

**St. Charles Parks & Recreation
San Antonio River Walk & Cowboy Lore
April 30-May 8, 2012
Itinerary**

***ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY
ALL ROOMS REQUESTED ARE NON-SMOKING ROOMS***

Monday, April 30, 2012

7:30am Depart Memorial Hall, Blanchette Park, St. Charles, MO for Claremore, OK with rest stop and lunch stop in route.

12:00pm Lunch stop in Springfield, MO (lunch on your own).

**Culver's Restaurant
2510 N. Glenstone Avenue
Springfield, MO 65803
Phone: 417-501-1071**

1:00pm Depart for Claremore, OK

4:00pm Check into overnight lodging with baggage handling & welcome reception.

**Comfort Inn-Claremore
1720 South Lynn Blvd.
Claremore, OK 74017
Phone: 877-343-3297**

5:45pm Depart for Will Rogers Memorial Museum for Catered Dinner & Museum tour.

6:00pm This evening we visit the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in downtown Claremore, OK. Will Rogers, known as Oklahoma's favorite son, was an American cowboy, comedian, humorist, social commentator, vaudeville performer, actor, and one of the best-known celebrities in the 1920s and 1930s.

6:00pm-6:30pm Will (another Will) enlightens us about the life & times of Will Rogers in the Will Rogers Museum Theatre.

6:30pm-7:15pm Enjoy a catered Buffet Dinner inside the Will Rogers Memorial Museum.

7:15pm-8:15pm Browse at your leisure the many galleries of memorabilia throughout the museum.

**Will Rogers Memorial Museum
1720 West Will Rogers Boulevard
Claremore, OK 74017
Phone: 918-343-8113**

8:15pm Return to Comfort Inn-Claremore.

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

6:45am Luggage outside your door and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at Hotel.

7:45am Depart for Oklahoma City, OK.

10:00am-12:40pm This morning we visit the *National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum* in Oklahoma City, OK. 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. Also included is a Circa 1900 Western cattle town, *Prosperity Junction* and the most extensive barbed wire collection in the world.

10:00am-11:00am Enjoy a docent led tour of the many galleries throughout the museum.

11:00am-12:40pm Enjoy a Buffet Lunch at “*Dining on Persimmon Hill*” Café located within the museum at your leisure as well as free time to browse the many galleries and gift shop before departing at 12:40pm.

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

1700 NE 63rd Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Phone: 405-478-2250

12:40pm Depart for the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.

1:00pm-3:00pm We visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, the location of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The tour will begin with a National Park Service Ranger discussing the significance of the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial followed by a museum tour behind the scenes of exhibits, historical artifacts & documents and how they are being preserved for generations. We conclude the tour with a “*First Person Account: Stories of Hope*” as we hear from a family member, survivor or a rescue worker as they share their powerful stories of resilience during a 30-minute program.

Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum

620 N. Harvey

Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Phone: 405-235-3313

3:00pm Depart for American Banjo Museum

3:15pm-4:30pm The American Banjo Museum, the only museum of its type, has the largest banjo collection on public display in the world—over 300 banjos. This one-of-a-kind attraction houses the most complete collection of manufacture banjos. During the last 30 minutes of the tour we will enjoy a live performance in a replica of a vintage Shakey’s Pizza Parlor.

American Banjo Museum

9 E. Sheridan Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Phone: 405-604-2793

4:30pm Depart for overnight lodging.

4:45pm Check into overnight lodging.

SpringHill Suites-Oklahoma City

510 South MacArthur

Oklahoma City, OK 73128

Phone: 405-604-0200

6:15pm Depart for Dinner at Cattleman’s Steakhouse

6:30pm-8:00pm This evening we will dine at *Cattleman’s Steakhouse* an Oklahoma tradition since 1910. For over 100 years Cattleman’s, located in Stockyards City, has had its doors open to hungry cowboys, ranchers, cattle haulers and the like serving, reputedly the finest steaks in the Midwest.

Cattleman’s Steakhouse

1309 S. Agnew

Oklahoma City, OK 73108

Phone: 405-236-0416

Menu

Entrée:

Combo Dinner: Filet Mignon 6oz & (choice of) Chicken Breast or Grilled Salmon....served with baked potato and fresh steamed vegetable medley.

