

OKC Welcome Back!

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Experience what's new in Oklahoma City

Headed to Oklahoma City for the 2017 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 and National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, to new attractions, restaurants and nightlife popping up weekly, Oklahoma City has transformed even since last year's event.

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."

What's new in 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 you several restaurants, pubs, live music and attractions such as the newest hot-spot for mini-golf, laser tag, games and pizza - Brickopolis. Stop by All About Cha for a coffee or beautiful pastry or shop for clothes, beef jerky or gifts at the all-new Jumpin Jackalope. Be sure to stop by the American Banjo Museum to see the newest exhibit of Roy Clark featuring stage outfits, instruments and other memorabilia belonging to Roy Clark. 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. Opening in June, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art will offer their newest exhibit, "Kenhinde Wiley: A New Republic." "A New Republic" gives an overview of the artist's





career including 60 of his oil paintings, stained glass and sculpture. 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. If you love art, be sure to stop in 21C Museum + Hotel for free art on their first floor with docent tours each Wednesday and Friday at 5pm. Stay for dinner and dine at Mary Eddy's inside 21C – offering a classic American cuisine where menu items such as the Campanella pasta, Charcuterie (made in-house) and roasted okra offer an Oklahoma twist that you're likely to crave once you leave OKC.

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. They'll have several new exhibitions for you to see including "The Artistry of Western Paperback," "The Power & Prestige Children's Gallery" which takes visitors into the histories and cultures of the American Plains Indians, "Hollywood and the American West" and "A Yard of Turkey Red: The Western Bandanna."

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!



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.

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, TV's 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 the lawn throughout the summer months, the Myriad Gardens is a must-see when in town.

Enjoy the Derby while in town and experience OKC beyond the show. As you can see, we've got plenty here to keep you entertained! For more information on all there is to see and do while in Oklahoma City go to www.VisitOKC.com. ♦

