THE ARTS IN AMERICA’S HEARTLAND
Crystal Bridges & Kansas City

With Alice DeLana
Docent Emerita at Harvard’s Fogg Art Museum

April 15 to 19, 2015
On the front cover: Spider by Louise Bourgeois at Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City. Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (above), Bentonville

CELEBRATE AMERICAN ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN ON PRIVILEGED VISITS TO BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. On November 11, 2011, the day the doors opened at the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas, shock waves reverberated throughout the art world. Not only was the Museum located in an unexpected place, but it was architecturally elegant and the art contained within was unquestionably of the highest quality. Moshe Safdie, whose home office is not far from Harvard’s campus, designed the building; Alice Walton, daughter of the founder of Walmart, chose the art. Together, they created a vibrant example of the power of beauty and originality to transform the tried and true into something new. In Kansas City, too, powerful personalities played a key role in enriching the urban fabric of a comparatively modest Midwestern city—and in the process elevating it to a place of international renown.

The state-of-the-art museums we will visit in Arkansas and Missouri provide a compelling argument for the proposition that great American art and architecture are to be found from sea to shining sea, not just on the continent’s edges. And in Kansas City, Arthur Bryant’s Restaurant has been acclaimed by Calvin Trillin, beloved New Yorker author and noted BBQ expert, as “possibly the single best restaurant in the world”! That superlative alone guarantees that this will be an interesting, informative, and memorable trip.

—Alice DeLana
Turrell’s *The Way of Color* and explore the museum’s extensive American art collection. Lunch is at Eleven, in the Crystal Bridges Museum. Later in the afternoon, drive to Kansas City and the Raphael Hotel. The evening is at leisure.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**  
**ARRIVE BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS**  
Arrive independently in Bentonville and continue to the 21c Museum Hotel. Gather this evening for welcome remarks and dinner at The Hive, located in the hotel.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
**BENTONVILLE / KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**  
Following breakfast, visit the Crystal Bridges Museum, situated in a picturesque setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of nature. Walk along the Art Trail to experience James Turrell’s *The Way of Color* and explore the museum’s extensive American art collection. Lunch is at Eleven, in the Crystal Bridges Museum. Later in the afternoon, drive to Kansas City and the Raphael Hotel. The evening is at leisure.
FRIDAY, APRIL 17
KANSAS CITY
Today begins with a curatorial visit of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art with its dramatic new Bloch Building addition. There will be time for individual touring at the museum and lunch on your own in the museum’s cafe. Then continue to the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. Dinner is at one of Kansas City’s fine restaurants.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
KANSAS CITY
The focus of the morning is a visit to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. This facility was designed by Moshe Safdie, who was also the architect of Crystal Bridges. Following lunch at Webster House, the afternoon and dinner are at leisure.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
KANSAS CITY / DEPARTURE
This morning visit the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. Conclude the trip with a farewell brunch before a group transfer to the airport for the flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Spend a morning at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art—designed by Moshe Safdie—to enjoy its extraordinary collections surrounded by dramatic gardens
• Tour Kansas City’s Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, also featuring an innovative modern design by Moshe Safdie
• Admire the impressive masterworks and the stunning Bloch Building addition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
• Visit the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, both in Kansas City, and known for their impressive collections housed in innovative buildings
PROGRAM RATE PER PERSON $2,950 per person; $325 single supplement. Tour cost includes: One night accommodation at the 21c Museum Hotel, Bentonville; three nights accommodations at the Raphael Hotel, Kansas City; buffet breakfast daily, three lunches, and two dinners; wine/beer with dinners; coffee/tea with all meals; escorted sightseeing by motorcoach; entrance fees for visits; hotel/airport group departures and porterage; taxes; service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers; $50,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance.

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