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OKLAHOMA

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The plains of Oklahoma are calling the lovers of antique door hardware to come to Oklahoma in September. I for one remember riding on U.S. 66 across the plains from Amarillo, through Oklahoma City and Tulsa. What is the history of Oklahoma and what can you see and do on your way to Oklahoma City and the convention September 10-13, 2025?

Before modern history Apache, Arapaho, Caddo, Comanche, Kiowa, Osage, and Wichita tribes lived the what is now Oklahoma. The earliest Spanish explorer, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado ventures through the area looking for gold in 1541. France and Spain traded the whole great plains back and forth though the latter half of the 1700's. In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson approves the purchase of the 530-million-acre Louisiana Territory from France for $15 million. In 1830 the Indiana Removal Act authorized President Jackson to grant unsettled lands west of the Mississippi in exchange for Indian lands which is today's southeastern United States. This lead to the creation of the Indian Territory and the infamous Cherokee Trail of Tears. Each tribe was allotted land. The migration of settlers from the east put a demand for more and more land west of the Mississippi. In 1887 Dawes Severalty Act gave the federal government the power to break up communally held Native land and allocate it to tribal individuals. The result was the Great Land Rush. April 22, 1889 The land run of 1889 began the legal opening of federally held land to white settlement. President Benjamin Harrison authorized the settlement of the Unassigned Lands of Indian Territory to whites, setting the stage for similar openings of land that had been granted to tribes. The Organic Act of 1890 created separate Oklahoma and Indian Territories, outlined the provisions of a territorial government, and set aside land in every township for public schools. Native people had lone used oil seeping out of the ground. But everything changed in 1897 when Oklahoma's first commercial oil well came into production near Bartlesville. After the Enabling Act of 1906 allowed Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to become a single state a constructional convention was held. November 16, 1907 Oklahoma became the 46th state following several acts that incorporated more and more Indian tribal land into U.S. territory. Oklahoma City became the State Capital on June 11, 1910.

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Route 66 - "The Main Street of America"

In 1866 Texas ranchers began to move cattle along The Chisholm Trail through Oklahoma to reach the railroads in Kansas. Railroads and highways followed the same route. U.S. 66 was a 2,400-mile-long highway, connecting Chicago and Los Angeles through the heart of the nation. This historic road is best (and most) preserved in Oklahoma. Still to be seen are truck stop cafes, old fashioned filling stations, vintage motels. Route 66 enters the state's northeast corner on the area where the Ozarks meet the prairie. Near El Reno, Route 66 encounters The Chisholm Trail. In 1952, Route 66 was renamed The Will Rogers Memorial Highway, Oklahoma's cowboy humorist and favorite son. Route 66 connects Oklahoma's two largest cities, Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Route 66 continues west, passing through to Texola, near the Texas border.

OKLAHOMA CITY

On April 22, 1889, the Oklahoma Territory went from a small settlement to a town of 10,000, due to the opening of land claims. Overnight Oklahoma City became a bustling city. In 1910 the capitol was moved from Guthrie to Oklahoma City, and with the influx of government workers it became the state's largest city. In 1928 the first oil well within the city struck a gusher. Within months, the skyline of the city changed, and more than 2,000 wells were either within or adjacent to the city limits. The pool of oil on which Oklahoma City sits is considered among the richest ever developed in the United States. Along with the discovery of oil, Oklahoma City also ranks among the 8 primary livestock markets in the country. To complement the city growth, in 1964 local leaders hired noted urban architect, I.M. Pei to create a new look and master redevelopment plan. Inspired by the Copenhagen Tivoli Gardens, new Oklahoma City includes lakes, exotic landscaping, heroic styled buildings. Another addition is the underground, a system of tunnels and skywalks which connects hotels, office buildings, conference halls, shopping areas and restaurants. However, the new appearance had not forgotten the city original footprint, that of Western and Native American heritage. The 39 Native Tribes are still represented throughout the city. Their artwork decorates buildings, both exterior and interior and is displayed in local galleries. The skill of horses and cowboys are still revered at rodeos and horse shows, and cowboys still ride the range on ranches in the surrounding areas. Oklahoma City brags about their many museums. Beautiful gardens are numerous. A must see is The Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge. For the shoppers, wander through Bucktown, Paseo Arts district or Western Avenue. For the KIDS IN ALL OF US.... September 11 through September 21, The State Fair is coming to town and will open their gates to fun and good eats. It is one of the largest state fairs in the country

