

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE ATMOSPHERIC ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME?

WELCOME TO...

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WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

Storm chasing provides opportunities to see the atmosphere at its most awesome and majestic. After your first exciting view of a tornado or severe thunderstorm, all other vacations will simply pale in comparison! Here at Silver Lining Tours, we make that experience possible. Your tour guides are professional meteorologists with many years of storm chasing experience and forecasting expertise. We have the know-how to get you safely to the best storms with our accurate forecasts, and we have the track record to prove it. Nobody works harder or more skillfully than we do to consistently get you to the right place time and again.

OUR CREDENTIALS

Our Owners:

1. MR. ROGER HILL, CO-OWNER:

- One of the most prolific tornado chasers in the world, having found hundreds of tornadoes for our clients.
- Has led tours since 2002.
- Highly sought-after tornado seeker, having been featured in numerous high-visibility TV programs including NOVA's "Hunt For the Supertwister", National Geographic's "Twister Tours" and "Twister Chasers", The Weather Channel's "Storm Stories", "Atmospheres" and "Full Force Nature". Also covered in pieces by 60 Minutes, Nippon TV (Japan), The Learning Channel and virtually all major networks.

2. DR. DAVID GOLD, CO-OWNER:

- B.S. Meteorology, University of Oklahoma, 1992;
M.S. Meteorology, Texas A&M University, 1996;
Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences, Texas A&M University,

2004.

•Also featured in many major television documentaries, news programs and nationally syndicated magazines. The Weather Channel, IMAX, BBC, National Geographic, U.S. News and others have covered our adventures!

•Professional forecaster.

•Successful operation of Silver Lining Tours since 1997.

David and Roger have been chasing storms on the Great Plains since the late 1980's. Altogether, your tour owners have participated in thousands of storm chasing expeditions and witnessed hundreds of tornadoes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We are offering 9 fixed-schedule tours during the spring and summer of 2009, in addition to as-conditions-warrant on-call and local storm chasing expeditions (please see our website for details). We offer tours of varying length, which allows us to maintain a balance between accommodating those customers with limited vacation time and finding the most storms possible. Although each of our tours is dedicated to teaching you about the marvels of the atmosphere, the Great Plains Lecture Tour and Northland Lecture Tour are more rigorous educational experiences recommended for those who want a more in-depth understanding of the phenomena that we seek. Finally, our 6-day tours are offered from late-May to mid-July, a time when severe storm frequency is at an annual peak over the high plains, northern plains, Midwest and Canada. We are also pleased to announce the introduction of our Desert Thunder Tours, designed to enable you to experience the amazing Southwest monsoon that occurs each summer!

COME HUNT DOWN NATURE'S MOST AWESOME
STORMS IN THE HEART OF TORNADO ALLEY!



BASIC TOUR STRUCTURE:

- You arrive at the base city and are taken to the host hotel by hotel shuttle bus the day prior to the start of your tour. That first evening, meet your guides for an orientation and dinner.
- Spend 6-10 days roaming the scenic plains in search of tornadoes and supercells (the types of storms that most often produce tornadoes) while learning all about these fascinating and majestic storms from safe vantage points.
- Each tour morning after breakfast, interested participants gather together to watch the tour leader go to work making the “chase” forecast, an excellent way to learn about forecasting. Then we have a group weather briefing and depart for the “target” area!

WHAT YOU GET DURING THE TOUR:

- An opportunity to see tornadoes and fascinating storm structures at close but safe vantage points.
- A thorough and accessible education in storm chasing and severe storm meteorology.

- The opportunity to learn from expert storm chasers.
- The chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Great Plains.
- Clean, comfortable hotel rooms each night (examples: Comfort Suites, Holiday Inn Express)

WHAT YOU GET AFTERWARDS:

- A professionally edited DVD of the chase highlights from all tours and one of our popular t-shirts.
- A lifetime discount on all future tours.
- A lifetime of great memories and stories for the kids and grandchildren!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Even in a “slow” pattern we usually find plenty of supercells, tornadoes, lightning and awe-inspiring storms. Our policy is simple: always go to the best area - location is no object. We will chase from southern Texas to the Dakotas, if necessary. We go wherever it takes, within practical limits, to find the good storms. Here are some facts regarding storm chasing:

- Storm chasing involves a lot of driving. Expect to be in a multi-passenger van for up to 8 hours each day.
- We will spend lots of time analyzing data in order to make the best chase forecast possible. Often we must focus our energies on the weather. But, hail or shine, we always strive to educate you in the process!
- Although there are no guarantees that you will see a tornado during your tour (the odds are about 50%), it is quite likely that you will at least see some beautiful storm structure and severe weather.

WHAT TO BRING

- A medium to large suitcase or travel bag with 6-10 days worth of clothing (mostly short-sleeve shirts/blouses, shorts, undergarments and toiletries). At least one pair of long pants and a lightweight jacket (especially for earlier tours). Suntan lotion, sunglasses and hat.
- Optional but recommended: a digital camera, camcorder, books and personal CD/MP3 players.

Tours 1 through 3 will originate and end at Oklahoma City's Will Rogers International Airport (OKC). Tours 4 through the Northland Lecture Tour will begin and end at Denver International Airport. Our Canadian Prairies Tour (yes, they get spectacular storms and tornadoes up there) is based in beautiful Rapid City, South Dakota. Finally, our Desert Thunder Tour is based in the heart of the U.S. monsoon at Tuscon, Arizona.