Salad:

Tossed Green Salad served with Homemade Croutons, House Dressing and Homemade yeast rolls.

Beverage:

Iced Tea, Soda or Fresh Brewed Coffee.

Dessert:

Slice of House made assorted Cream Pies.

(Menu subject to change)

8:00pm Depart for Water Taxi canal ride.

8:30pm-9:30pm Enjoy a Water Taxi ride on the one mile long Bricktown Water Canal. This narrated canal ride will weave in and around the Bricktown area past restaurants, shopping, waterfalls and a 47-piece bronze monument depicting the 1889 Oklahoma Land Rush.

Water Taxi, LLC

115 E. California Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Phone: 405-415-6779

9:30pm As we return to the SpringHill Suites we will drive by the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum to see the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial with a lighted night view.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

7:00am Luggage down by the bus and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am Depart for Sulphur, OK

10:00am-12:30pm This morning we visit the recently opened *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. Before leaving the Cultural Center we will enjoy a traditional Chickasaw Lunch: *Indian taco, pashofa, grape dumplings and a drink.*

Chickasaw Cultural Center

867 Cooper Memorial Drive

Sulphur, OK 73086

Phone: 580-622-7130

12:30pm Depart for Dallas, TX

3:00pm-5:00pm We visit *The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza*, a museum located on the sixth floor of the Dallas County Administration Building formerly the Texas School Book Depository. 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. During this self guided tour you will be assisted by an audio headset that will describe the events and happenings that occurred.

The Sixth Floor Museum

411 Elm Street

Dallas, TX 75202

Phone: 214-747-6660

5:00pm Depart for Duncanville, TX for Dinner.

5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner this evening at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

800 E. Hwy 67

Duncanville, TX 75137

Phone: 972-572-0580

Menu

Entrée:

(choice of)

Sampler Platter...fried shrimp, fried catfish fillet, fried crawfish & fried chicken tenders.

Cedar Plank Salmon...topped with garlic herb butter & broiled on a smoky cedar plank with asparagus.

Stuffed Shrimp Montage...oven baked jumbo shrimp filled with our "Maryland-Style" lump crab cake & finished with a parmesan cheese sauce served with fresh green beans.

Chicken Breast...served with garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli.

Salad:

Pappas Famous Greek Salad

Beverage:

Iced Tea, Soda, or Coffee

Dessert:

(choice of)

Crème Brulee with Fresh Fruit

Vanilla Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce

(Menu subject to change)

7:00pm Depart for lodging

7:15pm Check into overnight lodging.

Holiday Inn Express-Duncanville

1035 Hwy 67E

Duncanville, TX 75137

Phone: 972-298-8000

Thursday, May 3, 2012

7:30am Luggage out to bus and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at Hotel.

8:30am Depart for Buda, TX with rest stop in route.

12:30pm Lunch stop in Buda, TX (lunch on your own).

Culver's Restaurant

670 Old San Antonio Road

Buda, TX 78610

Phone: 512-295-1900

1:30pm Depart for San Antonio, TX

3:00pm Check into lodging for three night stay.

Embassy Suites

125 East Houston Street

San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 210-226-9000

5:15pm Depart for dinner

6:00pm-8:00pm Dinner this evening will be *River Cruise Dining* on the River Walk as we leisurely glide along the river while enjoying an elegant four course dinner.

Rio Rio Cantina Restaurant

421 E. Commerce Street

San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 210-226-8462

Menu

Appetizers:

Served On Tables... Tortilla Chips & Salsa

Salad:

Fiesta Field Salad... Crisp Romaine Lettuce Topped With Diced Red Tomatoes, Olive Slices, and a Avocado Slice Lightly Covered In Our Specialty House Dressing.

Entrée:

(Choice of)

Certified Angus Beef-Smoked Beef Brisket... Seasoned and Smoked to Perfection, Sliced and Drizzled with House Barbeque Sauce. Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Fresh Pickles and Onion Slices.

Pescado Fresco Mojo de Ajo... Fresh Orange Roughy Fish from the Gulf Pan Sautéed and Topped with Spanish Rice and Fresh Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables.

Dessert:

Kahlua Cinnamon Flan

Beverage:

Iced Tea

(Menu subject to change)

8:00pm Return to Embassy Suites

Friday, May 4, 2012

7:30am Full made to order Breakfast at Hotel

8:30am 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.

