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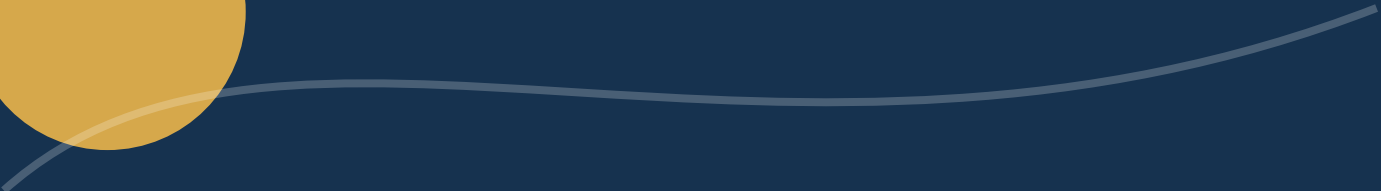
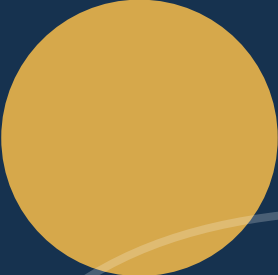
KANSAS

7-Day Family Road Trip Guide

Prairie Landscapes, Western History & Route 66

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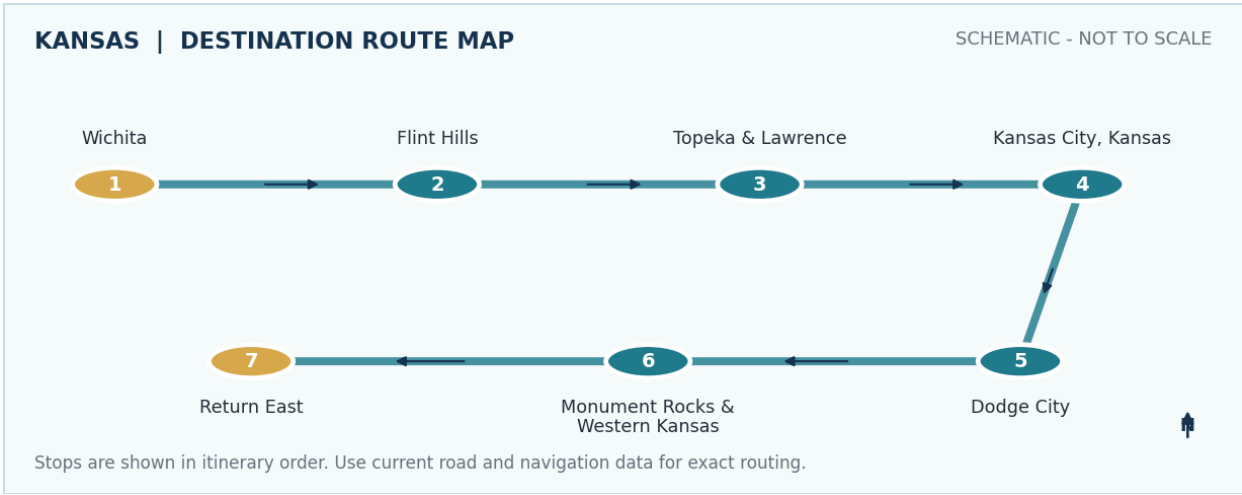
Kansas: Your 7-Day Game Plan

This guide turns 7220 Travel's Kansas itinerary into an easy, printable road-trip plan. The goal is simple: give your family a strong route and the best anchors for each day, while leaving enough breathing room to make the trip yours.

Trip style Family road trip	Pace Active but flexible	Best for Families & multigenerational groups
Transportation Rental car / personal vehicle	Length 7 days	Theme Prairie Landscapes, Western History & Route 66

The Route at a Glance

Day 1: Wichita • Day 2: Flint Hills • Day 3: Topeka & Lawrence • Day 4: Kansas City, Kansas • Day 5: Dodge City • Day 6: Monument Rocks & Western Kansas • Day 7: Return East



7220 Travel planning principle: Choose the three experiences your family cares about most, then let the rest of the trip support those priorities. A good vacation does not have to win social media.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Wichita

- Visit Exploration Place.
- Walk the Keeper of the Plains area.
- Explore Old Town Wichita.

Day 2: Flint Hills

- Drive through the Tallgrass Prairie region.
- Visit Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.
- Stop in Cottonwood Falls or Council Grove.

Day 3: Topeka & Lawrence

- Tour the Kansas State Capitol.
- Visit Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park.
- Explore downtown Lawrence.

Day 4: Kansas City, Kansas

- Visit a family attraction or museum in the metro.
- Explore historic neighborhoods and local barbecue.
- Build in an easy evening.

Day-by-Day Itinerary, Continued

Day 5: Dodge City

- Head west into Kansas ranch country.
- Visit Boot Hill Museum.
- Walk historic downtown Dodge City.

Day 6: Monument Rocks & Western Kansas

- See Monument Rocks or Castle Rock.
- Stop at prairie overlooks and small towns.
- Watch a big-sky sunset.

Day 7: Return East

- Travel back toward Wichita or Kansas City.
- Break up the drive with a museum or state park.
- Depart from your preferred airport.

Before You Go

- Confirm attraction hours, timed-entry rules and seasonal closures before you travel.
- Build in buffer time. A 7-day road trip works best when every stop is not treated like a race.
- Keep water, snacks, a basic first-aid kit and offline maps in the car.

Make This Trip Yours

Circle or write down the three things your family would be most disappointed to miss. Those are your anchors. Everything else can flex around weather, energy levels, traffic and the unexpected moments that often become the best memories.

