

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

TEXAS & THE SOUTHWEST

WED - SUN APR 14-25, 2021.

REVISED: INCLUDES SOUTHFORK RANCH ("DALLAS"). NO OTHER SIMILAR TEXAS TOUR OFFERS SO MANY MEALS & INCLUSIONS . . . AT OUR 2019 PRICE!

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Medina, Mansfield, Columbus, Grove City, Washington CH.

We introduced this tour about 28 years ago and continue to offer it in various itineraries every other year and we invite you to consider this updated tour itinerary for 2021. This tour departure is scheduled so that we will be arriving in San Antonio for the Illuminated Parade of Lights, part of their annual Fiesta Texas Celebration. The river parade has music as floats pass in front of us along the banks of the San Antonio River . . . near our



hotel in the downtown area. Should there be any changes with the parade itself, be assured that you will be taking either a barge river cruise or dinner to celebrate our visit to the City of San Antonio, second largest city in Texas, originally a Spanish mission and colonial outpost.



We know of no other tour package available to you that has so many features for 2021; **after all, you will probably only be traveling here once, so why not go "in style" for even greater "memories" and at the same price as two years ago.**



- **Great Room Accommodations, with some of the properties welcoming you with both cocktails and a meal!**

- **Most every day includes a breakfast PLUS a Dinner or Luncheon . . . including upscale selections at top restaurants such as Cattlemen's Steakhouse!!! (Just count the number of B's, L's and D's in our day-by-day itinerary (below) to see these great inclusions on this tour! This tour includes a total of 23 Meals.**

- **Our past guests have raved over the selections and quality of the "first-class" meals at some of the most popular venues.**
- **You will be visiting these great destinations, not just "driving by" to say that you saw them from the "window of a bus" . . . you will be glad you chose to go on a quality Great Day! escorted tour!**

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6:30 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

SAN ANTONIO – RIVER WALK HOTEL*... in the heart of the city!*

Besides the evenings in San Antonio, we've added new attractions that we think will enhance your travel experience even more . . . and, for 2021, we are keeping the price of this tour at the same as two years ago yet keeping upscale meals and inclusions not found on many other tours!!!

This tour includes the delicious regional Southern-style food dishes that Texas, Louisiana and Alabama are known for, including a fabulous steak at one of the top restaurants in Fort Worth's Stockyard National Historic District. If you are not already aware of it, this area is surrounded by the rich history of the Fort Worth Stockyards, known for the world's only twice-daily cattle drives and live music . . . it is a "glimpse into the American West that can only be found here".

During the tour there will be a plantation-style dinner, cocktails or wine with several of our meals and some of the best seafood that you've ever had, with a bit of "Cajun cookin'" tossed into the mix, for those who enjoy it! Alternate choices are typically available for those preferring other types of entrees.

We will be touring Elvis's Graceland Mansion in Memphis, and, all new this year, will be our visit to the place that the "Ewings called Home" as we re-live those moments we saw during those many episodes of the "Dallas" television series. Then it is on to Fort Worth, Texas, where you will be selecting dinner from the Trailblazers Menu at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse in the Stockyards area . . . home of great steaks! Other fascinating inclusions will have you visiting the Waco Mammoth National Monument, a paleontological site and museum where fossils of 24 Columbian mammoths and other mammals have been

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uncovered. *(Please see our expanded day-by-day itinerary below that further describes all that you will enjoy each day of this tour.)*

We are stopping, at lunch time, at Magnolia Market at the Silos, a destination that has been popularized on the recent television series. Our passengers have always been fascinated and entertained at the Dr. Pepper Museum and the Texas Ranger Lawman Museum. Dinner will be served at a Texas bistro.



We will be touring a couple of missions and churches in San Antonio and, of course, The Alamo, originally named Misión San Antonio de Valero. It was founded in the 18th century as a Roman Catholic mission and fortress compound and is best known for the 1836 standoff between a group of Texans, led by Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, as they battled Mexican dictator Santa Anna.

In Louisiana we will be enjoying two cities, Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, as we dine and visit the most popular destinations, before we gradually turn northward on the first leg of the trip homeward. ***(Please see the listing of the additional anticipated visits we will be making in the day-to-day itinerary below.)***



Dining delights await us in Alabama as we dine at the state's premier restaurant, The Bright Star, which is always a delicious dining experience with our passengers. But there's still more as we enjoy the Musical "Clue" while dining at a dinner playhouse.

Our staff is sure that this is a package which you'll enjoy, given the traditional inclusions that we've offered for years, the new attractions added and our continuing practice of including many great meals in our tour.

Tour includes 23 meals . . . more than most anyone else!



