The 2017 Total Solar Eclipse in Missouri: On August 21, 2017 a total eclipse of the Sun will be visible from within a narrow corridor that traverses the United States. The path of the Moon's umbral shadow begins in northern Pacific and crosses the USA from west to east through parts: Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. For the first time since Aug. 7, 1869 (That’s 148 years!) a total solar eclipse will come to Missouri (they just happen to be the best state to see the eclipse in) weather permitting of course. The 1869 eclipse only clipped the northeast corner of Missouri. The 2017 eclipse will begin its sweep from the northwest corner to Cape Girardeau (see map). Depending upon where you are in the state, the eclipse will begin around 11:30 a.m. and will continue until around 3:00 pm (we’ll be on our way home at that point). We’ve picked one of the center points of the Eclipse, and we have reservations for a tour at Warm Springs Ranch! How exciting is that!

Warm Springs Ranch: Warm Springs Ranch is located in the rolling hills of Cooper County, Missouri. The day of the Solar Eclipse, Warm Springs Ranch will be hosting an out-of-this-world experience with a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party. Complete with eclipse glasses, parking, and two 10-ounce samples of Budweiser. Food and beer will be available for purchase. Clydesdale Photo Opportunity will be available for guests. Tickets have to be purchased in advance and we have 50 reserved just for us. We’ll also enjoy the morning tour of the facility. Warm Springs Ranch is the world headquarters of the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding operation. Situated on more than 300 acres of rolling hills established in 2008, the facility is home to more than 100 Clydesdale’s. We will have the opportunity to interact with the foals, mares and stallions as we learn about the Budweiser Clydesdale breeding program and the horses’ long heritage as one of the most recognizable brand icons in the world. Guests also can view the Clydesdales’ custom-made harnesses, a 1903 Studebaker-built beer wagon, and three luxury tractor-trailer units that transport the Clydesdales to appearances all around the county. Between 30 and 40 Clydesdale foals are

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born at Warm Springs Ranch each season. Dedicated staff are on-site around the clock to ensure the baby Clydesdales are welcomed into the world in comfort and safety. Those Clydesdales born with the proper markings for a Budweiser Clydesdale – a bay coat, a blaze of white on the face, four white stocking feet, and a black mane and tail – have a future spot on one of the traveling hitches and the chance to appear in some of the brand’s beloved commercials. No tour is complete without a stop at the gift shop and you’re in luck, there is a Clydesdale Gift Shop at Warm Springs Ranch.

**Arabia Steamboat Museum:** The Arabia Steamboat Museum is a unique Kansas City attraction: a time capsule of life on the American frontier in the mid-nineteenth century. It is not your typical museum. Visitors have the one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the everyday objects that made life possible for pioneers in the 1800s. It is the largest single collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world. The Steamboat Arabia was one of many casualties of the perilous Missouri River. The Mighty Missouri, as it was often called, is the longest river in the United States and has claimed nearly 400 other steamboats over its 2,500 mile course. In September 1856, the Arabia was carrying over 200 tons of cargo intended for general stores and homes in 16 mid-western frontier towns. The steamer was still fully loaded when it hit a tree snag and sank just 6 miles west of Kansas City. Due to erosion, the Missouri River changed course over time, and the Arabia was buried underground for over a century – along with all of its precious cargo. Lying 45-feet deep beneath a Kansas cornfield, the Arabia’s payload was protected from light and oxygen and was thus remarkably well preserved. Using a metal detector and old maps to guide the search, an amateur archaeologist began the search for the lost steamer. Located a half-mile from the present river’s course, 5 men and their families would begin the adventure of a lifetime … recovering the Steamboat Arabia. What they found will astound you. In 1991 the Arabia’s cargo was transformed into the Arabia Steamboat Museum, a top Kansas City attraction and favorite local destination in the historic City Market. From fine China to carpentry tools to children’s toys to the world’s oldest pickles—the Arabia’s artifacts captivate visitors of all ages. The museum accommodates all types of visitors, including walk-ins, families, RV groups, and more. It has become a favorite destination for Kansas City field trips year after year. Guided tours include a short movie and explanation of the excavation process. Guests will see the treasures recovered from the Arabia and watch preservationists restoring artifacts in our lab.

**Stroud’s Fried Chicken:** Stroud’s Oak Ridge Manor has provided Kansas City with award winning favorite Fried Chicken for years and years - Since 1933 in fact! Said to be one of the last of the traditional fried chicken restaurants to survive! Located in North Kansas City, Oak Ridge Manor is housed in an expanded 1829 log cabin and farmhouse. Through the years, Stroud’s has received many national awards including the James Beard Award for Excellence and the Zagat Award for Best Restaurant. Stroud’s has been honored with appearances on the Travel Channel’s Man vs Food and No Reservations, Food Network’s The Best Thing I Ever Ate and KCPT’s Check Please. Stroud’s has also been featured in several national and international publications. The Wall Street Journal, Gourmet Magazine, The New York Times, People Magazine, Esquire, Bon Apetite! and Playboy Magazine, to name a few.