities, and defining moments like Black Wall Street shaped a legacy unlike anywhere else in America.

Highlights

- National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
- Black Liberated Arts Center of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma National Memorial & Museum
- Greenwood Rising
- Chisholm Trail Heritage Center
- Langston University Visit
- Fort Gibson Historic Site
- Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame Museum
- Three Rivers Museum
- Boley City Tour and Exploration with Guide
- Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame

Inclusions

- 5 nights' accommodations
- 5 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinner
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees