

EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE

SPRINGTIME IN THE HEARTLAND

ST. LOUIS, CRYSTAL BRIDGES & KANSAS CITY

APRIL 30 - MAY 7, 2012

The new **CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART** will be the centerpiece of our springtime tour. It was spectacularly crafted by Canadian architect **MOSHE SAFDIE** out of steel, wood, glass, concrete and copper in a gorgeous setting of interconnected ravines and hills in **BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS**. Our excursion begins in **ST. LOUIS**, with its abundance of history, art and the wonderful **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN**. Our final stop will be **KANSAS CITY** to see the newly expanded **NELSON ATKINS MUSEUM**, the **TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY** in nearby **INDEPENDENCE** and more!

MONDAY, APRIL 30 – Travel to **ST. LOUIS** and check in at the **ROBERTS MAYFAIR HOTEL**. An historic overview of the city this afternoon will include the iconic **GATEWAY ARCH**, the tallest man-made monument in the United States. It was designed in 1948 by Aero Saarinen and is located downtown in the **JEFFERSON NATIONAL EXPANSION MEMORIAL**, a national park and museum preserving some of the rarest artifacts from the days of Lewis and Clark. A welcome dinner is planned for this evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 1 – Our day begins at the **ST. Louis ART MUSEUM** with its encyclopedic collection including Oceanic and pre-Columbian art, Chinese bronzes and European and American Art of the 19th and 20th centuries. We will spend the afternoon at the spectacular **MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN**, a National Historic Landmark on 79 acres at the peak of springtime bloom. A tropical rainforest inside a geodesic dome, the largest Japanese Tea Garden in North America and founder Henry Shaw's Victorian home are all available for you to enjoy. An optional dinner is planned for this evening and, if you like, you can visit the fascinating **MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM** which is open late on Tuesdays.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 – The **MILDRED LANE KEMPER ART MUSEUM** at Washington University is our first stop this morning. It is one of the finest university collections in the country. We then move on to the St. Louis University campus for an included lunch and to see the **SAMUEL CUPPLES HOUSE** with the largest collection of art nouveau and art deco glassware west of the Mississippi, and the nearby **LAUMEIER SCULPTURE PARK** showcasing more than eighty works of contemporary sculpture. Our last stop is a visit to the **PULITZER FOUNDATION** designed by prize-winning architect **TADEO ANDO**. On view will be a collection of works collected by Emily and Joseph Pulitzer, Jr. curated by contemporary sculptor Gedi Sibony.

THURSDAY, MAY 3 – Depart St. Louis today for northwest Arkansas and a stop in **EUREKA SPRINGS**, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy a tram ride through its charming Victorian streets and a visit to the splendid **THORNCROWN CHAPEL** by **E. FAY JONES**, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright. This building is #4 on the AIA's top designs of the 20th century. Check in at the historic **DOUBLETREE INN** in **BENTONVILLE**. Dinner is included this evening.

FRIDAY, May 4 – **BENTONVILLE** was named for the 19th century US Senator Thomas Hart Benton but is best known as the headquarters of Wal-mart. We will have the better part of the day to enjoy the beautiful landscapes, inspiring architecture of **MOSHE SAFDIE** and the growing collections of painting, photographs, sculpture, works on paper, and rare books at the **CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM**. The museum is made up of several pavilions nestled around two creek-filled ponds with a sculpture garden, numerous hiking trails and over 200,000 feet of gallery space. Much of the permanent collection is currently on view in its inaugural exhibition entitled **CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT**. It includes 450 selected works from Colonial to Modern including numerous promised gifts from **ALICE WALTON**, the museum's founder and principal patron.

SATURDAY, MAY 5 – More touring in the area this morning will include a stop at the **BOTANICAL GARDEN OF THE OZARKS** and the **MILDRED B. COOPER MEMORIAL CHAPEL** another masterpiece by **E. FAY JONES**. We will pick up lunch at the Fayetteville Farmers Market (rated #5 in the nation) before heading north toward Kansas City. Stops at the home and memorial to the 20th century artist **THOMAS HART BENTON** (grand nephew of the senator) and the **KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART** are on our itinerary before checking in at the **HOTEL PHILLIPS** in downtown **KANSAS CITY**. An optional evening of dinner and jazz at the **MUSEUM OF JAZZ** is planned for this evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 – A morning tour of **KANSAS CITY** will focus on the city's variety of architectural styles from Beaux Arts to postmodern. We will enjoy a tour inside the new **KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**, another building by Canadian architect **MOSHE SAFDIE**. We will spend the afternoon at the **NELSON ATKINS MUSEUM** with its fine collections from every continent. Among the special exhibits on view is **INVENTING THE MODERN WORLD: DECORATIVE ARTS FROM THE WORLD'S FAIRS 1851-1939**. A special final dinner is included this evening.

MONDAY, MAY 7 – This morning we will visit the **HARRY S. TRUMAN MUSEUM & LIBRARY** located in nearby **INDEPENDENCE**. Free time for lunch and shopping will be available before returning to the airport for your return flight to Philadelphia or your home city,

THE COST OF LAND ARRANGEMENTS is **\$2275** per person, double occupancy. The single supplement is **\$475**. Triple rates are available upon request. We will make every effort to find you a roommate if you are interested. We will assist you in booking the best available airfares at the time your reservation is made. Airline tickets may be charged to major credit cards. **THE PRICE IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE ASK US ABOUT SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY BOOKING AND PAYMENT BY CHECK.**

INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE: Seven nights' accommodations as described in the itinerary all included transportation and sightseeing by private motor coach; guides and entrance fees; three dinners; two lunches; full buffet breakfast in Bentonville; all taxes and gratuities on included items. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. Airport transfers in St. Louis and Kansas City are included if you are travelling with the group.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 24 PARTICIPANTS. Reservations are accepted in the order that deposits are received. To reserve a space, please complete the coupon below and mail it with a deposit of **\$450** per person to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Final payment is due no later than Thursday, March 16, 2012. We accept **Visa, MasterCard** and **American Express**. Full refund for land arrangements may be made up to March 16 less an administrative fee of **\$450**. Thereafter, the cost of land arrangements is non-refundable. Airline cancellations are subject to penalties imposed by the airline on which you are travelling. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

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