

The Lonestar Loop



November 10-23, 2022 (14 Days)

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Oklahoma City Tour & Memorial**
- **Dallas Tour/Fort Worth Historic Stockyards**
- **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**
- **San Antonio Riverwalk - 3 night stay**
- **Houston-NASA's Johnson Space Center**
- **Ranch Tour & Rodeo**
- **Graceland Premier Tour in Memphis**

MAP AT A GLANCE



From the remote mountains of Big Bend to the dense forests of the Piney Woods, and the warm waters of the Gulf Coast to the refreshing rivers of the Hill Country, Texas boasts an enticing array of landscapes to explore. As any longtime Texan will tell you, there is no better way to experience the vastness and diversity of the state than to let your tour planner show you “The Lone Star State.” Encompassing 254 counties and 268,597 square miles, the second-largest state in the country offers a seemingly endless number of routes and things to see and do. Opportunities for adventure abound: we will be inspired by the open road as we venture across Texas. Texas is home to five of the country’s 15 largest cities. The beauty of each - much like Texas as a whole - is their uniqueness. From the cattle drives in Fort Worth to the historic San Antonio Missions to one of the most culturally diverse urban areas in the country in Houston, we will explore THE TEXAS TRIANGLE, first with Dallas and Fort Worth, separated by only 30 miles and so different. A visit to The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza presents a moving look at President Kennedy’s assassination from the very site where it took place. We visit the Fort Worth Stockyards, where we watch Texas cowboys drive cattle through the streets. Our next overnight will be in the capital city of Austin. Enroute we make a pit stop in Waco to check out the Magnolia Marketplace or the Doctor Pepper Museum. After our group photo on the steps of the capitol building, we head to San Antonio for 3 nights on the famed Riverwalk. Enjoy historic sights like the Alamo, take a river cruise, spend time in Corpus Christi, and even tour a ranch. Houston is our final point on the triangle, one of the most diverse cities and home to the Space Center.

**Thursday
Nov. 10**

Our Lone Star adventure begins early as we board our motorcoach and travel through Central Illinois and the city of St. Louis to Springfield, MO. (LS)

**Friday
Nov. 11**

Our route continues southwest through Missouri and into Oklahoma. After lunch we tour the **Will Rogers Memorial Museum** near Tulsa. Dioramas highlight Rogers' life, and various stints as a rodeo performer, vaudeville sensation, columnist, author and star of some 70 films. Next we drive into Tulsa and visit **Oral Roberts University**. From the observation deck atop the 200' glass and steel **Prayer Tower** the view of the campus and surrounding area is fabulous. We continue on to Oklahoma City and our hotel for the evening. (B, D)



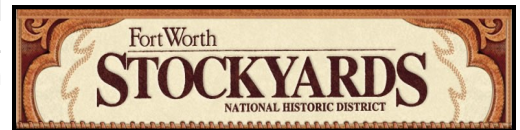
**Saturday
Nov. 12**

Our day begins with a **tour of Oklahoma City** as a local guide shows us the sights including the **Oklahoma City National Memorial**. The memorial was built in remembrance of the victims, survivors, and rescuers of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing on April 19, 1995. Next is the **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum**. After lunch, a docent escorts us through this 32-acre memorial to our Western pioneers. It contains an extensive collection of art, historic artifacts, and exhibits about American Indian and pioneer life in realistic settings. From Oklahoma City, our coach takes us south into Texas. We stay in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for 2 nights. (B, D)



**Sunday
Nov. 13**

This morning we visit **The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza**. President John F. Kennedy's life, death, and legacy are chronicled at the site of his assassination. **Dallas** is known for its progressive architecture, giving its skyline a recognizable image, but it's also surrounded by historic districts that have been transformed into entertainment, dining and retail areas. After the museum, we explore this diverse city with a **local expert**. From Dallas we drive the short distance to the rugged cowtown of Ft. Worth and the **Stockyards National Historic District**. Galleries, restaurants, and shops occupy many of the preserved stockyard structures.



Lunch (on your own) is in this historic area, followed by an informative **presentation on cattle herding**, a **guided tour of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame**, and an **antique wagon museum**. Finally we will experience a **cattle drive demonstration** as wranglers on horseback guide the Fort Worth Herd down East Exchange Avenue. Dinner and maybe even some **evening entertainment** is at the **Fort Worth Stockyards**. (B, D)



**Monday
Nov. 14**

Today it's on to **Waco**, a crossroads of trade and travel located half way between Dallas/Ft. Worth and Austin. A quick pit stop may include the **Dr. Pepper Museum**, the **Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum**, or spend your time at the famous Magnolia Market hoping to see Chip or JoJo. We continue south to Austin, Texas' capital city, and our hotel for the night. (B, LS)



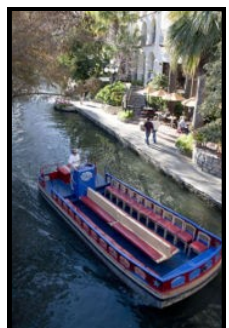
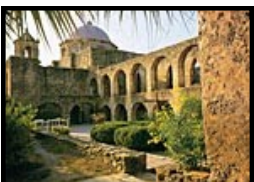
**Tuesday
Nov. 15**

