




Arkansas

Bucket List

Must See:

- Hot Springs National Park
- Buffalo National River
- Petit Jean State Park
- Mount Magazine (highest point in AR)
- Crater of Diamonds State Park
- Blanchard Springs Caverns
- Hawksbill Crag (Whitaker Point)
- Thorncrown Chapel
- The Old Mill (North Little Rock)
- Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

Must Eat:

- Fried Catfish & Hush Puppies
- BBQ from a local smokehouse
- Possum Pie (chocolate-pecan-cream dessert, no possum involved!)
- Tamales from Rhoda's Famous Hot Tamales in Lake Village
- Fried Pickles (Arkansas is said to be the birthplace!)
- Chocolate Gravy & Biscuits
- Duck Gumbo (especially in Stuttgart, the "Duck Capital of the World")

Must Buy:

- Arkansas Quartz Crystals (Mt. Ida is the Quartz Capital of the World!)
- Locally made sorghum or honey
- Handcrafted Ozark pottery or woodwork
- Southern-made hot sauces & seasonings
- Arkansas rice or pecans from the Delta region

Must Experience:

- Soak in the thermal waters of Hot Springs
- Hike to Hawksbill Crag for sunrise
- Ride the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad
- Attend a Razorbacks football game in Fayetteville
- Take a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River

Must Do:

- Scenic drive along the Pig Trail Scenic Byway
- Dig for real diamonds at Crater of Diamonds State Park
- Float the Buffalo National River in a canoe
- Hike to the waterfalls at Petit Jean State Park
- Explore the underground wonder of Blanchard Springs Caverns
- Tour the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock
- Camp under the stars at Devil's Den State Park
- Visit the quirky town of Eureka Springs

Best Time to Visit:

- Spring (March-May) for wildflowers and waterfalls
- Fall (September-November) for stunning foliage

Number of Days Needed:

- 10-14 Days (for a full road trip)

Tips:

- Hike early in the day to avoid summer heat & humidity
- Download offline maps—some areas have limited service
- Be cautious of copperheads, poison ivy, and ticks when hiking
- Dress in layers—Arkansas weather can change quickly!
- Bring water shoes for exploring rivers, creeks, and waterfalls

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