

TEXAS Triangle

APRIL 22-29, 2019



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Optional trip cancellation/medical insurance is available and strongly recommended. Insurance premium is due with deposit and is refundable up to final payment date. The premium is \$190 per person for double and single rates.

TOUR FARE

\$2,470 per person based on double occupancy.

\$3,080 per person based on single occupancy.

NOTE: Fares are subject to change due to unforeseen increases of airfare, taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Due to flight schedules, a pre-overnight hotel may be required at an additional cost.

PAYMENT POLICY

\$500 per person deposit is due no later than December 14, 2018 to secure your reservation. First come, first served. Final payment is due February 10, 2019. Please make checks payable to: **USS Tours, Attn: Pat Brown, 125 W. Main Street, Springfield, OH., 45502. PHONE: (937) 323-4948**

REFUND POLICY

100% of the tour cost will be refunded on all cancellations made prior to final payment date. Cancellations made after final date are subject to cancellation fees assessed by hotels, attractions and ground operators **if insurance is not purchased.**



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DALLAS • HOUSTON • SAN ANTONIO
PLUS FORT WORTH, WACO AND GALVESTON

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YOUR ITINERARY

TOUR INCLUDES:

- » Local airport transfers
- » Round-trip air transportation
- » Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- » 7 nights superior lodging
- » 14 meals (7B, 1-L & 6-D)
- » All sightseeing and attractions according to itinerary
- » All gratuities for baggage handling, drivers and local step-on guides
- » Professional Tour Manager

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- » \$3,080 per person - Single (\$190 INS)

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You will travel to the Gulf Coast—**Houston**; the South Texas Plains—**San Antonio** and the Prairies—**Dallas**. We have even thrown in **Waco** (The Magnolia Market), **Galveston** (oil rigs and sailing ships) and Fort Worth (a long-horn cattle drive). You will hear it in the music, taste it in the food and see it in the architecture, Texans are a diverse and colorful bunch. So, consider this a sampler plate of all that Texas has to offer as we take you “Deep in the Heart of Texas”!

*Deep
in the
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DAY 1:

Depart Springfield for the Port Columbus Airport for our flight to **Dallas**. Upon arrival we will meet a local guide for a guided city tour of Dallas including **Pioneer Plaza** commemorating the trails that brought settlers to Dallas and cattle to market. It features a larger-than-life bronze cattle drive with 49 longhorn cattle and 3 cowboys on horseback. Next we visit the **Sixth Floor Museum** at Dealey Plaza and learn about the life, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. This is the location where Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed our President on November 22, 1963. Next, enjoy lunch on your own at **Dallas Farmers Market** before we check into our hotel for a 2-night stay and enjoy dinner at a local favorite. **(D)**



Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

The Lone Star State

Texas wildflowers

DAY 2:

After a hearty breakfast head out to explore some of the sights Dallas is famous for. Take a guided tour of the AT&T Stadium the place where the Dallas Cowboys call home.

The stadium is massive with a length of 900 feet and 3 M square feet of space! Once inside you can't miss the world's largest high-definition television screen and its collection of museum-quality contemporary art. On to another famous attraction, the **George W. Bush Presidential Museum**. The museum features an interactive "Decision Points" theater; a full-scale replica of the Oval Office including a Resolute desk and a touching 9/11 tribute with authentic steel beams from the World Trade Center. Reboard the coach and



travel a short distance west to **Ft. Worth, Texas**. Here the Old West comes to life during the world's only **Longhorn Cattle Drive**. Every detail of the cattle drive—from the saddles and chaps to the boots and hats is authentic and historically correct. Afterward grub is served in a Wild-West Saloon complete with neon beer signs, and cowboy music! **(B, D)**



DAY 3:

Enjoy breakfast as your luggage is being loaded onto the coach. We depart for another Texas town—**Waco**. Upon arrival you will have plenty of time to explore and have lunch on your own at the **Magnolia Market at the Silos**, the world-famous home decor store founded by Chip & Joanna Gaines, creators of the HGTV show, "Fixer Upper.". With gardens in bloom, shaded tables in the food truck area and a FedEx Office so you can ship your purchases home, who could ask for more! We continue our "triangle routing" and travel to **Houston**. Upon arrival enjoy an included dinner at **Sylvia's Enchilada Kitchen cooking school**. Afterwards, we check into our hotel for a 2-night stay. **(B, D)**

