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8 Day Texas: The Lone Star State



THE ALAMO, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Escorted Package Includes

- Round trip flights from local airport to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Return from Houston to local airport
Other departure cities available. CALL FOR DATES AND PRICES
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 7 nights accommodations
 - 2 nights Dallas
 - 1 night in Austin
 - 2 nights San Antonio
 - 2 nights Houston
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 10 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- In Dallas, visit the JFK Memorial and Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
- Tour the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
- A nostalgic visit and dinner at the Southfork Ranch
- In Fort Worth's Stockyards Historic District view an actual "longhorn cattle drive"

- Visit Austin, the capital of Texas with a blend of Old West charm
- Tour Lyndon B. Johnson's Ranch and the "Texas White House"
- Visit to The Alamo which played a critical role in the Texas Revolution
- Stroll along the Riverwalk in San Antonio
- Experience the U.S.A's achievements in space at the NASA Space Center in Houston

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

Is This Trip Right for You?

This active program covers a fair amount of ground each day. Expect from two to three hours walking every touring day. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven (cobblestone) or wet surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes.



DAY 1, Saturday - Arrive in Dallas

Arrive in Dallas and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink and orientation. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7PM on the day of arrival. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 5PM on Day 1 of the itinerary or earlier, if possible

Overnight: Dallas



DAY 2, Sunday - Sixth Floor Museum, George W. Bush Presidential Library, Southfork Ranch

This morning, begin your day with a visit to the somber John F. Kennedy Memorial, designed to symbolize the freedom of his spirit. Continue to the Deep Ellum District to see how this former warehouse area has been magically transformed into a trendy center for live music. Drive to popular Klyde Warren Park, an oasis of green in the midst of the city. Pause at the "grassy knoll" before entering the Sixth Floor Museum. Here, remember the tragic events of November 22, 1963 that shook the country. Leisure time and an independent lunch before departing to



the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. This complex presents stunning interactive exhibits covering Bush's time in office, from his inauguration to world events of his presidency. Afterwards, a nostalgic visit to the Southfork Ranch where the "Dallas" TV series was filmed. A tram takes you to the Ewing Mansion; visit the museum, view memorabilia from the series and hear about the ranch's history. To top off the day in style, enjoy a delectable Welcome Dinner in this elite mansion*

Overnight: Dallas

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 3, Monday - Fort Worth, Stockyards Historic District, Austin City Tour

Travel to Fort Worth, once known as the biggest and busiest live-stock marketing center in the Southwest. Enjoy a guided walking tour to get acquainted with the area before viewing an actual "long-horn cattle drive" that rumbles daily through the Stockyards Historic District. After lunch on your own, drive through the Texas hills to the state capital of Austin, a city with a unique blend of Old West charm, a thriving cultural scene and vibrant nightlife. Time to

relax before an orientation tour of the city this evening

Overnight: Austin

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Tuesday - LBJ Ranch, Fredericksburg, San Antonio

Morning drive to the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. Birthplace of Lyndon Johnson and known as the Texas White House, this is where LBJ and Lady Bird lived and are both laid to rest. Afterwards, journey to the heart of Hill Country to the beautifully preserved German village of Fredericksburg; time to independently explore the quaint shops and restaurants for lunch. Visit the Museum of the Pacific War with its stunning artifacts, interactive exhibits, and indoor/outdoor exhibit of World War II military vehicles. Depart for San Antonio, often called the "American Venice" with its historic missions, Spanish architecture and beautiful river centerpiece. Tonight, explore the River Walk on your own, an iconic area with landscaped walkways, bridges and restaurants

Overnight: San Antonio

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Wednesday - Missions National Historical Park, El Mercado, The Alamo, Barge Cruise

Begin the day at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. Start your visit at Mission San Jose; view a short film relating the story of mission life in the 1700s and walk the grounds of the best preserved and restored Mission. Next, at Mission Conception, see where priests and local Native Americans lived and worked within this walled compound. Continue to El Mercado, the lively Mexican marketplace, to browse for one-of-a-kind goods and opt to try a typical Mexican lunch on your own. View the San Fernando Cathedral, seat of the Archbishop, one of the oldest cathedrals in the United



States. See history come to life as you visit the famous fort, The Alamo, which played a critical role in the Texas Revolution. People worldwide remember the Alamo as a heroic struggle against impossible odds, a place where men made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. After the Alamo, embark on a private barge cruise that takes you along the river; learn more about San Antonio's history on this relaxing narrated boat ride

Overnight: San Antonio

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 6, Thursday - St. Mary's High Hill Church, Houston

Before leaving San Antonio, experience real turn-of-the-century charm at a Western Style General Store. Time to browse the antiques and Americana, taste penny candy and see the artistry of bygone era handcraftsmanship. Then, a visit to St. Mary's High Hill Church in Schulenburg, the "Queen of the Painted Churches" in Texas, renowned for its elaborate and intricately detailed paintings, large host of statuary and glittering stained-glass windows. Enjoy a Texas BBQ buffet lunch before traveling to Houston, the state's largest and most diverse city. Tonight, explore your options for dinner at one of Houston's many terrific eateries

Overnight: Houston

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7, Friday - NASA Space Center

Discover sprawling downtown Houston today with views of the city's original courthouse built in 1910, as well as City Hall, the Houston Astrodome, the Theater District and the Texas Medical Center, the largest in the world. Continue to the NASA Space Center, which has made Houston synonymous with the nation's space achievements - from here, man's first moon landing was directed. Board a tram that takes you on a tour of the complex. Space Center Houston boasts a number of interactive displays with everything from space artifacts to a full size rocket and space shuttle. See scientists at work at the NASA facility and learn about space exploration from fascinating hands-on exhibits. Time to explore on your own - there is so much to see! This evening, enjoy a "Farewell to Texas" Dinner with your newfound friends



Overnight: Houston

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Saturday - Depart Houston

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast