FOLLOW THE CHISHOLM TRAIL
October 7-15, 2019 (9 Days)

Put on your jeans and come along on this fun and exciting Ladies Club Trip as we follow the “Cattle Trail” from Fort Worth, Texas to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma! This trip also crosses over portions of Historic Route 66 in Oklahoma and Missouri. Although not in a “corvette,” we can’t help ourselves from stopping at some of the iconic and quirky attractions on Historic Route 66!

**Day 1** - Begin your journey to Fort Worth, Texas to pick up the famous Chisholm Trail, following it from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In Memphis, TN, stop on the famous Beale Street for an included lunch at the Blue City Café. While visiting the Memphis Rock “N” Soul Museum, learn the story of America’s unique musical styles.

**Lodging:** Comfort Inn & Suites, Bryant, Arkansas - (Included Today: Lunch)

**Day 2** - Welcome to the “Lone Star State” of Texas! Hear about Texas Longhorns and the Chisholm Trail, the most famous of all of the cattle trails. More than 6 million cattle and a million mustangs followed the trail, the greatest migration of livestock in world history! The few thousand men who rode the trail established the place of the “cowboy” as the greatest of American folk heroes. Late afternoon, arrive in the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District for an authentic glimpse of the American West. Blending past and present, enjoy uniquely western dining, shopping and entertainment. Experience the longhorns and have the time of your life at the unique attractions. In 1849, this was the last “civilized” outpost for cowboys driving cattle to the markets along the famous Chisholm Trail. Think of the fun that they had; you will have it too! Evening is at your leisure.

**Lodging for 3 nights:** Hyatt Place, Fort Worth Texas Historic Stockyards - (Included Today: Breakfast)

**Day 3** – You can’t go to Texas without stopping in Dallas! A local guide steps on board the motorcoach and introduces you to Dallas. Stop at Dealey Plaza and learn the events of the Kennedy Assassination; take photos of the cattle sculpture garden in Pioneer Plaza; drive through more of downtown to see the sights. Lunch is included at Trinity Hall Irish Pub prior to your visit to the George W. Bush Presidential Center. Learn about President and Mrs. Bush and the American Presidency. Sit in a replica of the Oval Office and visit the 15-acre native Texas prairie, alive with grasses and wildflowers. Evening is at leisure. (Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch)

**Day 4** – Welcome Douglas Harman, PhD., a great historian on the Chisholm Trail and Western Lore! Dr. Harman will be with our group on the motorcoach, driving through the Stockyards, while telling all about the Chisholm Trail. Leaving the Stockyards, stop at Sundance Square to view the Chisholm Trail Mural before arriving at Thistle Hill, the home built in 1903 by a cattle baron as a wedding gift to his daughter.
Walk down the street to The Woman’s Club of Fort Worth for an included soup & salad luncheon in their beautiful tea room. Afternoon is at your leisure before walking to Billy Bob’s Texas, the world’s largest Honky Tonk, for an included steak dinner. Get out on the dance floor and have fun learning how to line-dance and then put your lessons to use when the live band arrives. Bull riding is available if you care to try it! (Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Day 5** – Leave Fort Worth behind and “Follow the Trail” to Oklahoma City, stopping at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, for a walk into history of the old west. A catered lunch is included at the Center. Arrive in Oklahoma City, a city of oil fields, fantastic museums, and Stockyard City, which is as authentic as it gets! Your hotel is located in Bricktown, Oklahoma City’s former warehouse district, filled with restaurants, nightlife and entertainment options. Take a seat and enjoy the sights on the Bricktown Water Taxi, cruising the mile-long Bricktown Canal. Once on board your chartered water taxi, you’ll be entertained as you learn all about the city’s unique history. Evening is at your leisure.

**Lodging for 3 nights:** Holiday Inn Express-Bricktown, Oklahoma City, OK – (Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch)

**Day 6** – Sample Oklahoma City’s Western heritage at the National Cowboy & Western Museum, America’s greatest shrine to the cowboy culture. Learn about the cowboys; view a world-class art collection; see the John Wayne collection and items from your favorite TV shows. This is the museum home of James Earle Fraser’s magnificent work, “The End of the Trail!” It is also home to Prosperity Junction, a replica turn-of-the-century cattle town. A sandwich lunch will be included at the museum prior to your visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. Never forgetting the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in 1995, your visit begins with an Outdoor Orientation by the National Park Service. This is followed by a “First Person Stories of Hope” visit where you will hear remarkable stories from people directly impacted by the bombing. A self-guided tour of the museum completes your visit. Dinner is included this evening at the famous and delicious Cattlemen’s Steakhouse, located in the historic stockyards of the city. That’s not all folks...you are going on a Ferris wheel ride for beautiful views of Oklahoma City! (Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

**Day 7** – Visit the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory at the Myriad Botanical Gardens, a beautiful oasis in downtown OKC with a unique design that has earned global attention and praise. Once inside, you’ll be welcomed by two distinct climates and some 750 varieties of plants and multiple waterfalls. Your afternoon is at your leisure BUT there is an option … Historic Route 66 has some nearby stops to visit and you are welcome to come along with Rosemary to POPS in Arcadia, OK, for lunch (Dutch treat). Visitors come from across the nation to see the 66-foot sculpture of a soda bottle covered with LED lights. Pops is an iconic addition along the Mother Road. Nearby, visit the most photographed site on the entire Historic Route 66 – the Arcadia Round Barn. Evening is at your leisure. (Included Today: Breakfast)

**Day 8** – Leaving Oklahoma City, stop and see Ol’Blue, the iconic 80-foot cement whale on Historic Route 66.” Lunch is included in Carthage, Missouri at the Sirloin Stockade prior to visiting the Precious Moments Chapel. Lodging: Holiday Inn Express & Suites - (Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch)

**Day 9** – Time to go home but can you imagine having fun at lunch? Lunch is included at Lambert’s Café, home of thrown rolls, and yes, they do throw rolls at you as you are eating delicious food! Arrive back in Fairfield Glade early this evening with new friends gathered along the way and filled with tales of the Old West! (Included Today: Breakfast, Lunch)

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**COST:** $1,320 pp (Based on Double Occupancy)   $1940 (Single Occupancy)

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation; 8 Nights Lodging & Luggage Handling; 17 Meals; Attractions as Highlighted; Gratuities for Driver, Local Guides, Included Meals & Luggage Handling; Club Equity

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Nancy (931) 250-1264

**Payment Schedule:**
- $200 per person due within 7 days of making reservation
- $500 per person due May 7, 2019
- Full Payment of Balance Due August 7, 2019

Please make checks payable to: FFG Ladies Club Travel and mail to: FFG Ladies Club Travel,
P.O. Box 1746, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558

To fully enjoy this trip, you must be able to walk 4-5 blocks unassisted and be able to climb some stairs. Any questions or special dietary requests, call Rosemary Stuckmann at (931) 456-0373.

***Travel Insurance is Recommended:*** Go to the FFG Ladies Club website, (ffgladiesclub.org). Click on “Travel Club.” – Click on “Policies & Procedures” – Acquaint yourself with the Policies & Procedures of all Ladies Club trips and you will also find three travel insurance companies to choose from.