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GRAPEVINE, TEXAS: YOUR GATEWAY TO THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA'S WEST AND BEYOND FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS (July 1, 2025) – As the United States of America prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday in 2026, embark on an authentic adventure that delves into the heart of the nation's spirit, starting in the charming destination of Grapevine, Texas. It's the gateway to Texas and the spirit of the American West.

While Grapevine's story began in 1844, its roots are deeply intertwined with the westward expansion and the enduring legacy of the American cowboy. Stroll down Historic Main Street, where the past whispers tales of a bygone era. Don't miss the colorful, historic mural at the northeast corner of Main and Franklin Streets and catch a glimpse of the old Chisholm Trail cattle drive. It is on the exterior south wall of Tolbert's Restaurant – a place that pays tribute to the West and all the delicious vittles that come to mind, including its award-winning Chili first hand-crafted by Frank X. Tolbert, himself a Texas legend, and carried forward by his daughter who now owns the restaurant. Ride the Grapevine Vintage Railroad to the Historic Stockyards, offering a vibrant immersion into cowboy culture and the thrilling echoes of cattle drives.

In the heart of Grapevine, immerse yourself in the significance of Peace Plaza and the Peace Circle monument. This phenomenal piece of public art marks the historic meeting between President of the Republic of Texas Sam Houston and 10 American Indian chiefs and captains. It was a pivotal moment that fostered friendship, peace and trade – and is a powerful reminder of the diverse cultures that have shaped the United States of America. At Peace Circle, Grapevine honors the Indigenous cultures that lived on this land long before Texas was founded. Through Grapevine's Land Acknowledgment and ongoing efforts, we recognize their enduring legacy, foster harmony among diverse communities and weave nature and sustainability into the visitor experience.

From Grapevine, your exploration can extend to the rich heritage of the Caddo Nation at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site near Nacogdoches, Texas, and American Indian tribes in neighboring Oklahoma, offering profound insights into their enduring contributions that trace back more than 20,000 years. And for a taste of America's distinctive soundtrack, catch a concert at Peace Plaza on Friday nights in the Spring and Fall seasons and let Grapevine be your gateway to the birthplace of jazz over in Louisiana. Often acclaimed as America's greatest art form, immerse yourself in the soulful rhythms of blues and jazz, a vibrant expression of the nation's history and cultural tapestry.

Embark on an unforgettable exploration of America's soul with our "Cowboys, Indians and All That Jazz" itinerary – a self-guided journey through the iconic elements that define the American spirit. It's a wonderful way to experience the United States.

**ABOUT GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:**

Grapevine, Texas, is a charming destination located on the shores of Lake Grapevine and home to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. It offers a blend of history and modern amenities. Known for its vibrant hospitality, Grapevine is home to a range of world-class hotels, from luxe resorts, including Gaylord Texan, to the boutique Hotel Vin and family-friendly Great Wolf Lodge, visitors will find accommodations that suit their needs and preferences. Grapevine is home to the Urban Wine Trail, Historic Main Street, Historic Nash Farm, Grapevine Vintage Railroad and hosts many annual festivals and events including GrapeFest® - A Texas Wine Experience, Main Street Fest – A Timeless Texas Tradition and the Christmas Capital of Texas®, featuring more than 1,400 Christmas events over 40 days.

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