9:00am-10:30am Visit the SAS Shoe Factory and General Store. SAS Shoemakers (**San Antonio Shoe**) is a company that specializes in hand-crafted comfort shoes for seniors and other individuals with foot, ankle and lower leg problems. SAS Shoes has an excellent reputation for making quality comfort shoes. The General Store not only offers a complete line of their products but also displays a kitchen, a candy store, an ice cream parlor, vintage cars and early farm equipment in an early 1900's barn setting.

SAS Shoe Factory & General Store

101 New Laredo Hwy

San Antonio, TX 78224

Phone: 210-924-6507

10:30am Depart for *Mission San Jose*

11:00am-12:30pm With our Step-On-Guide we tour *Mission San Jose*, the largest Texas Mission founded in 1720 and often referred to as the "Queen of the Missions". The Church's carvings are among its most notable features and the famous "Rose Window" is considered one of the finest pieces of Spanish Colonial ornamentation in the country. Each of the 25 risers to the choir loft was hand-hewn from a single live-oak log and constructed without nails or pegs.

Mission San Jose

6701 San Jose Drive

San Antonio, TX 78214

Phone: 210-932-1001

12:30pm Depart for lunch at the Menger Hotel

1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch at the Menger Hotel

The Colonial Room Restaurant

Menger Hotel

204 Alamo Plaza

San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 210-223-4361

2:00pm-3:00pm As we tour *The Alamo* our Step-On-Guide will describe how James Bowie, David Crockett, William B. Travis and a small band of Texans held out for thirteen days against the Centralist army of General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. The eventual defeat at *The Alamo* stirred the immortal cry by Sam Houston, leader of the Texan Army, "*Remember the Alamo*". The 4.2 acre complex houses three buildings – the Shrine, Long Barrack Museum and Gift Museum.

The Alamo

300 Alamo Plaza

San Antonio, TX 78205

3:15pm-7:00pm Free time to spend as you please. It is a 10 minute walk from The Alamo to the Embassy Suites, our hotel. For those of you who do not want to walk back to the hotel from The Alamo, our bus will pick up at The Alamo at 3:15pm and return to the Embassy Suites. For those of you who choose to walk back to the hotel later we suggest you see the 37 minute movie "*Alamo: The Price of Freedom*" playing at the IMAX Theatre RiverCenter located adjacent to The Alamo. The movie generally starts on the hour every hour but check listings for possible time changes. (Cost of the movie on your own) Dinner this evening is on your own.

7:00pm Depart our hotel for the Aztec Theatre.

7:30pm-10:00pm 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. The show is located in the historic Aztec Theatre on the River Walk approximately 3-5 minute walk from our Embassy Suites Hotel. This historic theatre, which was built in 1926, has been completely restored to include state-of-the-art light, sound and video technology to showcase the live show.

San Antonio Rose Live

Aztec Theatre

104 N. St. Mary's Street

San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 210-212-7638

10:00pm Return to the Embassy Suites

Saturday, May 5, 2012

7:00am Full made to order Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am A local Step-On-Guide will once again join us on the bus for the day as we tour the scenic Texas hill country back roads, historic downtown Fredericksburg and the LBJ Ranch National Park.

9:30am-11:15am In nearby Stonewall, TX we visit the *LBJ Ranch National Park* located on the Pedernales River in the Texas hill country. After a brief stop at the visitor's center & gift shop we tour the ranch and at 9:30am we take 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.

LBJ Ranch National Park

Located near Stonewall, TX

11:15am Depart for WildSeed Farms

11:30am-12:30pm We make a visit to *Wildseed Farms*, 200 acres of wildflowers in various stages of development to include Texas bluebonnets, red corn poppies, phlox and a gorgeous array of other spring flowers. The Market Center is brimming with delightful gifts for home and garden as well as an incredible selection of Wildflower Seeds in seven regional mixes for anywhere in the US.

Wildseed Farms
100 Legacy Drive
P.O. Box 3000
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Phone: 800-848-0078

12:30pm Depart for Friedhelm's Bavarian Restaurant for lunch.

12:45am-1:45am Lunch at Friedhelm's Bavarian Restaurant

Friedhelm's Bavarian Restaurant
905 W. Main Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Phone: 830-997-6300

Menu

Entrée:

(Choice of)

Jager Schnitzel...A pork cutlet served with pan-fried potatoes.

