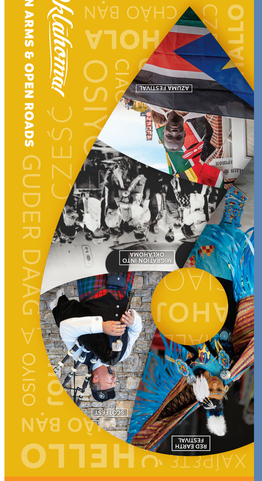
OKLAHOMA
OPEN ARMS & OPEN ROADS



OFFICIAL OKLAHOMA STATE MAP
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[From Left]
Alex Christensen, Blake Christensen, Brittiany Christensen, First Gentleman Wade Christensen, Governor Mary Fallin, Prior Fallin, Christina Fallin and Elizabeth and Adam Christensen

Oklahoma is known internationally for its rich Native American heritage and history. Over the past century, it has also become a destination for many other cultures looking for a place to take root, flourish and call home.

Whether you explore the cultures of the German settlers in western Oklahoma, the Asian settlers in Oklahoma's urban centers or the historical influences of the Native American and African-American cultures, you will find how Oklahoma has embraced its diverse people with open arms. These many global cultures are thriving and have found Oklahoma to be a great place to prosper in business and to raise their families.

This map will guide you through the many cultural icons, businesses, attractions and events highlighting that Oklahoma is the crossroads of the nation, not only by location but also by her people. Oklahoma has benefited from a full range of talents and insights brought to this new frontier by thousands-of-years-old cultures.

The cultural spread through the state is just as vast as the land. No matter where you visit in Oklahoma, you will be able to experience the cultural diversity of our land and celebrate it with us.

Sincerely,

Mary Fallin
Mary Fallin
Governor

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german

HALLO / HAH-LOW/

In the early 1870s, Germans began settling and farming the inexpensive land of the Oklahoma and Indian Territories. Many of these settlers had large families and were evenly dispersed throughout the state, with substantial settlements in Enid and Perry and in western Oklahoma locations like Corn, Colony and Bessie.





italian

CIAO /CHOW/

In the late 19th century, millions of Italians immigrated to the U.S. to work the coal mines of eastern Oklahoma. By the dawn of the 20th century, many Italians began buying land and establishing businesses, particularly in Pittsburg County.





czech

AHOJ /A-HOY/

Czech newcomers fled their homeland in the 18th and 19th centuries to escape poverty and religious persecution. Many eventually found their way to Canadian, Lincoln and Kingfisher counties, where the land was well-suited for their farming skills.





native american

OSIYO /OH-SEE-OH/
CHEROKEE

Native Americans are Oklahoma's first inhabitants dating thousands of years before statehood. In addition to the original indigenous Native population, many eastern Native American groups were relocated from their homelands during 1828-1889, with 67 tribes eventually settling Indian Territory. Native American traditions continue on and are celebrated through heritage days, powwows, dances, arts, crafts and museums. The name "Oklahoma" means "people" (okla) and "red" (homa/humma) in the Choctaw language.





african american

HELLO

African Americans first crossed into Indian Territory in the 1830s during the Trail of Tears and worked as slaves for native tribes. Freed slaves participated in land runs, staking claims and homesteading. They fought for the Union in the Civil War and founded over 50 all-black towns in Oklahoma, including Boley in 1903.



amish

GUDER DAAG /GOU-DUH DAH/

The Amish initially began settling in Custer County in 1910, as reflected on the map. While a small group remained there, two larger Amish communities blossomed in Chouteau and Clarita. Embracing outsider interest in their way of life and culture, many Amish have opened businesses in Chouteau and host various festivals throughout the year. The Clarita Amish also sponsor an annual festival and consignment sale to raise funds to support their school.





french

BONJOUR /BAWN-ZHOOR/

French explorers and traders arrived in the 17th century in the Louisiana Territory that then included present-day Oklahoma, an area dominated by American Indians. After the Louisiana Purchase, many French stayed to work throughout east central Oklahoma.



british & irish

HELLO | DIA DHUIT /DEE-UH WIT/

British settlers from England, Scotland and Wales became trappers, explorers, traders and military personnel in the northeastern, southwestern and southeastern parts of the territories.

The Irish worked alongside the British in the mines of southeastern territories around McAlester. They differ from many of the state's immigrant groups in that they rapidly blended into the population, with most marrying American.



