



Goin' to Kansas City

As the tired old year draws to a close, we are all looking forward to the promise of 2016. I'm excited about our line up of new programs and tested popular ones, but there is something about our Goin' to Kansas City program that has an air of both the new and familiar.

I have been bringing groups to Kansas City for decades. After all, most of our Vanishing Trails Expeditions originated here, beginning with the Oregon Trail, today recognized as the greatest peacetime migration in world history. Even earlier the merchant trail to Santa Fe went right through here, and earlier still, Lewis & Clark and their Corps of Discovery spent several days in the area on their Great Journey West (both coming and going). In addition to tours, I've also attended a number of travel conferences here, and participated in several FAM (familiarization) trips offering still more opportunities to get to know the Kansas City area.



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So over the years I've learned that there are a great many more wonderful activities and sites in Kansas City than we could justify incorporating into our theme tours, which by definition come with their own parameters.

This frustration eventually prodded me to step outside my comfort zone and develop a destination itinerary in which I could feature a wide array of wonderful attractions, experiences and restaurants in the Kansas City area, and *Goin' to Kansas City* is the result!

Won't you join us in May for a relaxing exploration of a great American city with a proud past and a vibrant present?

My best wishes for the Holidays, and hope to see you on the trail in 2016!

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