\$2844 per person in a double
\$2779 per person in a triple
\$2714 per person in a quad
\$3725 per person in a single
Same price as two years ago

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.
Tours can now be booked online, 24 hours a day with a credit card.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY FOLLOWS . . . PLEASE CONTINUE READING >>>

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DETAILED ITINERARY FOR THIS TOUR

Wednesday, April 14th Coffee breaks will be made twice today and, at lunch time, we will be stopping at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in the Cincinnati area. During the afternoon we will be arriving at brand new Drury Plaza Hotel Nashville, located in the Downtown area, where cocktails and supper await us.



Take time to relax and, if interested, enjoy a swim in the indoor-outdoor pool or to visit the local attractions that may be open this evening. **(D)**



Thursday, April 15th We will be enjoying a breakfast buffet at the hotel this morning. A coffee break will be made mid-morning enroute to Memphis; arriving about 12 Noon. Lunch is available at one of Elvis Presley's Graceland restaurants. Then we will be touring Graceland Mansion, exploring the personal side of Elvis Presley. From our first step inside the mansion to his Jungle Room, through his beautiful Meditation Garden, you'll be seeing how the "King of Rock & Roll" lived. During the late afternoon will be traveling west, seeing several plantations, with their stately-columned mansions built in the mid-1800s, shaded by ancient oaks and pecan trees as the coach travels towards Little Rock. This evening a delicious dinner awaits us, not far from our rooms at the Wyndgate by Wyndham. **(B, D)**



Friday, April 16th Following breakfast we depart for a stop, new to our package, the beautiful Southfork Ranch, and touring the homestead that the Ewings "called home" and, for 356 episodes starring Larry Hagman, millions of viewers visited each week for thirteen years. The series was seen in 95 countries from 1978 to 1991 and continues to be seen in syndication. Each year many guests, like our passengers, will be boarding the tram to take us to the beautiful white mansion, pool, barns and surroundings that were made famous in the television series. We've also arranged for you to see the "gun that shot J.R."

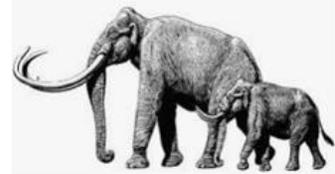


A little over an hour away, we will be arriving at our destination for the evening. Fort Worth is known for great steakhouses so we have reservations for a fabulous meal, one of the highlights of this tour, at Cattleman's Steakhouse in the Stockyards Tourist Area.



Each day there are still morning and afternoon “Cattle Drives” through the Stockyard area. You’ll be able to select from their impressive **“Trail Blazer Menu”** that includes various (large) steaks, pork chops, chicken, shrimp, baked fish and pastas . . . with most folks selecting “steak” since that is what they are most known for. **Bon Appetit or whatever they say in Texas! (B, D)**

Saturday, April 17th Breakfast is again included before we travel into Waco to visit the Mammoth National Monument, a paleontological site and museum where fossils of 24 Columbian mammoths and other mammals have been uncovered. Standing as tall as 14 feet and weighing 20,000 pounds, Columbian Mammoths roamed across what is present-day Texas thousands of years ago. Today, the fossil specimens at this site & museum represent the nation's first and only recorded evidence of a nursery herd of Ice Age Columbian Mammoths.



Afterwards, the motorcoach will be making a stop for lunch at Magnolia Market at the Silos. Occupying two city blocks in downtown Waco, it has been popularized by HGTV “Fixer Upper” stars Chip and Joanna Gaines; their store offers items in owner Joanna’s unique style.



Our afternoon stops include the fascinating Dr. Pepper Museum which is now home to the nation’s oldest major soft drink. It is housed in the 1906 Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Company building located in downtown Waco. This 100 year-old building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the *“Home of Dr Pepper”*. The museum now has a collection that includes over 300,000 artifacts.



During our time in Texas, we will be visiting a tribute to the people who made the state what it is today, honoring those who brought law and order to the region. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum is located on the banks of the Brazos River and preserves the history of the Texas Rangers, a legendary symbol of Texas and the American West.





Dinner will be served at a popular Mediterranean Bistro this evening before we check into Marriott's Fairfield Inn & Suites. **(B, D)**

Sunday, April 18th After breakfast we will continue southward, arriving for two nights, near the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas . . . the near-perfect location in this historic city. The evening is yours to enjoy the activities along the Riverwalk. While it is actually a river

that travels through the downtown area, it actually appears more like a canal that most of us may be familiar with. **(B, L)**