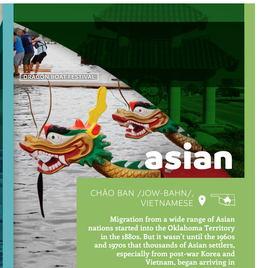


hispanic

HOLA /OH-LA/

In 1910, Oklahoma started seeing an influx of Mexican migration into Oklahoma City, Tulsa and towns along the railroad systems. By the 1960s, Hispanics from Cuba, Puerto Rico and other Central and South American countries began arriving.



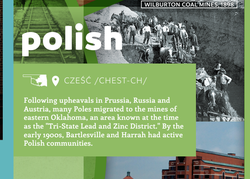


asian

CHÀO BAN /JOW-BAHN/,
VIETNAMESE

Migration from a wide range of Asian nations started into the Oklahoma Territory in the 1880s. But it wasn't until the 1960s and 1970s that thousands of Asian settlers, especially from post-war Korea and Vietnam, began arriving in Central Oklahoma.





polish

CZEŚĆ /CHEST-CH/

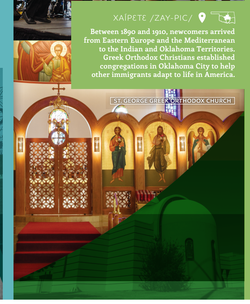
Following upheavals in Prussia, Russia and Austria, many Poles migrated to the mines of eastern Oklahoma, an area known at the time as the "Tri-State Lead and Zinc District." By the early 1900s, Bartlesville and Harrah had active Polish communities.

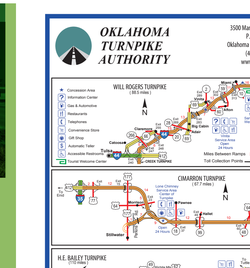


greek

XAÍPETE /ZAY-PIC/

Between 1890 and 1910, newcomers arrived from Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean to the Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Greek Orthodox Christians established congregations in Oklahoma City to help other immigrants adapt to life in America.







explore a mosaic of unexpected cultures

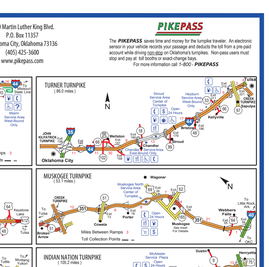
The story of Oklahoma is a tale of common bonds. It's the saga of peoples gathered from the corners of the earth to weave a tapestry of language and culture. Here, the proud traditions of Native America blend harmoniously with Czech and German heritage. Here is the land sought by Greeks and African Americans who left everything to seek the promise of the prairie. These bold-spirited settlers became the miners, farmers, artisans and merchants whose customs live on today. And from these multitudes of migrants and pioneers, history forged a unique people. This map represents a sampling of the heritage alive and celebrated in Oklahoma. The featured cultures are representative of some of the largest populations as well as heritages offering numerous statewide opportunities for visitor engagement through festivals, museums, attractions, cuisine and more.

From Italy to Israel, from Mexico to Medina, world culture is Oklahoma culture. In the heart of the Wild West, we've fashioned a way of life found nowhere else on earth. We invite you to explore the kaleidoscope of cultures that make Oklahoma one-of-a-kind. Our hearts and spirits are open, and we welcome you with open arms.

To aid in travel planning, Oklahoma offers a vast collection of free guides and brochures detailing the history, arts, culture and landscape of our state. Order yours free at TravelOK.com/Brochures. For more information about heritage tourism throughout the state, visit TravelOK.com/Heritage.

other cultures

Sitting at the crossroads of America, Oklahoma has attracted diverse populations from around the world. Lithuanians, Russians, Pacific Islanders, people from many African and Asian countries and many from the Middle East including Arabs, Iranians and Turks are among Oklahoma's most prominent and growing ethnic populations. You will also find other communities such as the Swedish, Dutch and Norwegians continuing to thrive. With friendly people and endless opportunity, Oklahoma continues to draw new cultures to this day.







CAPITOL AREA
2 Miles
CAPITOL HILL
CAPITOL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT
CAPITOL HILL MAIN STREET
CAPITOL HILL HIGH SCHOOL
CAPITOL HILL PARK
CAPITOL HILL LIBRARY
CAPITOL HILL CEMETERY
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE BUILDING
OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OKLAHOMA CITY CIVIC CTR.
OKLAHOMA CITY CIVIC CENTER MUSIC HALL
OKLAHOMA CITY CIVIC CENTER MUSEUM
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OKLAHOMA CITY CIVIC CENTER PARK
OKLAHOMA CITY CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
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OKLAHOMA CITY CIVIC CENTER
FORREST PARK
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