Our day begins as we gather on the steps of the Texas State Capitol building for a group picture. Next on our agenda is a visit to the **Johnson City District of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park** in Johnson City. You may choose to walk through the **Lyndon B. Johnson Boyhood Home**, view a film in the **visitor center** or stroll through the restored **Johnson Settlement**. Lunch (on your own) is in Johnson City before we travel 15 miles west to the **Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site** near Stonewall. From Stonewall we travel to San Antonio. We will enjoy dinner tonight in San Antonio. (B, LS)



**Wednesday
Nov. 16**

First on our agenda this morning is a **San Antonio city tour**. Our local guide will show us the sites depicting the unique history and culture of this interesting city. We take in the **IMAX docudrama, "Alamo...The Price of Freedom"** which recounts the events of this well-known battle before we tour the **Alamo**. The Mission San Antonio de Valero, as it was originally known, was established in 1718 and was the site of the famous battle of 1836. A National Park Ranger will deliver an informative talk before we walk through the grounds. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the **narrated river cruise** aboard one of the colorful barges and explore the Paseo Del Rio (Riverwalk) with its beautiful architecture and many restaurants. (B, LS)



**Thursday
Nov. 17**



Today we explore **King Ranch** near Kingsville. The ranch covers 825,000 acres of protected habitat, is one of the largest privately-owned ranches, and is recorded on the National Register as the "Birthplace of American Ranching." A **BBQ luncheon** is on the menu for this afternoon. Upon arrival in Corpus Christi we have free time to check out the shops along the waterfront and then we board the Queen's Line vessel for a **2-hour dolphin watch cruise**. We return to San Antonio for our last night on the Riverwalk. **(B, L)**



**Friday
Nov. 18**

Houston is our destination today. Early afternoon finds us at **NASA's Johnson Space Center**. **Space Center Houston**, the official visitor center tells the story of America's manned space flight program through historic artifacts, hands-on exhibits, live presentations, and behind-the-scenes tours. Try on a space helmet, touch a moon rock, climb aboard computer simulators to retrieve a satellite, land the space shuttle, and walk on the moon. Take the tram tour to Johnson Space Center and stop at Mission Control, the Space Shuttle Training Facility, and other NASA laboratories. Houston is our home for 2 nights. **(B, LS)**

**Saturday
Nov. 19**

This morning we meet a **local guide for a tour of Houston**, the 4th largest city in the US. Highlights include the Chase Tower, the Galleria, the museum district, elegant River Oaks, and more.



Then we're off to **Galveston**, a 19th-century Victorian community located on Galveston Island, a barrier island, 2 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Our first stop is **Moody Gardens** and includes a 12-story aquarium containing marine life from several of the earth's oceans, and the Rainforest Pyramid containing streams, waterfalls, a Mayan colonnade, exotic plants, tropical fish and birds of the rainforests of Africa, Asia, and South America. Then we board the **Colonel**, a 3-deck paddlewheel boat for a **sightseeing cruise of Offatts Bayou**. We head into downtown Galveston for some free time to browse through the shops before returning to Houston. **(B, LS)**



**Sunday
Nov. 20**

Today we say good-bye to the Lone Star State and begin our northerly trek. In Kilgore, we visit the **East**

Texas Oil Museum. Our route takes us through eastern Texas to Hope, AR, and our overnight stay. **(B)**

**Monday
Nov. 21**

This morning we drive through southwestern Arkansas to Little Rock, and stop at the **William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum**. From Little Rock we travel near Memphis, TN, for our overnight accommodations. **(B, LS)**



**Tuesday
Nov. 22**

A short drive takes us to the home of **Blues, BBQ, and Elvis**. Our first stop is at **Elvis Presley's Graceland Complex**. The complex is comprised of the Graceland Mansion, Elvis' Custom Jets exhibit, Elvis' Automobile Museum, and many other exhibits. We overnight in Sikeston, MO, with our farewell dinner at Lambert's Café - Home of the Thrown Rolls. **(B, D)**

**Wednesday
Nov. 23**

Our trip to the Lone Star State comes to an end as we travel through Illinois, returning to Wisconsin with memories of the changing scenery and diverse cultures we found in Texas. So much great food, wonderful sights, and new friends made. **(B)**

All attractions and routing may be changed, omitted or substituted due to the scheduling during COVID. All adjustments will be of equal or greater value.



**TOUR PRICE: \$2999 Per Person Double
\$3899 Per Person Single**

TOUR INCLUDES :

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations for 13 nights
- Will Rogers Memorial Museum
- Oklahoma City Tour & National Memorial
- National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
- Fort Worth Stockyards & Cattle Drive
- Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame
- Dallas City Tour & The Sixth Floor Museum
- Texas Ranger Hall of Fame OR Dr Pepper Museum
- LBJ National History Park & Boyhood Home
- San Antonio Riverwalk (3 night stay) & Narrated Cruise
- The Alamo & IMAX
- King Ranch Tour
- Corpus Christi Dolphin Watch Cruise
- Houston City Tour & NASA Johnson Space Center
- Moody Gardens—Galveston Island
- Offatts Bayou Boat Tour
- Clinton Presidential Library and Museum
- Elvis Presley's Graceland
- Other Attractions per Itinerary
- Baggage Handling for 1 Suitcase per person, where available
- Services of a Personalized Tour Manager
- 13 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 4 Dinners
- 7 Light Suppers with Cocktails (dependent on arrival time)

**\$300 Per Person Deposit Due with Reservation
Final Payment Due September 1, 2022**



FIRST 8 PEOPLE TO SIGN-UP AND PAY DEPOSIT WILL RECEIVE AN UPGRADED ROOM TO RIVERWALK VIEW

TOUR #6557

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