

**Group Travel Masters and Your Name Here Presents:
San Antonio & Big Bend, Texas
2024**



Day One: (D)

Arrive San Antonio. Tour the SAS Factory and General store prior to checking into the Drury Plaza Hotel on the Riverwalk. A welcome dinner is included this evening at the Tower of the Americas with a view of the city from 750 feet up.



Day Two: (B)

Breakfast is included this morning at the hotel. City Tour of San Antonio, including IMAX – The Price of Freedom and the Alamo. Then a walking tour of La Villita Historic Arts Village with over 20 shops, galleries and restaurants is included. Lunch is on your own at one of the four quaint restaurants in La Villita. Return to the Riverwalk for an included cruise. Dinner is on own this evening.



Day Three: (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin with a tour of the Institute of Texan Culture where you will learn the stories of immigrants from around the globe who settled in Texas and contributed to what is today the 15th largest economy in the world. Continue to Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard. While best known for olive trees, olive oil and the various olive oil and olive leaf based skin care products it produces, Sandy Oaks is also celebrated for its emphasis on hospitality and educating the public on the benefits and various uses of olive oil. Visit Market Square and San Antonio Missions National Historic Park. Dinner is included at La Margarita Restaurant in Market Square.



Day Four: (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast depart for the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park where you will go on a guided tour of the LBJ Ranch. See the Texas White House and visit the LBJ birthplace. Depart for Fredericksburg, the Jewel of the Texas Hill Country. Enjoy a visit to the Pioneer Museum Complex and the Wildseed Farm, and the National Museum of the Pacific War. Lunch is included in Fredericksburg at the Auslander Biergarten, Continue to Fort Stockton and check into the Candlewood Inn & Suites.





Day Five: (CB, D)

A deluxe continental breakfast is included at the hotel. Discover the Big Bend Region beginning with Alpine. Alpine is considered the 'Hub of West Texas'. Established in 1888, Alpine is the largest of the communities making up the Big Bend Region as well as the county seat. It is the home of Sul Ross State University, and the Museum of the Big Bend. Continue to Marathon and tour the Marathon Historical Museum which contain displays from the early days of Marathon and its ranching, railroad and industrial history. Lunch is on your own in Marathon. Next is the Big Bend Visitors Center. Big Bend encompasses over 800,000 acres. The main feature of Big Bend National Park is its unique diversity. From the banks of the Rio Grande to the Basin in the Chisos Mountains, you will discover diversity in climate, terrain, and vegetation.

Overnight is at the luxurious Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa. Each accommodation is uniquely designed with individuality, and as such, no two rooms are alike. Dinner is included at the resort.



Day Six: (CB, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Continue our tour of Big Bend again today, including the Farm to Market Road, a 114.6-mile (184.4 km) highway known locally as the River Road, running along the United States side of the Rio Grande which in Texas forms the international boundary between the U.S. and Mexico. Continue to Marfa, where the attractions include the historical architecture and classic Texas Town Square, modern art at the Chinati Foundation and in galleries around town, and the Marfa lights. Dinner is included in Marfa before attempting to view the Marfa Lights. Sightings are reported occasionally and unpredictably, perhaps 10 to 20 times a year.



Considerable attention has been drawn to a particular phenomenon known as the 'Marfa Lights.' These lights of unknown origin have been reported since the late 1800s by cowboys, ranchers and just passerby's on the nearby Hwy 67. Thought to be anything ranging from gases, to St. Elmo's fire to the spirit of the Indian Chief Alsate and his men, and featured on the Weather Channel and Unsolved Mysteries, a definitive explanation has yet been offered. Since there is no guarantee the Marfa Lights will make a showing on any given night, we recommend, the more wine you bring, the better your odds become..... Overnight at the Candlewood inn & Suites in Fort Stockton

Day Seven: (CB)

Breakfast at the hotel

Return to San Antonio & Home

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