Chicken Schnitzel...A chicken breast served with pan-fried potatoes.

Soup & Salad:

A cup of homemade soup & a dinner salad with choice of dressing. Fresh baked molasses-millet bread.

Beverage:

Any non-alcoholic drink

Dessert:

Slice of Apple Strudel

(Menu subject to change)

1:45pm-4:00pm Free time in downtown Fredericksburg, TX for shopping the many historic boutique shops on Main Street or perhaps tour the world class National Museum of the Pacific War; *Nimetz Museum*.

(admission on your own)

4:00pm Depart for San Antonio, TX

5:30pm Evening is free time to spend at your leisure. (Dinner on your own)

Sunday, May 6, 2012

7:00am Bags down by the bus and Full made to order Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am Depart for Waco, TX with rest stop in route.

11:30am-12:30pm Lunch at McAlister's Deli. (Lunch on your own)

McAlister's Deli
812 South 6th Street
Waco, TX 76706
Phone: 254-296-0380

12:30pm Depart for Shreveport, LA with rest stop in route.

5:00pm-6:00pm Shopping at Libby Glass Factory Outlet

Libby Glass Factory Outlet
4302 Jewella Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71109
Phone: 318-621-0265

6:00pm Depart for Bossier City, LA

6:30pm Check into lodging for overnight stay.

Boomtown Casino & Hotel
300 Riverside Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111
Phone: 318-746-0711

Dinner this evening will be at the “*Cattleman’s Buffet*” in the Hotel by voucher at your leisure.

Monday, May 7, 2012

7:00am Luggage down by the bus and Full Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel by voucher.

8:00am Depart for Monroe, LA

10:00am-12:00pm In 1894, Joseph A. Biedenharn, a country businessman in Vicksburg, Mississippi and owner of the Biedenharn Candy Company, made a world changing decision. In order for his customers outside downtown Vicksburg to have Coca-Cola, he had his brother Herman put Coca-Cola in a bottle making the Biedenharn Candy Company the first to ever bottle Coca-Cola. Today, Coca-Cola is sold in more than 200 countries. This morning we tour the elegant home of Joseph Biedenharn lavishly decorated with period furnishings and view the beautiful ELsong Gardens located behind the home with over an acre of terraces, fountains and formal plantings.

Adjacent to the home is the extensive collection of historically significant Bibles in the Bible Museum. Included are a page from the Gutenberg Bible, the first book printed with movable type, pages from the 1611 King James Bible and a 1608 Geneva Bible. As we conclude the tour we 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. Walk among the wonderful collection of Coca-Cola artifacts including a delivery truck, signs, posters, bottles and Coke machines.

Biedenharn Museum & Gardens
2000 Riverside Drive
Monroe, LA 71201
Phone: 318-387-5281

12:00pm Depart for lunch

12:15pm-1:15pm Lunch at McAlister’s Deli (Lunch on your own)

McAlister’s Deli
1202 Pecanland Road
Monroe, LA 71203
Phone: 318-324-9219

1:15pm Depart for Little Rock, AR with rest stop in route.

5:15pm Check into lodging for overnight stay.

Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown
707 Interstate 30
Little Rock, AR 72202
Phone: 501-687-7700

6:00pm Depart for Scott, AR for dinner.

6:30pm-8:30pm This evening 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.

Marlsgate Plantation
2695 Bearskin Lake Road
Scott, AR 72142
Phone: 501-961-1307

Menu

Entrée:

Roast Pork Tenderloin... with Fruit Chutney, a Three Wild Rice Blend grown on the farm. Fresh Green Beans and Carrots Grenadine. Meal accompanied with homemade yeast rolls.

Beverage:

Coffee, Tea, Soda and Wine... wine is included with the meal.

Dessert:

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake

8:30pm Return to Comfort Inn & Suites.

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

7:00am Luggage out by the bus and Deluxe Continental Breakfast at Hotel.

8:00am Depart for Sikeston, MO with rest stop in route.

12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch stop at Lambert's Café (Lunch on your own)

Lambert's Café
2305 E. Malone
Sikeston, MO 63801
Phone: 573-471-4261

2:00pm Depart for St. Charles, MO with rest stop in route.

5:00pm Arrive at Blanchette Park, St. Charles, MO