

# Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Member Travel

Presents

## Great American Museums: Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, The Nelson-Atkins Museum and the Gilcrease Museum

with **Chris Oliver, VMFA Assistant Curator of American Art**

We invite you to join us for an exciting five-day trip to Kansas City, Missouri, Bentonville, Arkansas, and Tulsa, Oklahoma November 7-12, 2015, led by **VMFA assistant curator of American Art, Chris Oliver**. The trip will begin in Kansas City, Missouri, including the venerable **Nelson-Atkins Museum**; then to Bentonville, Arkansas to see the exciting new **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art**; and end in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a visit to the **Gilcrease Museum**, home of the world's most comprehensive collection of the art of the American West.



Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

## Day by Day Itinerary

### Saturday, November 7:

The trip begins with two nights in Kansas City, Missouri. We will have lunch and visit the Thomas Hart Benton Museum and Studio, and then check into our hotel. After dinner together, we will attend the Kansas City Lyric Opera performance of "Rusalka" at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie, the architect who also designed the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

(lunch and dinner)

Hotel: Raphael Hotel

### Sunday, November 8:

After breakfast on day two, we will begin our day with a visit to the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and have lunch there at Café Sebastian. Then we will move to the recently renovated Nelson-Atkins Museum, with the new addition designed by Stephen Holl Architects (currently the architects for the VCU Institute for Contemporary Art).



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This encyclopedic museum is celebrated for its extensive collections of Asian art, especially that of Imperial China, as well as for its distinguished American and European holdings. After a curatorial welcome and tour, you will have time for exploration at your leisure.

(breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Hotel: Raphael Hotel

### Monday, November 9:

After breakfast on day three, we will depart for Bentonville, Arkansas, and a visit to The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the much-heralded museum founded by Alice Walton, and designed by Moshe Safdie. We will have a curatorial tour before lunch at the museum, and then time to explore on our own. The museum is walking distance through the beautiful grounds to our hotel and the charming town of Bentonville. In the evening we will be hosted for cocktails in a private home with a remarkable collection of American folk art; dinner at a local restaurant in Bentonville.

(breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Hotel: 21C Hotel

**Tuesday, November 10:**

On day 4, we will explore the area near Bentonville with visits to the remarkable Thorncrown Chapel and the Victorian village of Eureka Springs. Thorncrown Chapel was designed by world renowned architect E. Fay Jones. A native of Pine Bluff Arkansas, the Frank Lloyd Wright-protégé was recognized as one of the (then) top ten living architects of the 20th century, and Thorncrown was listed fourth on the AIA's top ten buildings of the 20th century. This structure directly influenced Walton's visions for Crystal Bridges. After our visit to Thorncrown, we will continue on to Eureka Springs, a charming resort town nestled in the Ozark Mountains, where we will enjoy lunch, a tour of one of the lovely Victorian house museums, and free time to explore. We will return to Bentonville late afternoon and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

(breakfast, lunch and dinner)

21C Hotel



Thorncrown Chapel

**Wednesday, November 11:**

After breakfast we will depart for Tulsa, Oklahoma. Situated on the Arkansas River at the foothills of the Ozark



Mountains, Tulsa is considered the cultural and arts center of Oklahoma. During much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as the hub of the oil industry in the United States, Tulsa was one of the wealthiest cities in the country. It is home to world-renowned art museums, and has one of the nation's largest concentrations of art deco architecture. Our first stop will be the Gilcrease Museum, home to the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of art of the American West, and an unparalleled collection of Native American art and artifacts, where we will have a tour followed by lunch. After some time to explore on our own, we will proceed to our hotel, located in the center of the "Deco District," where we will enjoy a guided walking tour. We will return to our hotel in time to relax and then enjoy our farewell dinner.

(breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Hotel: The Mayo Hotel

Art Deco in Tulsa

**Please Note:** While we make every effort to adhere to the program as planned, all details are subject to change. The price and plans are based on the best information we have at this time. The itinerary may be adjusted as additional opportunities arise.

**VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS Member Travel Registration**  
**Great American Museums: Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art,**  
**The Nelson-Atkins Museum, and The Gilcrease Museum**

**The cost** for this trip will be \$3,499 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement will be an additional \$700. Air is not included but group air can be arranged by Gayle Soloe with Brownell Travel, 804.353.0075, ext. 2, or [gayles@brownelltravel.com](mailto:gayles@brownelltravel.com) Estimate: \$400 round trip Richmond to Kansas City; Tulsa to Richmond. **Included:** Five nights hotel in luxury, boutique hotels; gratuities; admission to sites and docent tours; tickets to opera performance at the Kauffman Center in Kansas City; private bus transportation throughout the tour; all meals; cocktail reception at the home of a private collector.

This small group trip is limited to only twenty twenty-four (24) travelers, so we encourage you to register quickly to ensure your place. If you have additional questions, please contact Hutch Livingston in the Member Travel office at 804.340.1519, or [hutch.livingston@vmfa.museum](mailto:hutch.livingston@vmfa.museum) .

**To secure your place on this trip, please send this registration form with \$500 deposit to:**

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**Enclosed is my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person/people**

**Payment in full is required by August 1, 2015.** Until 60 days before departure, all but \$250 is refundable. Inside 60 days of departure, 50% of the total is refundable. This trip must have a minimum of 10 participants to operate; if the trip does not operate due to insufficient participation, all payments received are 100% refundable. Travel insurance is recommended.

I request a single room (include \$700 single supplement).

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