Field Trips

WALKING TOUR OF EAST LAWRENCE | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 | 4 - 6 pm | $24

East Lawrence is filled with readily identifiable examples of the city's social, economic, political, and cultural history. We will view the unique, historic architecture and listen for voices from the past. This includes the girl who saved a burning house during Quantrill's Raid, the Germans in their beer garden who were loved then hated. The community organizers who lend their vibe, and Rick Dowdell at the Afro House on July 16, 1970. Note: This tour requires approximately one mile of walking in neighborhoods with uneven and brick sidewalks. The group will meet at the starting point, intersection of 10th and Rhode Island. Code: 427264

ROUNDBOARD WALK | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 | 8:30-10 am | $24

This walking tour will explore the origins of Oak Hill Cemetery, the creation of the Citizens Memorial Cemetery, and the creation of the Citizens Memorial Cemetery. Group will meet at Oak Hill Cemetery. Code: 427463

RESTING PLACE: OAK HILL CEMETERY AND THE CREATION OF THE CITIZENS MEMORIAL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 | 8:30 - 9:30 am | OAK HILL CEMETERY

This tour will explore the origins of Oak Hill Cemetery, the creation of the Citizens Monument, and the transfer and re-burial of Lawrence Massacre victims after the cemetery's creation. Group will meet at Oak Hill Cemetery. Guide: Brittany Keegan. Class Code: 327711-A | Fee: $25

BLACK CIVIL LEADERS IN MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY

Join Lawrence historian, Jeanne Klein, for a walking tour of Black civic leaders' gravesites. Stories will cover civil rights activists, school board members, city councilmen, church leaders, teachers, club founders, constables, police officers, school custodians, and Civil War soldiers. Group will meet at Maple Grove Cemetery, 1710 North 3rd St., Lawrence. Class Code: 327712-A | Fee: $25

Where do we meet? When do we leave? Most trips leave from Holcomb Recreation Center, 2700 W 27th Street, Lawrence. The final itinerary and times are included in a travel letter you will receive 7-10 days before the trip. The trip is full, can I still register? Yes. There is no cost or commitment to signing up for the waitlist. If another traveler's plans change, you will be contacted to confirm that you are still interested in participating in the program. How large is the group? Most trips are in the LPRD bus and range from 12-20 travelers. The October trip to Oklahoma will use a motor coach and the group will be 20-40 travelers. For more specific questions please contact Gayle Sigurdson, Lifelong Recreation Supervisor at gsigurdson@lawrenceks.org or 785-832-7909. Staff at the Community Building, 785-832-7920 are also able to field most questions and can assist with registration.

Questions?

Registration Opens Wednesday, August 10 | 2 pm

LIFELONG TRAVEL

DREAMGIRLS AT NEW THEATRE | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023 | $84

Your soul will sing with this dazzling, six-time Tony Award winning R&B rollercoaster ride through 1960s show business. This spectacular musical follows the story of a young female singing trio from Chicago, Illinois called "The Dreams", who become music superstars – in the turbulent 1960s, a revolutionary time in American music history. With unforgettable, spine-tingling vocals that send audiences wild, DREAMGIRLS explores themes of ambition, hope, friendship and betrayal through gospel, R&B, smooth pop, disco and more; all set in the glamorous and competitive world of the entertainment industry. Code: 727116-B

OKLAHOMA | TUESDAY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 | $733

Three full days of known, hidden and emerging Oklahoma history begins with Will Rogers whose life defined Oklahoma culture for early 20th century America. Tulsa’s legacy as a boom town is still evident in its architecture, entrepreneurial spirit and philanthropy. Our early tours include the wealth of art deco architecture downtown and the adventurous Gathering Place along the Arkansas River. The Philbrook Museum of Art is housed in the former home of oil pioneer Waite Phillips. The expansive art collection, beautiful home and formal gardens ensure something for everyone. USA Today’s Best Food Hall in America, the Mother Road Market, will be our lunch stop before an afternoon in Woodward Park. This 45 acres of botanical gardens, arboretum and public park is home to the twin mansions of the Travis brothers, which now house the Tulsa Garden Center and Tulsa Historical Society. Woodward Park tells the remarkable story of Tulsa’s Black Wall Street. Exhibits explore how Native American, African American, and European American communities often collided, and sometimes connected, in a land that mirrored the race-based policy and practice that dominated the nation. Ponca City will give us another look at the early oil industry and the cultures it impacted with stops at the Marland Grand Home, Marland Mansion and Standing Bear Museum. Code: 727133

CONCORDIA VIA HWY 36 | THURSDAY/FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 22 | $688 (After September 1)

∙ Assisted Living facility of the Sisters of St. Joseph who arrived in Concordia in 1884, and 4,000 German POWS. Our second day begins at the historic Brown Grand Theater. Then a tour of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph who arrived in Concordia in 1884, and have been a significant part of the local history. Our last stop will be the National Orphan Train Complex dedicated to the preservation of the stories and artifacts of those who were part of the Orphan Train Movement, which relocated up to 200,000 homeless children from 1854-1920. Code: 727133

∙ Welcome to the world's largest Mural, the Whole Wall Mural. Then Herrs Memory Lane collection of restored vintage vehicles. Concordia’s Population is dominated by the German population. Concordia welcoming us at the Whole Wall Mural, largest sculpted brick mural in the country. This evening will be spent at Camp Concordia, a World War II internment camp that housed over 4,000 German POWS. Our second day begins at the historic Brown Grand Theater. Then a tour of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph who arrived in Concordia in 1884, and have been a significant part of the local history. Our last stop will be the National Orphan Train Complex dedicated to the preservation of the stories and artifacts of those who were part of the Orphan Train Movement, which relocated up to 200,000 homeless children from 1854-1920. Code: 727133

