

KANSAS CITY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING THE AMERICAN JAZZ AND NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUMS

Wednesday, July 16, 2008
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Crown Center Complex has been referred to as a "city within a city", including the international headquarters for Hallmark Cards, two major hotels (Westin and Hyatt Regency), shopping mall, upscale condo living at its finest, banks, office buildings and much, much more. Located adjacent to Westin is the beautifully renovated *Union Station*, a magnificent Beaux Arts building housing shops, restaurants and Science City. Built in 1914 and re-opened in November of 1999, Union Station is the second largest train station in North America. Its \$250 million restoration was one of the nation's largest historic preservation projects to date.

Today's first stop will be at the *American Jazz and Negro Leagues Baseball Museums* located in the famous 18th & Vine Historic District. The *American Jazz Museum* features some of the many famous jazz greats that played in KC during the '20s and '30s: Charlie Parker, Ella Fitzgerald, and Count Basie. This is an interactive museum, where you can choose the great jazz you want to hear, experiment with harmony, melody and rhythm in a studio-like environment, and see exhibits and artifacts devoted to legendary jazz musicians.

Next door, the *Negro Leagues Baseball Museum* is a unique display of the League's great players, tracing their history from the introduction of the league after the Civil War through its demise in the 1960s. You'll explore six decades of African American baseball; examine artifacts, uniforms, equipment and other memorabilia. A walk around the Field of Legends, a baseball diamond with 12 life size bronze sculptures, completes the tour.

Lunch will be at *Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque Freight House*.

<p style="text-align:center">MENU <i>Jack Stack Buffet</i> <i>Beef Brisket and Smoked Turkey Breast, Pork Spare Ribs</i> <i>Hickory Pit Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, and Cheesy Corn Bake</i> <i>Non-alcoholic Beverage</i></p>

COST OF THIS 5 HOUR TOUR IS \$60 PER PERSON
based on a minimum of 35 participants, per motorcoach

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Deluxe 56-pax Motorcoach Transportation**
- **Driving Tour of Kansas City**
- **American Jazz/Negro Leagues Baseball Museums Entrance Fee**
- **Lunch at Jack Stack Restaurant**
- **Professional Tour Guide**
- **Coordination Services**

DOWNTOWN HIGHLIGHTS, ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM AND COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA

**Saturday, July 19, 2008
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Everything's up to date in Kansas City! One of the newest and hottest spots in the city, the Crossroads District is located between Crown Center and Downtown Kansas City, Missouri. This area, until the past 3-4 years was primarily made up of abandoned warehouses, office buildings, boarded-up hotels, etc. but today it is the trendy Crossroads District that features many art galleries, restaurants, bars, retail and various other businesses.

The city is alive with grand old architecture mixed with the newly completed and continuing projects in Downtown Kansas City. The driving portion of the tour guests will have an opportunity to view the newly opened multi-million Sprint Arena, the H & R Block World Headquarters, the Power & Light Entertainment District, the unusual exterior of the Kansas City Library, the Convention Center's ballroom, the latest addition to the Center, and much, much more. Because of the "1% for art" requirement on all city new and renovated construction, artwork abounds throughout, especially Downtown.

In the bustling City Market area guests will have an opportunity to view and experience the Farmers Market where vendors sell everything from apples to watches each Saturday.

One of the most delightful surprises this city holds for you is the unique and exciting **Steamboat Arabia Museum**. A "one of a kind" museum, the Arabia will amaze guests beginning with the tales of its recovery and continuing with the unusual exhibits. The Arabia sank just north of Kansas City in 1856 and rested under 40 feet of sand, silt and mud until excavated in 1988. Over 200 tons of the original cargo was recovered, and after hundreds of hours of restoration and preservation, many of the items are on display in the Museum. This collection of pre-Civil War artifacts is the largest in the country and features china, perfume, jewelry, leather goods, hardware, textiles, preserved food products, a rare Indian bead collection and much more. Guests will view the recreated 171-foot deck and 28-foot paddle wheel, as well as several recovered items used on the original steamboat. A 15-minute video presentation tells the story of the "Great White Arabia" from her last voyage on the Missouri River to the presentation of her treasures in the Museum.

No tour would be complete without a visit to the world-renowned *Country Club Plaza*, Kansas City's Crown Jewel. Here one may purchase everything from a candied apple to a diamond necklace. The first shop opened in 1922 and today more than 170 upscale shops and boutiques, restaurants, theaters, offices and other businesses are located at this wonderful outdoor shopping center that encompasses 14-square blocks. This lovely area was modeled after Seville, Spain featuring beautiful artwork, statuary and several of the city's most outstanding fountains. Guest will have approximately 1½ hours' time for lunch on own and shopping in this area.

A drive through historic Westport, once a trading post for wagon trains headed west, now home to several of the cities hottest nightspots, restaurants and unique boutiques, will complete today's tour.

**COST OF THIS 5 HOUR TOUR IS \$39 PER PERSON
Based on a minimum of 35 participants, per motorcoach**

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Deluxe 56-pax Motorcoach Transportation**
- **Driving Tour of Kansas City**
- **Arabia Steamboat Museum Entrance Fee**
- **Professional Tour Guide**
- **Coordination Services**

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**OPTIONAL TOUR PROGRAM
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name
(print):_____

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

Telephone
(Office):_____ (Home):_____

**RESERVATION FORMS INCLUDING PAYMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2008.**

Tours will depart from and return to the Westin Crown Center Hotel. No refunds or exchanges after **June 30, 2008**. Blue Ribbon Arrangements & Tours, Inc., reserves the right to cancel tours if registration minimums are not met and issue a full refund. Should you cancel your reservation, a \$5.00 service charge will be deducted from your refund.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008

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10:00AM - 3:00 PM	KC Highlights Jazz/NLB Museums Jack Stack Lunch	\$60 per person		

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE_____