DAY 4:

Today we explore **Space Center Houston, NASA and Johnson Space Center**, home to Mission Control and the astronaut training program. It is the only place on Earth where you can see astronauts train for missions, touch a moon rock and visit Mission Mars, focusing on future travel. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes 90-minute tram tour of NASA. This evening dinner will be on your own at **Luby's Cafeteria**. **(B)**



DAY 5:

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart for **Galveston**. Upon arrival we visit **The Ocean Star Offshore Oil Rig & Museum**. This museum is dedicated to the offshore oil and gas industry. Located next to the Strand National Historic Landmark District, the museum is housed on a retired jack-up rig set up in the Galveston harbor. Take a self-guided tour of the **Maritime Museum** that displays immigration through the port of Galveston and the role of the Texas Navy in winning Texas independence from Mexico. The 3-mast sailing Elissa is moored right beside the museum, and there is a short film about the renovation of the Elissa. Next, we see the movie The Great Storm of 1900, a sad story of the hurricane of 1900 that destroyed much of Galveston and killed an estimated 6000 people. After the movie we meander into the town and see how the city rebuilt itself as you enjoy lunch and shopping on your own. After lunch we complete our "triangle" making our way into San Antonio where we will check into the luxurious **Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio** Riverwalk, located on the San Antonio River, for a 3-night stay. Enjoy "Kick-back" dinner and drinks at the hotel. **(B, D)**



DAY 6:

We have a full day planned for you today, so be sure to fill up on a hearty breakfast. A local step-on guide will join us this morning for a tour of **Mission San Jos**, founded in 1797 it is an excellent example of American stone carving featuring the Rosa Window.

Pier out your coach window for an added attraction, the **Texas wildflowers** in full bloom! The Indian paintbrush and pink evening primrose color the landscape in March and April. Plus, blossoming buttercups as well as an exceptional display of spring-blooming trees like the fragrant deep purple mountain laurel, redbud trees with their magenta blossoms and Mexican plums draped in white fluffy flowers.



Lunch is served in the Victorian Colonial Room Restaurant at the historic **Menger Hotel** With a style and tradition befitting the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi. After lunch see the IMAX production "Alamo-The Price of Freedom" depicting the heroism of the 189 Texans who defended the Alamo for 13 days against the Mexican army of 4000. Then visit the hallowed ground of **The Alamo**. Originally a Roman Catholic Mission and now a museum in the Alamo Plaza Historic District, you will enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the site.



Time for dinner at **Mi Tierra Café** serving delicious Tex-Mex food and live Mariachi entertainment, Afterward, free time at the **Mexican Market, El Mercado**. Shop for authentic Talavera pottery, exotic curios and handcrafted works of art. End the day on a **River Walk Barge** complete with an entertaining narrative of the rich history of the San Antonio River Walk area. Your captain will share fascinating stories about the city's culture, history and architecture as you lazily float down 1 ½ miles of the canal. We return to the Drury for a much-needed restful night's sleep. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 7:

This morning and afternoon have been set aside for you to enjoy and explore the area at your leisure. Step out the front of the hotel and within minutes you are in the heart of **San Antonio's River Walk**. The River Walk is a virtual paradise of shops, restaurants, outdoor cafes' and hotels lining the river. With sidewalks, and stairs to the street level, explore over 100 locally owned shops and stalls at the festive indoor mall known as **Bienvenidos**. The historic market square on the River Walk has been in operation since the 1820's and is one of the largest Mexican markets outside of Mexico. We meet this evening to enjoy a fabulous "Farewell to the tour" dinner at **Paesanos Restaurant** on the River Walk. **(B, D)**



DAY 8:

Enjoy a final breakfast this morning at the hotel. We will board the coach and make our way to the airport for our flight back to Columbus. **(B)**

The Alamo