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Autumn in the Flint Hills | Tuesday, October 10, 2023 | Fee: $59
Don’t miss this chance to immerse yourselves in the autumn season of the Flint Hills with two stops on the National Register of Historic Places. First, a tour of the house, prairie and ranch at the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve. This 11,000-acre preserve is a nationally significant remnant of the once vast tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Then a luxurious stop at the Elgin Hotel, fully-renovated 19th century boutique hotel. Our guide will present the history of the hotel before we explore the rooms and public areas on our own. Code: 727134

Flavors of Weston | Thursday, October 19, 2023 | Fee: $134
There is such a variety of things to explore in Weston! We will start with a guided tour of the Green Dirt Farm including a glimpse inside the milking parlor and cheese kitchen. After a cheese-tasting and lunch at their café, time on your own in downtown Weston. Enjoy an afternoon of shopping or historic sites including the National Silk Museum. The day ends with another tasting and tour at the Holladay Distillery, home to 160 years of real Missouri Bourbon. Please note: the Green Dirt Farm is a working farm and the tour includes hilly terrain, gravel paths and drives. Code: 727137

The Kansas Influence | Thursday, November 9, 2023 | Fee: $97
From his early role in national politics to individuals who have influenced generations of Americans, Kansas has made a mark in America. The recently opened Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum takes visitors through fourteen exhibits honoring Earhart’s adventurous life—from growing up in Atchison, Kansas, to the height of her worldwide fame. The centerpiece is Muriel—the world’s last remaining Lockheed Electra 10-E—an aircraft identical to the plane Earhart flew on her final flight. A tour of the opulent Evah Cray mansion is included before our last stop in Leavenworth, where Fred Harvey was born, where his luck changed to prosperity, and where he thought his new country was at its best. The National Fred Harvey Museum introduces this successful entrepreneur whose influence is still evident in American culture and business. Code: 727132

The National WWI Museum and Memorial | Wednesday, November 15, 2023 | Fee: $72
The world’s most comprehensive WWI collection recently reopened the lower level following the most significant expansion to the museum since 2006. It features the Bergman Family Gallery and Open Storage Center—approximately 4,000 square feet of storage and a 190-foot “coastline” of window cases that allows the Museum and Memorial to display objects and artifacts otherwise unavailable to visitors. Our day will begin with a guided tour and overview of the museum followed by time for self-paced exploration. Plan for lunch on your own in the Over There Café. Code: 727138

A Victorian Christmas Indulgence | Thursday, December 14, 2023 | Fee: $98
Christmas cards, decorated trees, and ornaments—much of Christmas as we know it started with the Victorians. We will return to two favorite mansions for an immersion in the lavish beauty of the holiday season. The Bingham Waggoner Estate will host the first tour followed by lunch in the Carriage house. Then on to the Vale Mansion for a second tour. Code: 727140

Waterfowl Migration at Loess Bluffs | Wednesday, December 6, 2023 | Fee: $67
One of the greatest migration spectacles in the Midwest happens in Missouri. Loess Bluffs is known to teem with waterfowl that block out the sky at peak times. Standout visitors include massive quantities of snow geese, a diversity of ducks and birds, trumpeter swans, pelicans, bald eagles, herons, and more. You can also view resident wildlife, including deer, beavers, muskrats, and turtles. This event will be a feast for the eyes and ears. Our guide from Prairie Park Nature Center will assist with identifying the many species and bring viewing scopes. Prepare for winter weather. The itinerary includes a stop for lunch on your own. Code: 727142

Catch Me If You Can at New Theater | Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | Fee: $64
When Daniel Corbin’s new bride disappears at a chic mountain resort he fears the worst. However, after a priest turns up with a beautiful stranger claiming to be the missing woman, Daniel discovers that the worst is yet to come! Tensions rise as an overworked local detective tries to sort fact from fiction, but with conspiracy running deep who can be trusted? This hilarious whodunit will keep you guessing and laughing from start to finish. Code: 727116-C

Tuscany | March 6 - March 14, 2024 | Nine Days | Ten Meals
Discover the rolling hills of Tuscany, home to sprawling vineyards, charming medieval hill towns, and enchanting cities. Savor a 7-night stay in Montecatini Terme, the famous resort and spa town. Visit Pisa, Florence, and San Gimignano in the Italian countryside. Discover the charming town of Lucca, Italy’s best-kept secret. Learn about the heroic deeds of WWII at remains of the Gothic Line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Enjoy free time to explore the cultural treasures of Florence. Partake in a Tuscan cooking class. Sample cheese at the farm where it is made. Enjoy fabulous local wines and the region’s famous cuisine. Steeped in history, culture and legend, this is Tuscany as you always imagined it. DOUBLE: $3,949 pp | SINGLE: $4,349 pp
Detailed itinerary and registration at: https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1149247

Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park | September 3 - September 9, 2024 | Seven Days | Ten Meals
Ice fields, rushing waterfalls, glacial peaks, and towering summits are just a few of the wonders awaiting you in the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world’s oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Ride aboard a Jammer (open-air touring car) during a visit to Glacier National Park. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Stop at Abraham Glacier and choose to ride across this mass of glacier ice or take a walk on the glass bottom platform at the Columbia Icefield Skywalk. Explore Bow Falls and Surprise Corner. Visit the incomparable Lake Louise. Get ready for an adventure that brings together the expanse of the prairies, the majesty of the Canadian Rockies, and Montana’s Glacier National Park. DOUBLE: $3,999 pp | SINGLE: $4,999 pp
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