

Fall Travel Guide - 2025



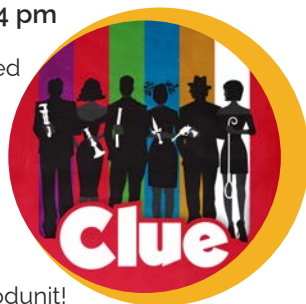
Let us take care of the details—including transportation—so you can relax and enjoy unique, engaging, and often unexpected destinations alongside great company. Each of our day trips features knowledgeable local guides who are passionate about sharing their history, culture, arts, talents, and culinary traditions. For questions or special requests, please contact Gayle Sigurdson at 785-832-7909 or gsigurdson@lawrenceks.org

Clue at the New Theatre

Wednesday, 8/27 | 11 am - 4 pm

The Comedy Smash Hit, adapted from one of the most popular board games in America! A bizarre group of strangers is invited to the ominous Boddy Manor. Their evening together turns into a real mystery of whodunit! Who could the murderer be? The trip includes transportation, buffet lunch, and the performance. Cocktails and desserts are available à la carte.

Code: 727400 | **Fee:** \$67



Long Lips Farm

Wednesday, 9/10 | 9 am - 1 pm

A return to Long Lips Farm, where beauty and conservation go hand in hand. The centerpiece is a two-acre pollinator garden that provides essential habitat for butterfly caterpillars. The property includes a restored prairie, savannah, and wetland. Owner Lenora Larson will guide us through this stunning space. Plan to walk through part sun, part shade areas, with scattered seating and some uneven paths. The trip includes transportation, tour, and a light snack. Rain date September 17. **Code:** 727139 | **Fee:** \$42



The Lost Cowtown

Tuesday, 9/16 | 8 am - 6 pm

Founded in 1867 as a rough cow town, Waterville quickly became a "cosmopolitan" stop on the Central Line of the Union Pacific Railroad. Our tours include the renovated Waterville Opera House, the Weaver Hotel, where each room is restored with period furnishings, and a scenic ride on the Central Branch Railroad to the Blue River. We'll end the day with a program on women's history told with vintage clothing from the 1870's - 1980's. Supporting and learning about rural communities is easy when they are as interesting as Waterville. **Code:** 727141 | **Fee:** \$97



Native Stone

Tuesday, 10/7 | 8 am - 4 pm

Explore the Native Stone Scenic Byway, where locally quarried limestone shapes both landscape and history. Highlights include a tour of underground stone cellars, a demonstration of dry stack fence building, and the historic limestone architecture of downtown Alma. We'll also visit the restored Volland Store—once a community hub, now an art gallery. Lunch downtown will be on your own. **Code:** 727145 | **Fee:** \$74



Little Known Stories

Wednesday, 10/22 | 7 am - 3 pm

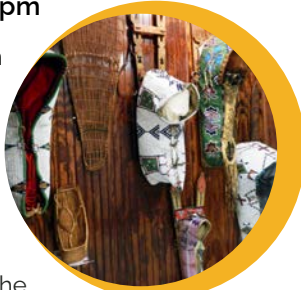
What is that beautiful building with the Nautilus-shaped spire? What is considered a sacred spot for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? Who was, for some 40 years, the largest exclusive manufacturer of marionettes and puppets in the world. Find the answers when we visit the Community of Christ Headquarters, Mormon Visitors Center, and Puppetry Arts Institute. Lunch at Vivilore is included. **Class Code:** 727146 | **Fee:** \$95



St. Joseph Sampler

Wednesday, 11/5 | 8 am - 5 pm

The newly expanded St. Joseph Museum Complex highlights untold stories of local history. Explore the Black Archives Museum, with exhibits on the Underground Railroad, Desegregation, and more, and the Native American Galleries, featuring a replica Iowa Tribe hut and tribal stories. After a guided tour, enjoy time to explore further or visit the on-site Glore Psychiatric and Doll museums. Lunch at the JC Wyatt House is followed by a tour of the historic 1927 Missouri Theater, featuring work by sculptor Waylande Gregory. **Code:** 727201 | **Fee:** \$95



Black Civic Leaders in Maple Grove Cemetery

Thursday, 9/25 | 5 - 7 pm

Join Lawrence historian Jeanne Klein for a walking tour of Black civic leaders' gravesites at Maple Grove Cemetery. Hear stories of civil rights activists, educators, church and community leaders, public servants, and Civil War soldiers. Tour meets at 1710 N. Third Street, Lawrence. **Class Code:** 327712 | **Fee:** \$24



