

WELCOME BACK, REINERS

“Enjoy the NRHA Derby while in town and experience OKC beyond the show.”



There's plenty of new in OKC to add to your itinerary.

Headed to Oklahoma City for the 2016 National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby? You've picked the perfect time to visit because there's more to keep you entertained than ever before. From a new \$45 million whitewater rafting center, to new exhibitions at the Oklahoma Museum of Art, to new attractions, restaurants and nightlife popping up weekly, Oklahoma City has transformed even since last year's event. And what better way to celebrate NRHA's 50th anniversary than right here in OKC!

Oklahoma City is known as the “Horse Show Capital of the World,” with more equine events hosted annually in Oklahoma City (OKC) than any other city in the world. Oklahoma City is also the venue of choice for nearly two dozen top national and world championship horse shows, attracting riders from across the nation—and world—each year.

“It's such a pleasure hosting the reiners in Oklahoma City each year,” said Mike Carrier, president of the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau. “It's an opportunity to show off

our great city during the annual eight day event. The reining industry is a huge part of our community and we love welcoming everyone back each year.”

SEE OKC'S ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

While in Oklahoma City, you will be busy competing for more than \$650,000 in prize money. But when you find yourself with some free time, let us recommend a few must-see destinations. Just minutes from your hotel and State Fair Park, downtown Oklahoma City is home to the Bricktown Entertainment District, offering several restaurants, pubs, live music and attractions such as the newest hot-spot for mini-golf, laser tag, games and pizza—Brickopolis. Be sure to stop by the American Banjo Museum to see the largest collection of banjos on public display in the world and Exhibit C—the Chickasaw Nation's art gallery highlighting authentic pieces of artwork hand-crafted by Chickasaw artists. Bricktown also offers the Bricktown Water Taxi where you can get a fun, narrated tour of the city all while offering drop-off points around Bricktown.

DOWNTOWN OKC OFFERS MUSEUMS AND MORE

Downtown OKC also offers world-class museums such as the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. If you've been to the National Memorial before, now is your time to experience something new. The museum has recently undergone a \$10 million renovation, adding state-of-the-art technology and hands-on exhibits as well as detailed information about the investigation such as Timothy McVeigh's car. As you end your tour through the National Memorial, make your way to the 40-foot glass overlook to view the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial and OKC's gorgeous skyline. Opening in June, the Oklahoma City Museum of





Oklahoma City National Symbolic Memorial and the Oklahoma City skyline

Art will be the exclusive North American venue for *Matisse in His Time: Masterworks of Modernism from the Centre Pompidou, Paris*, which presents, for the first time outside Europe, highlights from one of the world's preeminent collections of Modern Art. Among other exhibits at the Museum, be sure to see the most comprehensive collection of Dale Chihuly including a 55-foot Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick Memorial Tower in the museum's atrium.

ADVENTURE MEETS THE WEST

Just northeast of downtown, Oklahoma City's Adventure District is packed full of family fun and western heritage. Make it a day at the Oklahoma City Zoo and Science Museum Oklahoma for kid-friendly fun, or have an adult night out and place your bet on more than 750 games at Remington Park Racing Casino. For a glimpse of the Wild West, experience the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, home to one of the most comprehensive collections of Western art in the world.

FOR THE ADVENTURE ENTHUSIASTS

Head to the Boathouse District for adventure on or off the water. Visitors can get active with RIVERSPORT Adventures, get out on the water with a kayak or stand up paddleboard or find fun on shore with the six-story SandRidge Sky Trail; the world's tallest adventure course. Once you've made your way to the top of the Sky Trail, you can slide back down one of America's tallest dry slides or feel the rush of an 80-foot free-fall with the Rumble Drop. The newly-opened RIVERSPORT Rapids, an 11-acre state-of-the-art whitewater and kayaking center, is geared for plenty of family fun, but be prepared to get wet! \$49 gets you all-day access to do every activity at the Boathouse District, keeping everyone active and entertained for hours.

RELAX OUTDOORS

Take an evening to relax outdoors at Bleu Garten, the city's first permanent food truck park, where you'll find rotating food trucks daily, a full bar, TVs and games for everyone to get involved. See the city light up at night at the Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. Offering free movie nights and concerts on



Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick Memorial Tower

the lawn throughout the summer months, the Myriad Gardens is a must-see when in town. Stay after dark and watch the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory light up Downtown OKC in bright, vibrant colors—the perfect backdrop for any picture.

SEE THE STOCKYARDS

A trip to Oklahoma City isn't complete without a visit to the city's longest, continuously-operating restaurant, Cattlemen's Steakhouse. Hungry cowboys, ranchers and cattle-haulers have been dining on fresh beef and more since 1910. Movie stars, rodeo greats and even politicians have dined at Cattlemen's, suggesting the famous Lamb Fries as a must. A visit to Stockyard City is a great way to experience the authentic American West. Home to a number of shops specializing in all things western, you can outfit an entire ranch or just find a new pair of boots to wear to your big show. There's even live country music every Saturday night at The Rodeo Opry. It's perfect for the entire family.

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