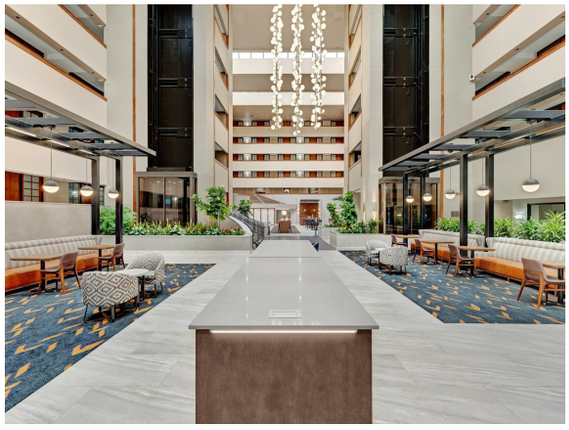
TULSA

The second largest City in Oklahoma. In 1836, a band of displaced Creek Indians from Alabama met, ending the harsh journey over The Trail of Tears. The area remained largely undeveloped until 1846, the beginning of organized commerce. Tulsa is derived from the Creek word Tallahassee, meaning Old Town. Tulsa became the official name with the creation of the first post office in 1879. Throughout the years Tulsa has continued to grow. Although many folks are still connected to the oil industry, current industries include aviation, computers, finance, health care, manufacturing and mining. A heavy importance is placed in culture... from museums to performing arts and architecture. Tulsa has one if the largest collection of Art Deco buildings in the country. Tulsa's historic business district will take you past more than 30 Art Deco sites.

2025 ADCA CONVENTION

Glass, Porcelain and Clay

The Antique Doorknob Collectors of America 2025 Annual Convention will be held in Oklahoma City. On September 10-13, 2025 we will meet at the Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Will Rodgers Airport hotel for a time of visiting old friends and making new. There will be a lot of antique doorknobs see, touch and maybe buy. This year's theme is Glass, Porcelain and Clay. Come show off all of your knobs. The auction will feature the second third of the wonderful collection of hardware given by Allen Joslyn.



Hotel Information

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City
Will Rodgers Airport
1815 S Meridian Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73108
(405) 682-6000

The Embassy Suites offers comfortable guest rooms and comforting amenities. Please contact the hotel if you need any special accommodations, and visit their website to see their features.

- The direct link for the ADCA Convention website
  https://www.antiquedoorknobs.org/convention-536564-878757.html
- Reservations can be made using this link:
  https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/okcmres-adc-d8dd5490-ae9e-40f8-b17d-8c11da4c1053/
  The convention rate is $120.00 plus 17.88% tax per night, and includes double or king room, free breakfast, free Wi-Fi and free parking.
- Cutoff date for hotel reservations is August 27. Embassy Suites cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival date without penalty.

2025 Convention Schedule

Wednesday, September 10 (Arrival)

Check in and visit with members

6:00 pm	Hospitality Room is open

Thursday September 11 (Tour Day)

8:30 am	Meet in hotel lobby
9:00 am	Capitol Building Tour
10:30 am	Lunch
12:00 noon	Overholser Mansion Tour
2:00 pm	Return to hotel
5:00 pm	Board meeting
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own
6:30 pm	Hospitality Room open

Friday September 12

12 noon	Lunch
4:00 pm	**Return contest votes to Marshall or Vicky Berol**
4:00-6:00 pm	Open to the Public
6:00	Dinner on your own
6:00 pm	Hospitality Room is open

Saturday September 13

9:00 am-11:00 am	Get auction tags
9:00 am-11:00 am	Open to the Public
11:30 am	Remove hardware and displays from Convention room
12 noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Annual Hardware Auction
6:00 pm	Banquet followed by Annual Business Meeting

Hospitality Room is open after banquet

Fun Facts

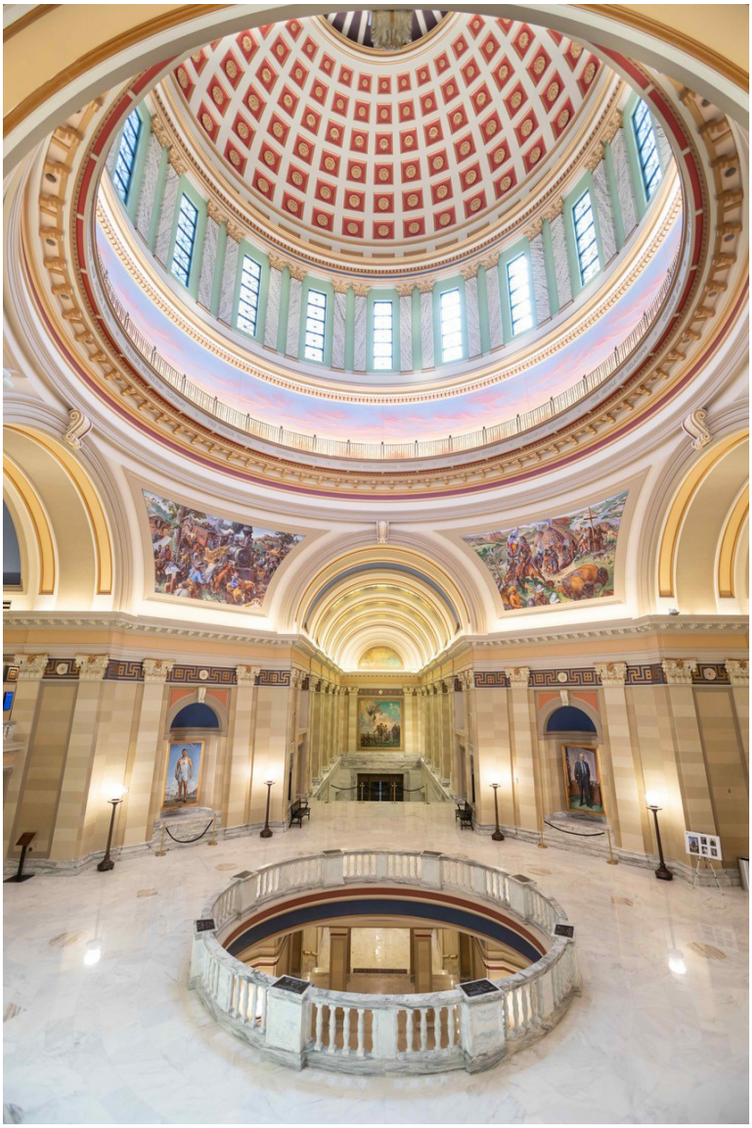
- Oklahoma comes from two Choctaw words OKLA means “people”, HUMMA means “red”. So, put together, OKLAHOMA, mean “red people”. The name was adopted and approved in 1890.
- Nickname: The Sooner State refers to the “Sooners”, American settlers who randomly staked their claims in formerly American-Indian owned lands until the Indian Appropriation Act of 1889 authorized The Land Rush 1889 of opening the land to settlement.

