

# Celebrate a Festive ''Christmas in San Antonio'' Your Group Name Here December 6-11, 2017

Welcome to San Antonio, one of the most unique cities in the world. It's a bit of the Old South and Wild West. It's where the gentle river dances through the heart of the city and the fiesta never seems to end. What better time to discover San Antonio than at Christmastime ... when holiday festivities abound and the Riverwalk canals are lined with spectacular luminaries. Come, feel the excitement and join the fun!

## DAY 1 Friday ARRIVE SAN ANTONIO - THE ALAMO - WELCOME DINNER

During the holidays, San Antonio is indeed a sight to behold! The city goes all out for this special time of year. Upon arrival we will begin by visiting the Institute of Texan Cultures and meet the pioneers of Texas through exciting, creative displays featuring 27 ethnicgroups that built the Lone Star State. Afterwards we will then transfer to our hotel, which is ideally located on the Riverwalk. Tonight, join our travel partners for a delicious welcome dinner at a "Texan" restaurant. But first, you will step into Bethlehem at San Antonio's oldest Lutheran Church and enjoy Lo Esperamos. (D)

# DAY 2 Saturday FREDERICKSBURG - LBJ RANCH - JOHNSON CITY

A wonderful day of touring awaits after breakfast. Board our motorcoach for a trip to the LBJ Ranch and listen to tall Texan tales of Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson and their days in the White House. During his term in office, many historic decisions were made at the ranch; so therefore, Johnson's home was dubbed by the press as the "Texas White House". Then it's on to the beautiful Texas hill country town of Fredericksburg which was settled by immigrant families from Germany in 1846. German is still spoken here occasionally and a delicious lunch is included at a Bavarian restaurant. This afternoon stroll along the lovely wide streets, which are lined with century old gingerbread houses and antique shops galore. Now is the time to pick up those unique Christmas gifts. Or as an option, you may want to visit the Museum of the Pacific War which is dedicated to all who served in World War II with Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. En route back to San Antonio, drive through quaint Johnson City (the boyhood home of President Johnson) to see their annual Christmas lighting display and a very special Christmas Pageant at the First United Methodist Church (B,L) note pageant runs 2<sup>nd</sup> FRI & SAT of DEC only

## DAY 3 Sunday SAN ANTONIO CITY TOUR - MI TIERRA - MEXICAN MARKET

This morning begins with a hearty Brunch at the historic Menger Hotel. After brunch this morning, we depart for a full day of sightseeing. We will visit the beautiful Mission San Jose, "Queen of the Missions". See the Rose Window, one of the finest pieces of Spanish Colonial architecture in the country. Our next stop is San Fernando Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in the United States and the spiritual center of San Antonio. Have a look inside the Spanish Governor's Palace, once the residence of the highest ranking

Spanish military official. After a scrumptious late lunch at the legendary Mi Tierra Restaurant.we will continue with our tour guide visiting San Antonio's first mission, the Alamo. Take your seatat the IMAX Theatre for "Alamo .... The Price of Freedom". Relive history's unforgettable thirteen days of glory as 189 Texan and Tejano defenders fight for independence. IMAX puts you in the middle of the action with its six story screen and six-track stereo sound. Afterwards, walk around the chapel which is all that remains of the original Fort. The remainder of the day you may want to enjoy strolling along the river walk or return for some shopping time at the oldest and largest Mexican Market in the U.S. Dinner will be on your own tonight. Tonight we will hop on the San Antonio river barge for a relaxing ride amidst all the sparkling colorful lights. (BR,L)

## DAY 4 STEVE'S HOUSE - DEPART FOR HOME

This morning have some breakfast before checking out of the hotel. Drive to the famous King William District which was started by the German well-to-do merchants at the turn of the century. Here, we will visit "Steve's House", a Victorian home beautifully decorated for the holidays. Then before you know it, it's time to transfer to the airport. Depart with warm memories of the gracious hospitality Texas is so famous for. Thank you for exploring with us and join us soon for another wonderful adventure! (B)

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

\* 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations Located on the Riverwalk

\* Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation While Touring

\* 6 Meals: 1 Dinner (D), 2 Lunches (L) and 3 Extended Continental Breakfasts (CB)

\* Admission to the IMAX Theatre and the Alamo

\* Riverbarge Rid e\* LBJ Ranch Tour

\* Christmas Pageant at Johnson City

\* Christmas Lights Driving Tour through Johnson City

\* San Antonio City Tour

\* Mission San Jose and San Fernando Cathedral

\* The Spanish Governor's Palace

\* The Institute of Texan Cultures

\* The Mexican Market \* Los Esperamos at St. Johns Lutheran Church

\* King William District and "Steve's House"

\* Services of a Professional Local Tour Guide (excluding gratuities\*\*)

\* Roundtrip Airport Transfers

\* Roundtrip Baggage Handling (one piece per person)

\*\* Recommended tipping: \$3 for tour escort/\$2 for driver (per person, per day)

### LAND PRICE PER PAYING PASSENGER:

DOUBLE: \$799.00 TRIPLE: \$749.00 SINGLE: \$1029.00

ADD RT AIRFARE FROM TO SAN ANTONIO (p.p.): \$0.00

(Price based on current rates and fuel taxes; subject to change.)

TOUR OPTION: Add \$6.00 p.p. for the Museum of the Pacific War.