

Presented by the
Wallace State Community College
Alumni Association



Hot
Springs, AR

Branson, MO

May 12-16, 2025

Eureka
Springs, AR

4 nights lodging

11 meals

4 shows

Motorcoach Transportation

Luggage handling, admissions,
taxes and meal gratuities



Trolley Tour of Hot Springs and
Bathhouse Row, a National
Historic Landmark

Dinner at the Ohio Club

Garvan Gardens

Four Branson shows including:
David! at Sight and Sound, The
Haygoods, Hot Rods and High
Heels, and the Uptown Café

Tour of Top of the Rock and
Lost Canyon Cave

Museum of Ancient
Ozark History

Tram Tour of Eureka Springs

Lunch at the Historic
Crescent Hotel

Alumni Association Member Rates

Single Occupancy, pp \$1614

Double Occupancy, pp \$1364

Triple Occupancy, pp \$1264

Quad Occupancy, pp \$1214

Non-member rates are
\$100 per person more

Anyone may travel with the Alumni Association—you did not have to attend WSCC. If you join the association as a supporter for \$30 a year, you will receive the member rates. Membership fees fund student scholarships.

To register: www.wsccalumni.org/ozarks

Registration Deadline: March 26, 2025

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Monday, May 12

This morning we depart Wallace State and head to Hot Springs, Arkansas. We will have comfort stops and lunch (at your expense) along the way. Upon arrival in Hot Springs, we check into the Marriott. This afternoon, we will take a Trolley Tour of **Hot Springs** and **Bathhouse Row**. You will learn the history of Hot Springs, back in the day when this small little town was the number one destination in America. Hear history and stories of the thermal waters, the gangsters that visited, illegal gambling, brothels, major league baseball legends and so much more. Bathhouse Row today consists of eight bathhouse buildings that were constructed between the years of 1892 and 1923. The bathhouses and Grand Promenade were designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 1987. You will want to make sure to have your camera as we travel throughout the downtown and National Park properties. Dinner this evening will be at the **Ohio Club**, established in 1905, and a nightly hangout for former gangsters and baseball players.

Tuesday, May 13

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit **Garvan Woodland Gardens**, the botanical garden of the University of Arkansas located in the picturesque Ouachita Mountains. The gardens feature more than 128 species of ornamental and native shrubs and wild flowers, 160 different types of azaleas, a 4-acre Asian garden with a 12-foot waterfall, three unique bridges, and the Anthony Chapel. Lunch today will be provided in the Chipmunk Café located at the gardens. After lunch, we head to Branson where we will check into the LaQuinta Inn and Suites for two nights. Dinner this evening will be at McFarlain's Family Restaurant, famous for its legendary Ozarks cuisine, homemade pies and unique atmosphere. Entertainment that evening will be at the **Haygoods** show. This is Branson's most popular show, consisting of five brothers and one sister performing music from the 60's to today on more than 20 instruments.

Wednesday, May 14

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel prior to our journey to **Top of the Rock**, which begins with an unforgettable two-and-a-half mile ride in an electric cart through Lost Canyon Nature Trail. We will explore **Lost Canyon Cave**, which features a cascading waterfall, and the **Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum**. You will be wowed by the vast collection of American Indian artifacts on display as well as exhibits featuring prehistoric animals and the American Civil War. We will enjoy 50's culture at lunch today at the **Uptown Café**. During our meal, there will be live entertainment featuring the greatest hits of the 50's, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Gospel and top country music hits. After lunch the entertainment continues with an afternoon show at **Hot Rods and High Heels**. Celebrating poodle skirts, sock hops, soda shops, and teenage love, the show is sure to stir up some fond memories of "the good old days". We will enjoy the many musical genres from the greatest storytellers of all time including singers like Fats Domino, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, The Chordettes, Elvis, and more. Dinner this evening will be at the Black Oak Grill, preparing meals from locally sourced ingredients and featuring handcrafted breads baked daily from flour milled on-site. After dinner, we will see one of the most amazing shows in Branson—**DAVID** at the Sights and Sounds Theatre. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. With original music inspired by the Psalms, witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals.

Thursday, May 15

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check out and travel to **Eureka Springs**. We will enjoy a tram tour of this gorgeous community with perfectly preserved historical Victorian building built around the city's natural hot springs. In 1970, the entire city was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Find out why Robert Ripley, of *Ripley's Believe It or Not* fame, called Eureka Springs one of the 10 Most Unusual Towns he ever visited in the US. Lunch today will be at the Historic **Crescent Hotel**, opened in 1886 as a resort for the rich and famous. After lunch we will travel to North Little Rock and check in at the Hampton Inn and Suites and have a final dinner.

Friday, May 16

After breakfast at the hotel, we will make our way back to Wallace State. Along the way, we will have comfort stops and lunch (at your expense).