THURSDAY TOUR

Oklahoma State Capitol Building

Oklahoma's first capital was Guthrie, but was moved to Oklahoma City in 1910. State government officials let the voters decide on whether or not to move the capital to Oklahoma City. On June 11th, the state seat was taken from Guthrie, and on February 12, 1912, Oklahoma City passed a $100,000.00 bond issue to promote funds for construction of the Capitol Construction. It was started in 1914 and completed in 1917. The building covers 452,508 square feet of floor area, residing on 15 acres of land, and the building has 650 rooms. The cost to build was $1.5 million. The six-story building is classically styled in the Beaux Arts tradition. When originally built, the Capitol was not domed due to excessive costs. In 1998, House Bill 2827 created the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission. The Commission began efforts to raise a $20.8 million dome project. Begun in 2001, the dome was dedicated on November 26, 2002. Atop the dome is a 22-foot bronze sculpture called "The Guardian". The statute is a combination of spiritual, material, and cultural characteristics of the thirty-nine tribes in Oklahoma. The square rotunda rises from the buildings center. The exterior and interior are highly ornamented, including stone lions on the corners of the copper roof.
The exterior is made from Indiana limestone, completed by a base of pink granite quarried from the town of Troy. Floors throughout are made of Alabama marble. Vermont marble adorns the wall bases and stairways. Black granite from Cold Springs, Oklahoma forms the outside steps and tables along the Grand Staircase.

The State Capitol houses and impressive art collection, including murals, paintings and sculpture. Inside the Capitol are several murals which create a timeline of Oklahoma history.



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Outside is a large sculpture entitled "As Long As The Water Flows" reminding visitors that the land on which the Capitol is built is originally land owned by tribal nations, represented by the form of an Indian woman.

Originally the Capitol Building housed the judicial branch. In 1911, the High Court moved to the Oklahoma Judicial Center, leaving only the Supreme Court Hearing Chamber in the Capitol Building.

The State Capitol Complex is the only State Capitol in the United States with active oil rigs. The Petunia #1 rig operated until 2021.

Overholser Mansion

On 1901, Henry and Anna. Overholser purchased land north of Oklahoma City to build a French Chateau style mansion. As business and social events were located in central Oklahoma City, the property was considered "outside the limits". It was over a mile to the south and the rail lines ran only to 13th Street, two blocks of where the land started. When built, the architectural style was considered out of style and favor and stood in contrast to the Mission, Craftsman and Prairie styles of the day. However, when the doors opened in 1904, on the eve of the Gala, guests no longer questioned the choice or style of the Overholser's. The Mansion remained the center of social life for decades. Radiant heat, indoor plumbing, electricity and an early inter-com system made life easier. The luxurious furnishings included Brussels lace curtains, English woven carpets, fabric wall coverings, crystal lighting, stained glass and the finest European furnishings that reflected the styles of the times.

Throughout the years the Mansion remained in the hands of the Overholser family. In 1915 Henry died. Anna continued to live there until her death in 1940. It then passed to their daughter, Elizabeth Henry Ione and her husband, David Jay Perry. As the Perrys were childless, upon Henry Ione's death in 1954, Perry became the sole heir. Realizing the historic value of the Mansion, Perry sought to see it preserved as a living tribute to the "89ers", a group of people who arrived during the year following the Oklahoma Land Run. In April 1972, David Jay Perry sold the Mansion and all the belongings to the Oklahoma Historical Society, as were the wishes of Anna Overholser. Preservation Oklahoma has been the caretaker since 2003. In order to preserve the structure, Preservation Oklahoma has overseen extensive restorations to the exterior. Nearly $75,000.00 was raised to repair/restore the original windows, roof and chimneys. Removal of paint and restoring the sandstone and balastrades have also been completed. On June 1970, The Overholser Mansion was officially listed on The National Register of Historic Places.

Eating in Oklahoma City

BREAKFAST

Kitchen No. 324. American/Rustic. Casual	324 N Robinson Avenue. 405-763-5911
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LUNCH

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DINNER

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