A Christmas Carol at KC Repertory Theatre

Thursday, 12/4 | 4 - 10:30 pm

Holidays and tradition go together. For more than 40 years, the KC Rep has created holiday memories with their production of A Christmas Carol. Join Ebenezer Scrooge on his redemptive journey with Christmas Past, Present, and Future, and rediscover the true meaning of the holidays. You'll meet the Cratchits, Tiny Tim, and the irresistible Fezziwigs, and hear the haunting and joyous Candlelight Carol — all this and more, to kindle your Christmas spirit. Includes dinner at Lidia's Italian Restaurant. **Code:** 727203 | **Fee:** \$134



Jayhawk Boulevard Walking Tour

Thursday, 10/2 | 4:30 - 6 pm

The Jayhawk may be a mythical bird, but the legends of Jayhawk Boulevard are real. Join Dr. Bob Dinsdale of Lawrence History Tours for an hour-long walk through KU's campus. Since retirement, Bob has shared his decades-long passion for history, especially the stories of the people and events that have shaped our town. Join us and explore these stories of science, protests, quirky buildings, and more. Transportation included. **Class Code:** 727256 | **Fee:** \$24



TRAVEL LETTERS

Destinations and times are subject to change. Plan to receive a final itinerary a week before departure.

Islands of New England

8/21 - 8/26, 2026

The Atlantic coast is calling. Explore New England's majestic seaboards, from Rhode Island to Cape Cod. Explore the local charms, walk along historic cobblestone streets, and feel like a true New Englander. Highlights include Newport, lobster trap pull & cruise, Plymouth Rock, Martha's Vineyard, the Vanderbilt Breakers Mansion, and a lobster dinner.



British Landscapes

4/26 - 5/5, 2026

An adventure fit for a Shakespearean tale takes you from verdant hillsides to bustling British cities rich with culture. Sleepy villages, grassy slopes, mountainside lakes, and cities built upon layers of history - these are the landscapes of Britain. Highlights include Edinburgh Castle, Anglesey sea salt in Wales, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, and London.



Christmas on the Danube

12/10 - 12/18, 2026

On a six-night boat cruise along the Danube, explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best. Relax as you are transported to beloved riverside towns and delve into local holiday traditions. Stops with local guides include Wurzburg, Nuremberg, Vienna, and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.



Parks, Recreation and Culture- Multiple Trip Registration

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EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name, relationship, phone) _____

Number Registered	Trip	Trip Code	Fee	Registration Deadline
	Clue at New Theater Wednesday, August 27	727400	\$67	August 4
	Long Lips Farm Wednesday, September 10	727139	\$42	September 2
	The Lost Cowtown Tuesday, September 16	727141	\$97	September 4
	Native Stone Tuesday, October 7	727145	\$74	September 25
	Little Known Stories Wednesday, October 22	727146	\$95	October 10
	St. Joseph Wednesday, November 5	727201	\$95	October 21
	A Christmas Carol at KC Rep Thursday, December 4	727203	\$134	November 14
	Black Civic Leaders in Maple Grove Thursday, September 25	327712	\$24	September 19
	Walking Tour of Jayhawk Boulevard Thursday, October 2	727256	\$24	September 25
	Total Registrations			Total Fees

1) In consideration of (check one): ____My ____A minor or other person to whom I am parent or legal guardian, on whose behalf I legally act, named _____ is being permitted to participate in this activity or these activities, I hereby waive, release and discharge the City of Lawrence, Kansas ("City"), its commissioners, officers, employees, agents or representatives, and successors or assigns, from any and all liability, claims, actions, damages, costs, liabilities, settlements, judgments, costs, expenses, lawsuits, or attorney fees, arising from any accident, injury, illness or damage to personal property incurred while or resulting from participating in the activity or activities.

2) In the event of a medical emergency or perceived emergency while participating in this activity or these activities, I authorize the City, through its officers, employees, agents or representatives, to contact emergency medical services and seek treatment for me or the participant for whom I sign this document as parent or guardian, including from any hospital, physician, or medical provider. I further agree to accept financial responsibility for all treatment received and services rendered as a result.

3) If any damage to City facilities or equipment occurs as a result of misuse by me or the participant on whose behalf, I sign this document as parent or guardian, I agree to accept financial responsibility for any repairs or replacements needed, at the City's sole discretion.

4) I authorize the City to use or publish, for marketing or publicity purposes, whether in print or by electronic means, any photographs or recordings taken of me or the participant on whose behalf I sign this document as parent or guardian, while participating in the activity or activities. Registration is invalid without a signature.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Registration Not Complete Until Payment is Received | Cancellation Policy

Pre-paid ticket costs and a \$5 processing fee will be deducted from cancellation refunds. Within seven days of trip, cancellations are non-refundable.