

SAN ANTONIO CHRISTMAS ON THE RIVERWALK



Plus Biloxi & New Orleans

November 26 - December 2, 2018

7 Days / 6 Nights

Includes 12 Meals

(No One under 21 on this Tour)



Day 1: We're on our way to the Lone Star State of Texas! The word "Texas" comes from 'tejas', the Caddo Indian word for "friendly". And we will find it so—all along the way! We have accommodations for tonight at the beautiful **Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS**. A **dinner buffet** is included tonight. Tonight is ours to enjoy the excitement of our casino hotel. (D)

Day 2: Our travels today carry us on to **Houston, Texas**, the most populous city in Texas and the fourth-most populous city in the United States. Enroute we will visit the tallest Capitol in the U.S. in **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**. The building is 450 feet high with 34 floors. The Capitol Building was completed after only 14 months in 1932 and cost a modest \$5 million to complete. We'll take the elevator to the Observation Deck on the 27th floor, which overlooks the city of Baton Rouge. The views of the gardens are spectacular. What began as the dream of one man - Governor Huey P. Long - became a symbol of pride, history and the spirit of Louisiana people. In 1935, the building that Long built was also the site of his assassination. Senator Long is buried on the grounds and his statue faces the Capitol.

Lunch will be included today featuring some authentic Cajun/Creole cooking! By late afternoon we arrive in the Houston area, where we have accommodations for tonight. (B,L)



Day 3: Following breakfast this morning we continue on to **San Antonio, Texas**. "Remember the Alamo" are words we all know. Our accommodations for the next three nights are in the downtown area, along the beautiful **River Walk**, the pride of the city. Cobblestone walkways lead to the river-level shops and restaurants. Upon arrival we will visit the **Buckhorn Museum & Texas Ranger Hall of Fame**. It is actually five museums in one! with Horns, Fins, Feathers, The Hall of Texas History Wax Museum,

and special exhibits unlike anything seen in any other museums in the world. The Texas Ranger Museum honors the incredible history of the world's most famous law enforcement agency. Lunch will be included in the same Saloon where Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders and Pancho Villa is rumored to have planned the Mexican Revolution.

Following lunch we'll walk the short distance to see the **IMAX docudrama "Alamo - The Price of Freedom"**, presented on a screen six stories tall. The film recounts the battle of the Alamo. Next, it's just a short walk for a visit to the shrine, **The Alamo**. This evening is free to enjoy dinner on our own and soak in the Christmas spirit along the Riverwalk. This holiday season, the Riverwalk shines brighter than ever when the sun goes down as thousands of colorful holiday lights are displayed along the banks and in the tall Cypress trees. (B,L)



Day 4: Following breakfast we welcome our **local guide** onboard to help us explore the fascinating city of San Antonio, the cradle of Texas liberty and the deathbed of such heroes as Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie. Stops will include the SAS Factory Store. San Antonio is home to the famous **SAS** (San Antonio Shoes) footwear! Following our tour lunch is on our own at **Market Square**, the largest Mexican Market in the U.S. with plenty of time for some holiday shopping.

This afternoon is free to explore the fabulous River Walk area. The 2.5 mile tree-lined River Walk, or Paseo del Rio, symbolizes the beauty and romance of the city at Christmas time. We may want to browse in the River Center Mall, take a trolley ride, or just relax at an outdoor café along the River Walk.

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The highlight of the day will be a **River Cruise** on a colorful barge floating along the San Antonio River Walk. Experience a historical narrative tour from your Boat Pilot. The Riverwalk is especially beautiful at this time of the year with Holiday lights and luminaries. It's an enchanted kind of evening. Tonight we will have **dinner included** at a local favorite restaurant. (B,D)



Day 5: Following breakfast we will travel to **Austin** for a visit to this beautiful city. Our first stop is a visit to the **Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library**, one of thirteen Presidential Libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. It houses 45 million pages of historical documents which include the papers from the entire public career of Lyndon Baines Johnson and those of his close associates. We'll have some free time for lunch on our own in Austin. Following an **included lunch** in the area, we will have a guided tour of the **Texas State Capitol**. Completed in 1888 in downtown Austin, the capitol contains the offices and chambers of the Texas Legislature and the Office of the Governor. Designed in 1881 by architect Elijah E. Myers, it was constructed from 1882 to 1888. A \$75 million underground extension was completed in 1993. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 and recognized as a National Historic Landmark in 1986. By mid-afternoon we depart for our return to San Antonio for our overnight again. (B,L)



Day 6: Following our breakfast this morning it's on to **New Orleans**, Louisiana's largest city. In the French Quarter old brick and plaster buildings with iron-tatted balconies crowd narrow streets, while just across Canal Street new office towers soar. We will have **dinner included** at one of the popular restaurants in the **French Quarter**, with some free time for browsing. Our accommodations for tonight are in the New Orleans area. (B,D)



Day 7: Today we travel home with so-o-o many memories of the wonderful time we've had the past seven days! We just can't believe all that we have seen and done! Let's get together again real soon. (B)

***This tour requires that you can comfortably walk 4-5 blocks on several occasions**

**\$1280 PP Double / \$1170 PP Triple
\$1060 Quad / \$1745 Single**

**Deposit/Payment Requirements:
\$400.00 Deposit Per Person due with reservation**

*Plus cost of travel protection, if desired
(travel protection offers insurance benefits & non-insurance services)
cost per person is: \$93 Double, Triple or Quad , \$115 Single*

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