#1 Must-Do Experience	_____
#2 Must-Do Experience	_____
#3 Must-Do Experience	_____
One Meal We Really Want	_____
One Place to Slow Down	_____



Want help turning this route into your family's actual vacation?

7220 Travel can help with lodging, routing, cruises, resorts, family trips and group travel.

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Source: 7220 Travel's 7-Day United States itinerary collection. The destination route map is schematic and not intended for turn-by-turn navigation. Attraction hours, reservation systems, road access, prices and seasonal conditions can change.

Kansas Packing List

A family-road-trip checklist designed to pair with your 7220 Travel 7-Day Guide.

Packing mindset: Pack for sun, wind and fast-changing weather. Road-trip flexibility matters as much as clothing.

CLOTHING & LAYERS

- ☐ 7 days of underwear + socks
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ One extra top/outfit for delays or spills
- ☐ Breathable layers
- ☐ Light sweater or fleece
- ☐ Long pants for cool/windy evenings

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Broken-in walking shoes
- ☐ Activity-appropriate trail/hiking shoes if planned
- ☐ Comfortable sandals/secondary shoes

WEATHER & OUTDOOR

- ☐ Wind/rain shell
- ☐ Sunscreen + hat
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Weather-alert capable phone/charger
- ☐ Small daypack
- ☐ Basic sun protection for every outdoor day

ROAD TRIP & TECH

- ☐ Driver license/ID + insurance info
- ☐ Phone + charging cable + car charger
- ☐ Portable battery pack
- ☐ Offline maps / saved reservations
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Small cooler + road-trip snacks

FAMILY & PERSONAL

- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Basic first-aid/blister kit
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Laundry bag / packing cubes
- ☐ Wipes/hand sanitizer
- ☐ Copies/screenshots of key confirmations

KANSAS TRIP-SPECIFIC EXTRAS

- ☐ Sun hat and sunglasses
- ☐ Wind layer
- ☐ Portable charger for long road days
- ☐ Small cooler + extra water

Seasonal adjustment: Check the forecast, elevation, park/road alerts and planned activities shortly before departure. Add heavier cold-weather gear for winter/shoulder-season travel and scale back insulation during reliably hot periods.

Outdoor reminder: customize your gear to the activity. For hikes and remote stops, carry appropriate navigation, sun protection, extra layers, light, first aid, food and water rather than relying only on a phone.

This checklist is general travel guidance, not a substitute for current weather, park, road, airline or activity-specific requirements.

Kansas: When to Go & Where to Stay

A route-based planning page designed to pair with your 7220 Travel 7-Day Itinerary.

BEST OVERALL WINDOW	April-May and September-October
Why it works: Comfortable prairie temperatures with fewer extremes.	Seasonal tradeoff: Severe storms are possible in spring; summer can be hot and windy, while winter brings occasional snow/ice.

WHERE TO STAY ALONG THE 7-DAY ROUTE

DAY 1	Wichita: A central/downtown or main visitor district is usually the easiest family base for dining, walkability and a simple start the next morning.
DAY 2	Flint Hills: Pick a centrally located small town or highway-access hotel that makes the next morning's scenic drive easy and keeps fuel/food nearby.
DAY 3	Topeka & Lawrence: A central/downtown or main visitor district is usually the easiest family base for dining, walkability and a simple start the next morning.
DAY 4	Kansas City, Kansas: A central/downtown or main visitor district is usually the easiest family base for dining, walkability and a simple start the next morning.
DAY 5	Dodge City: A central/downtown or main visitor district is usually the easiest family base for dining, walkability and a simple start the next morning.
DAY 6	Monument Rocks & Western Kansas: A central/downtown or main visitor district is usually the easiest family base for dining, walkability and a simple start the next morning.
DAY 7	Return East: For the final night, favor easy airport/highway access and flexible checkout over adding another long transfer.

BOOKING STRATEGY

- For a moving road trip, flexible cancellation and included parking/breakfast can be worth more than chasing the lowest nonrefundable rate.
- Keep the longest drive days paired with easy-check-in lodging and avoid placing a must-do timed attraction immediately after a major transfer.

7220 Travel tip: If your priority is a specific park lodge, beach location or special experience, build the route around that hardest-to-get reservation first.

Timing and lodging guidance is general planning advice. Always confirm current park access, road conditions, local events, weather patterns and property policies before booking.

Kansas: Tolls & Cashless Roads

A route-specific companion page for your 7220 Travel 7-Day Itinerary.

TOLL EXPOSURE	PRIMARY SYSTEM
HIGH	K-TAG / Kansas Turnpike

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THIS ITINERARY

Wichita, the Flint Hills, Topeka/Lawrence and Kansas City align closely with the Kansas Turnpike, making toll use very likely.

- The Kansas Turnpike is cashless and covers major I-35/I-335/I-70 travel corridors.
- K-TAG is the local system; several interoperable multi-state tags also work on participating facilities.
- If you drive without a compatible tag, the turnpike uses license-plate billing under its current cashless system.

BEST PAYMENT SETUP	RENTAL-CAR WATCH-OUT
K-TAG is ideal for Kansas-focused travel. Multi-state travelers should verify whether their existing tag is accepted before departure.	A plate-based bill goes to the vehicle owner, so rental-company processing fees may apply if you do not use a compatible toll tag.

7220 Travel toll rule: Do not put two active interoperable transponders in the same vehicle. Pick one payment method, confirm that the license plate is correct, and read rental-car toll terms before the first cashless gantry.

VERIFY BEFORE YOU DRIVE

Official traveler information: <https://www.ksturnpike.com/>

Rates, lane rules, accepted transponders and payment methods can change. Re-check the official toll authority shortly before departure. For broader multi-state coverage, pair this page with the 7220 Travel U.S. Toll Roads Traveler Guide.