

Program at a Glance

#people2powertour2014
Big River of Democracy
Briefing Tour 

Day 1 Monday 3/11

Welcome to the Big River of Democracy Tour 2014. We meet at the 816 Hotel at 11.30 am and will directly move to a first meeting with an expert on Missouri politics and a backer of the Early Voting Initiative, Judy Ancel. The same issue will be discussed later that afternoon with Missouri State Senator Will Kraus, before we have dinner with Rev. Brian Ellison and Troy Lillebo.

Day 2 Tuesday 4/11

It is Election Day across the United States! We start with an analytical breakfast at the Hotel and our guest, Greg Vonnahme, a leading political scientist. Then we board our tour bus and cross the state border to Kansas, where we meet with Secretary of State Kris Kobach and stop for ballot stations. Mid-afternoon we stop at the main newspaper, the Kansas City Star and prepare then for observing the closing of ballot stations and the counting process.

Day 3 Wednesday 5/11

Today we head to the south! By bus we will explore the states of Missouri and Arkansas with a lunch stop in Carthage at the Route 66. Here we will meet with local politicians and journalists before crossing the Ozarks and reaching the Capital City of Arkansas, Little Rock. We will be welcomed by Paul Jacob at Doe's Eat, President Clinton's favorite restaurant.

Day 4 Thursday 6/11

A full day in Little Rock featuring gatherings with Tim Jacob and Bob Porto on the Terms Limit referendum, Jerry Cox from the Family Council on voter education, the most active initiative proponent in the state David Couch, and attorney Bettina Brownstein, who deals with direct democracy legal design issues. In the afternoon we visit the Clinton Presidential Library and have drinks with local Occupy Wall Street activist Paul Spencer.

Day 5 Friday 7/11

On the road again as we cross the southeast of Arkansas before reaching the river and state of Mississippi in Vicksburg. Here, one of the key battles during the American Civil War happened and we stop for lunch. In the afternoon we reach Louisiana and fabulous New Orleans, where we have dinner with journalist Tyler Bridges.

Day 6 Saturday 8/11

Our final day of the Big River of Democracy Tour! Next to Superdome we start with meeting John Ayers from the Cowen Institute before meeting with former city councilwoman and initiative organizer Peggy Wilson. In the afternoon we are welcomed by the League of Woman Voters and will meet other democracy key people, before summing-up our tour together with IRI (US) Chairman Dane Waters.