

Dear Parks and Recreation Traveler:

We are excited to give you the information for the “*San Antonio River Walk & Cowboy Lore*” trip. Join us as we motor south to explore the early and rich American history of San Antonio, Texas. From Spanish colonial rule to Texas independence, and ultimately statehood, San Antonio draws from its history and intense cultural fusion—so much so, that the city once had street signs in three languages: Spanish, English, and German. Our journey south will include visits to Claremore and Oklahoma City, OK along with a visit to Dallas, TX. As we complete our circle of the South and head home we will make visits to Bossier City, LA as well as Little Rock, AR. As always this trip is subject to change without advance notice.

Please note that registration for this trip is on a FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE basis.

We motor coach south west with our first night in Claremore, OK and a visit to the *Will Rogers Memorial Museum*. On day two of our journey we stop in Oklahoma City, OK with a visit to the *National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum*. This world class museum with over 200,000 square feet includes one of the largest collections of contemporary Western art in the country as well as one of the most extensive American Indian fine arts collections in the country.

Our next stop in Oklahoma City will be the *Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum*, the location of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. We follow with a visit to the *American Banjo Museum*, the only museum of its type with the largest banjo collection on public display in the world---over 300 banjos. After dinner at the famed *Cattleman's Steakhouse* we enjoy an evening cruise on a Water Taxi on the one mile long Bricktown Water Canal in downtown Oklahoma City.

Before leaving Oklahoma we visit the *Chickasaw Cultural Center* to explore and learn about the Chickasaw Nation of American Indians. We will tour the exhibit hall and view the Sky Bridge followed by a demonstration of the traditional Chickasaw Stomp Dance. Our next stop will be *The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza* in downtown Dallas, TX. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy and is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot Kennedy.

On day four of our trip we arrive in historic San Antonio, TX for a three night stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel right on the famed *San Antonio River Walk*. Dinner this evening will be *River Cruise Dining* as we leisurely glide along the river while enjoying an elegant four course dinner.

On Friday a local Step-on-Guide will join us on the bus for the day and enlighten us about the local culture and discuss the many stops made during the day to include *SAS Shoe Factory & General Store*, *Mission San Jose*, and a personal guided tour of “*The Alamo*”. This evening enjoy the newest attraction in San Antonio—*The San Antonio Rose Live Show*. This live, family-friendly show will take you on a journey back through time with over 40 of your favorite classic country hits from the 1920's-1980.

Our local Step-on-Guide stays with us all day as we tour the scenic Texas Hill Country back roads, historic downtown *Fredericksburg* and the *LBJ Ranch National Park*. While in the *LBJ Ranch*, enjoy a docent led tour of the “*Texas White House*” and hear all the tales of one of Texas' favorite sons, Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States and former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson.

As we head north on our trip we visit the *Biedenharn Museum & Gardens* home of Joseph A. Biedenharn credited with being the first person to bottle Coca Cola for mass distribution. Adjacent to the home is the extensive collection of historically significant Bibles in the Bible Museum. After the tour, refresh with a 5 Cent Coke and the nostalgia of early Coca-Cola memorabilia displayed in an indoor and outdoor setting of the Coke Museum.

On the last evening of our trip in Little Rock, AR we visit *Marlsgate Plantation* for dinner and an unforgettable journey into the past with a fascinating tour of this stately columned Greek Revival Mansion shaded by ancient oaks and a pecan grove overlooking the waters of Bearskin Lake. Marlsgate, listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*, is a reflection of the opulent plantation era when cotton was king and where a privileged class of wealth existed in the Arkansas Delta.

The tour includes 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners, all attractions & admissions, 1 river cruise, Step-On-Guides, lodging, all gratuities, escort & motor coach transportation.

The brochures in this packet are for illustrative purposes only. Times and dates as well as restaurant menus are subject to change due to the large lead time before the actual trip.

Participants should be aware that this trip will include moderate walking with some periods of standing. Travelers will be negotiating some stairs during portions of the trip.

Participants will be restricted to one piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag to be carried inside the motor coach. Luggage tags & final itinerary will be provided closer to the actual departure date of the trip.

Participants who register must also complete a consent waiver form which will detail emergency contacts and any current and pertinent medical or medicinal information. This form will be sent at a later date.

Fee Schedule:

The cost of this wonderful trip will be **\$1625** per person (double occupancy). The single traveler fee is **\$2120** (includes a single traveler supplement of **\$495** per single traveler). This price is all inclusive and includes gratuities. We are asking you to pay in increments due to the cost of this trip. You can make payments as often as you like, but we will need a minimum amount paid as follows:

Payment Schedule:

Immediately: **\$50** per person deposit (non-refundable). All refunds will be subject to a \$50 refund fee.

Friday, January 13: a minimum of **\$750** must be paid.

Friday, February 24: remaining balance of trip must be paid in full.

Friday, March 16: After this date no refunds of any kind will be given for cancellations due to our commitment to the various vendors involved with this trip (see the information on travel insurance, highly recommended).

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Many of you have inquired about travel insurance for our extended trips. Travel insurance is a method of providing you a means to recoup your costs should you have to cancel at the last minute or become sick on the trip. We do not endorse any particular product, but after searching the internet we came up with a couple of sources for travel insurance.

Travel Insurance Services, 1-800-228-9792 or www.travelex-insurance.com
Travel Guard International, 1-800-826-4919 or www.travelguard.com Several of our travelers have used this provider.

Or compare several plans at once at www.InsureMyTrip.com 1-800-487-4722 or www.squaremouth.com 1-800-240-0368. With either service you can purchase online or over the phone.

Please make sure you understand what you are purchasing. Buying the travel insurance is totally up to you and making any claims with the carrier is the total responsibility of the person purchasing the insurance.

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This trip is now open for registration

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call 636-949-3372.

Thank you for considering traveling with us.

Sincerely,

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