We ask that our participants arrive at the airport the day BEFORE the tour begins (we suggest an afternoon arrival) and plan to leave after 10 a.m. the day AFTER the last day of your tour. This will give us more flexibility with regards to how far from the base city we can chase during the last day of your tour.

Please see the attached Tour Schedule for all tour dates and prices. Contact us or see our website for details about our summer offerings. Eight weeks prior to your tour you will receive a letter containing a suggested packing list, arrival day logistics and itinerary. All you have to do is book your flight and show up at the airport - we handle the rest!

OUR EQUIPMENT

Your guides are well equipped. Here is just some of what they bring to the chase:

- *The Baron XM radio Mobile ThreatNet system, which gives us constant access to Doppler radar data while on the go.*
- *Laptop computers configured for accessing data on the road via high-speed wireless cards connected to roof-mounted antennae and high-gain amplifiers for maximum reception. We now enjoy nearly constant broadband connectivity on the Plains!*
- *A proprietary wireless PA system for inter-van communications and van-to-van video sharing.*
- *Computer-aided GPS navigation.*
- *A system that enables you to view the same weather data that we are analyzing in real-time.*

SIGNING UP IS EASY!

To sign up, just do the following:

- 1. Carefully read the tour agreement and then sign it, indicating your tour preference in the provided space.*
- 2. Send the completed, signed tour agreement to the address given below along with your non-refundable tour deposit check. That's it!*

The prices for our various offerings are detailed in the Tour Schedule on Page 4 of this brochure. The tour prices do not cover your daily meals or airfare into and out of the base city. However, they do include daily hotel accommodations (including arrival evening lodging). It also entitles you to receive a professionally edited highlights videotape and tour t-shirt.

A non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 (personal check, cashier's check or money order are all accepted) is required to reserve your spot on any 10-day tour (\$700 for the Great Plains Lecture and Northland Lecture Tours), \$500 for a 6-day adventure. Payment should be made to "Silver Lining Tours, LLC". Once we receive

payment, a receipt of deposit and letter of confirmation will be promptly issued to you by email. The final balance is due in full 60 days prior to the arrival day of your tour. Please mail your deposit and tour agreement to:

SILVER LINING TOURS, LLC
 DR. DAVID GOLD, MANAGER
 PO BOX 11369
 SPRING, TX 77391-1369

The price of our tour is well worth the experience of chasing storms with highly seasoned experts who have a proven track record of getting folks safely to the storms and tornadoes they want to see. We look forward to having you join us on our hunt for severe thunderstorms, supercells and tornadoes.

TESTIMONIALS:

"I chased with Silver Lining Tours in 1999 and quickly realized they will travel wherever necessary to see picturesque and beastly storms. Returning in 2000 as a "tour veteran," they again did not disappoint. Eight states and 5,000 miles later, we had seen tornadoes on three different nights. No other chase tour offers so many seasoned, experienced chasers. And what's more - they do all the work! You just sit back, ride and enjoy the show...and what a spectacular show it was!"

Jeff Buss - Lincoln, NE

Do not go storm chasing with Silver Lining Tours. If you want to avoid becoming addicted to seeing Mother Nature at her best (or should that be worst?), join everyone else at the beach instead. Even before the end of my first tour in 2003 I was planning my return for 2004 and in 2005 I returned for a third time. David and Roger are exceptional guides leading you with a combination of years of experience and natural instinct. What's more they will actually show you how they make their forecasts and provide running updates through the whole chase day. While other tour groups are still en-route Silver Lining Tours



are often already there. If seeing dramatic cloud structure, giant hail, tornadoes and lightning displays isn't enough you also gain some great friends with a common interest. With something this enjoyable book now before they ban it. I'll be there every year.

Andrew Garnham - Great Britain

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Silver Lining Tours Schedule 2009

<i>Tour No.</i>	<i>Arrival Day</i>	<i>First Day</i>	<i>Last Day</i>	<i>Departure Day</i>	<i>Available?</i>	<i>Price</i>
Long Tours						
1	<i>April 26</i>	<i>April 27</i>	<i>May 6</i>	<i>May 7</i>	<i>LIMITED</i>	<i>\$3000</i>
<i>Great Plains Lecture Tour</i>	<i>May 7</i>	<i>May 8</i>	<i>May 17</i>	<i>May 18</i>	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	<i>\$3300</i>
3	<i>May 18</i>	<i>May 19</i>	<i>May 28</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	<i>\$3000</i>
Short Tours						
4	<i>May 30</i>	<i>May 31</i>	<i>June 5</i>	<i>June 6</i>	<i>SOLD OUT</i>	<i>\$2200</i>
5	<i>June 6</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 12</i>	<i>June 13</i>	<i>LIMITED</i>	<i>\$2200</i>
6	<i>June 13</i>	<i>June 14</i>	<i>June 19</i>	<i>June 20</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>\$2200</i>
<i>North Land</i>	<i>June 20</i>	<i>June 21</i>	<i>June 28</i>	<i>June 29</i>	<i>LIMITED</i>	<i>\$2700</i>
<i>Canadian Prairies</i>	<i>July 11</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>July 21</i>	<i>July 22</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>\$3200</i>
<i>Desert Thun- der Tour</i>	<i>July 25</i>	<i>July 26</i>	<i>Aug 2</i>	<i>Aug 3</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>\$2100</i>

NOTES:

- *OKC = Oklahoma City TUS = Tuscon DEN = Denver RAP=Rapid City, South Dakota*
- *Availability updated December 19, 2009. Bookings continue to happen at a very brisk pace so make your choice soon!*