Monday, April 19th Breakfast awaits you this morning before we depart on our tour. Missions were built along the San Antonio River during the 1700s and are reminders of the extent of Spain's dominion north from Mexico. We will be visiting various sites such as a Spanish Mission, Cathedral and, of course, the Alamo. A visit will be made at the Rivercenter to view "*The Alamo*" film at the Imax Theater. The Alamo, originally named Mision San Antonio de Valero, was founded in the 18th century as a Roman Catholic mission and fortress compound and is best known for the 1836 standoff between a group of Texans, led by Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, as they battled Mexican Dictator Santa Anna. This evening we will either be enjoying a traditional Tex-Mex Feast to celebrate our time here or, assuming that the parade will be held this year, we will be seeing the Texas Cavalier River Parade of Lights. Festive music fills the air and vibrant floats pass along the banks of the San Antonio River. It was started in the city after a group of residents saw the boats and barges that were decorated with bright flowers and vibrant colors in the "floating gardens" of Mexico City and they decided that a similar experience would coincide with the San Antonio River bend restoration . . . and has continued since 1941, with funds raised supporting children's charities. **(B, D)**



TOUR of TEXAS



Tuesday, April 20th Breakfast is included and then we check out to travel eastward through Houston enroute to Louisiana with a stop for coffee and lunch enroute. We will be making a stop or two in the Lake Charles-Baton Rouge region of Louisiana, before dinner. **(B, D)**

Wednesday, April 21st and Thursday, April 22nd Our staff has been working with the



Louisiana Office of Tourism and has visited some of the top attractions in this area. Over these two days we will be visiting a number of fascinating destinations, such as many of the following, plus staying two nights at Marriott's SpringHill Suites: **(2 B, L, D)**

- **Touring a “Gothic Jail” , a majestic old building unlike any other. The “locals” affectionately refer to it as “The Hanging Jail” , although it is also known as “The Gothic Jail”.**
- **Great regional dining, a number of meals where you select the entrée.**
- **We will be learning of how this area became known as “No Man’s Land”.**
- **Again, great regional dining, a number of meals where you select the entrée.**
- **searA distillery tour and tasting of Bayou Rum, distilled from locally-grown sugarcane in the southern part of Louisiana. You will be learning about the area’s signature “sugarhouse” recipe that consists of a blend of 100 percent natural, unrefined Louisiana sugarcane and molasses. This tasty product is pot-distilled and then bottled by hand.**
- **Oh, did we mention the great meals you’ll be enjoying during this part of the tour?**
- **For something really unique, we will be visiting a Crawfish Farm where we will be learning about the crawfish habitat and the harvesting process.**
- **Especially fascinating will be our visit to a General Merchandise Store that originally opened in 1910 in a rural community. Experience a simpler time, when townfolk picked up their mail, bought groceries, shopped for notions and toys and caught up on the news – all at the same place, this General Store.**
- **We have included a visit to a “Gator Chateau”, the home to rescued, baby alligators, until they are able to be released back into their natural habitat.**
- **... and other points of interest in-between some delicious meals!**



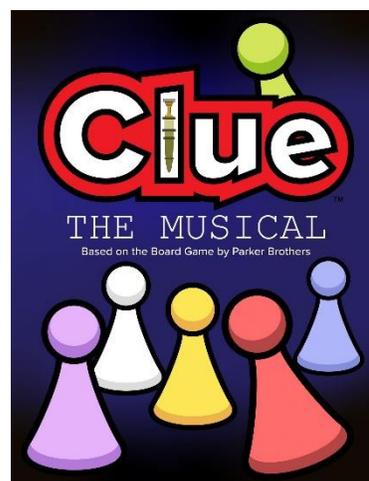
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Friday, April 23rd We will be starting our trip northward, seeing the beauty of the “Deep South” which includes the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, offering various sights and attractions along the way. This area that we will be traveling through has its own culture and history, with residents known for their friendliness. Food is legendary and portions are large! We will be seeing lovely old towns, stunning wilderness areas, sumptuous plantation homes and even an old cemetery or two during today’s “road trip”.



A terrific dinner awaits us in Bessemer, Alabama, at a restaurant that originally opened in 1914. For more than a century, The Bright Star has been serving customers from across the state of Alabama and the southeast. **(B, D)**

Saturday, April 24th We will be traveling north towards the Louisville-Clarksville area after breakfast. Stops will be made along the way and, upon arrival, we will be checking into our hotel to “freshen up” before a dinner buffet, followed by a short performance by the dining room staff and then seeing, “Clue, The Musical”; the internationally-popular game comes to life in this fun filled musical with the world’s best-known suspects. Only one hard-nosed female detective is qualified to unravel this mystery, but you too can play along in this merry mayhem! **(B, DS)**



Sunday, April 25th A relaxing breakfast is included before we depart and head northward, towards home. But, as we travel along, you will be experiencing another of the meals that Great Day! Tours is known for . . . a mid-day Sunday dinner. Sit back, enjoy the meal and feel free to talk about all the great places that have been included in this tour package. **(B, D)**