

LONESTAR LEGENDS

Waco, Houston & San Antonio

February 16 - 27, 2027



Day 1: Journey Begins to Wichita, KS

Today your exciting Texas adventure begins! Settle into the comfort of our deluxe motorcoach as we travel south toward the Lone Star State. Watch the scenery gradually transform from rolling Midwestern farmland to the expansive landscapes of the Southwest. Along the way, enjoy getting acquainted with your fellow travelers, hearing stories, and anticipating the wonderful experiences that await over the coming days. Before long, new friendships will be formed and the excitement of discovery will be well underway.

Day 2: Wichita, KS to Waco, TX

This morning we pause for one of the most meaningful visits of our journey at the **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum**. During your self-guided visit, you'll walk through beautifully designed exhibits that thoughtfully preserve the memory of those affected by the 1995 bombing. The Outdoor Symbolic Memorial, the Field of Empty Chairs, and compelling multimedia presentations provide a moving tribute to resilience, hope, and the enduring strength of the human spirit. Following our visit, we continue south into Texas, where the state's legendary hospitality welcomes us. As the landscape changes to rolling prairies and wide-open skies, we'll arrive in charming Waco for our evening stay.

Day 3: Waco, TX

This morning is yours to enjoy one of Texas' most celebrated destinations—**Magnolia Market at the Silos**. Created by HGTV's Chip and Joanna Gaines, this beautifully designed marketplace has become a destination for visitors from around the world. Wander through stylish boutiques filled with home décor, seasonal treasures, gourmet treats, clothing, and unique gifts. Relax in the beautifully landscaped grounds, enjoy the lively atmosphere, or simply sit back with a cup of coffee while soaking in the charm that has made Magnolia famous. Lunch is at **Magnolia Market**, allowing you time to sample some of the delicious offerings from the popular food trucks and eateries. This afternoon, discover the fascinating story behind Dr Pepper, America's oldest major soft drink, during a self-guided visit through the historic **Dr Pepper Museum**. Explore vintage advertisements, antique bottling equipment, interactive exhibits, and the rich history of this iconic Texas beverage. Of course, no visit would be complete without enjoying a refreshing Dr Pepper. Later, step into the legendary world of frontier justice at the **Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum**. Through fascinating exhibits, historic firearms, artifacts, and personal stories, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the courageous men and women who helped shape Texas history and earned worldwide respect as one of America's most legendary law enforcement agencies.

Pricing Per Person

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11 Breakfasts 4 Lunch 1 Dinner 4 Kickbacks

Activity Level: Moderate Traveler

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*"In Texas, every road leads to a story,
every town has a legend, and every
sunset is unforgettable."*

Day 4: Waco, TX

Today is devoted to one of the most unique experiences in Texas as we visit *Homestead Heritage*, a thriving Christian community, working farm, and traditional craft village located just outside Waco. Here, generations-old skills continue to flourish as talented artisans practice woodworking, pottery, blacksmithing, weaving, fiber arts, and other handcrafted trades. Enjoy an informative guided *craft tour* where you'll witness remarkable craftsmanship firsthand before indulging your sweet tooth during an engaging *chocolate-making tour*. Afterwards, climb aboard for a relaxing *scenic hayride and wagon ride* through the beautiful countryside while learning about the community's agricultural traditions. A delicious *farm-style lunch* is included before you have additional time to browse the *artisan shops* featuring handcrafted furniture, pottery, baked goods, leatherwork, and specialty foods. This memorable day concludes with a fun-filled *pizza party*, offering another opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of your fellow travelers.

Day 5: Waco, TX to Houston, TX

No trip to Texas would be complete without experiencing the legendary *Buc-ee's*, a destination unlike any other. More than simply a travel stop, Buc-ee's is famous for its spotless facilities, enormous selection of snacks, fresh bakery items, Texas barbecue, homemade fudge, unique gifts, and endless souvenirs. Enjoy lunch while exploring this unforgettable Texas institution. This afternoon provides one of the most profound experiences of our journey as we visit the *Holocaust Museum Houston*. During a guided tour, authentic artifacts, moving exhibits, and the deeply personal stories of Holocaust survivors come together to create an experience that is both educational and emotionally powerful. The museum serves as an inspiring reminder of the importance of compassion, tolerance, and preserving history so future generations may never forget.

Day 6: Houston, TX

Today we spend the majority of the day exploring one of America's greatest achievements in science and exploration—*Space Center Houston*, the official visitor center for *NASA's Johnson Space Center*. Your included guided tour offers an incredible behind-the-scenes look at America's space program, taking you through astronaut training facilities, Mission Control, and remarkable exhibits showcasing spacecraft, lunar artifacts, and historic space exploration milestones. Interactive displays, authentic spacecraft, and inspiring stories of innovation bring the excitement of space travel to life. Whether you're fascinated by science or simply curious about humanity's journey beyond Earth, today promises to be one of the highlights of your Texas adventure.



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Day 7: Houston, TX to San Antonio, TX

Today you'll discover one of Texas' most treasured hidden gems as a knowledgeable local guide introduces you to the famous ***Painted Churches of Texas***. Built by Czech and German immigrants during the late 1800s, these modest country churches reveal breathtaking interiors filled with intricate hand-painted ceilings, elaborate stenciling, brilliant colors, and remarkable craftsmanship that rival many of Europe's great cathedrals. Visits include the magnificent ***St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church*** in Schulenburg and the beautiful ***Saint John the Baptist Czech Catholic Church*** in La Grange, each offering its own fascinating story of faith, heritage, and perseverance. Late this afternoon we arrive in historic ***San Antonio***, checking into the elegant ***Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk***, perfectly located in the heart of the city. The evening is yours to experience the unforgettable atmosphere of the famous ***San Antonio River Walk***. Stroll beneath towering cypress trees along beautifully landscaped waterways lined with outdoor cafés, lively restaurants, charming boutiques, local musicians, and colorful lights reflecting across the river. Whether you choose to enjoy authentic Tex-Mex cuisine, live entertainment, or simply soak in the ambiance, this evening captures the very essence of San Antonio.

Day 8: San Antonio, TX

Today is devoted to discovering the remarkable history that shaped the Lone Star State. Begin with a self-guided visit to the legendary ***Alamo***, one of America's most recognized historic landmarks. Explore the beautifully preserved grounds where brave defenders made their courageous stand during Texas' fight for independence, and learn why the phrase "Remember the Alamo" continues to inspire generations. Following lunch, continue exploring ***San Antonio Missions National Historical Park***, a UNESCO World Heritage Site preserving four of the nation's finest examples of Spanish colonial missions. Visit ***Mission San José***, often called the "Queen of the Missions," along with ***Mission Concepción***, ***Mission San Juan***, the remarkable ***Espada Aqueduct***, and ***Mission Espada***. Together these remarkable landmarks tell the story of early Spanish settlement, Native American culture, and centuries of Texas history. This evening, prepare for one final surprise as we enjoy a special ***Mystery Event***, carefully selected to provide another memorable experience you'll be talking about long after the tour ends.

Day 9: San Antonio, TX

Begin your morning with a peaceful visit to San Antonio's beautiful ***Japanese Tea Garden***, an enchanting oasis featuring stone bridges, koi ponds, colorful flowers, cascading waterfalls, and beautifully landscaped walking paths. It's the perfect place to relax and enjoy one of the city's most scenic treasures. This afternoon, descend beneath the Texas Hill Country into the spectacular ***Natural Bridge Caverns***, the largest commercial caverns in Texas. During your guided tour, marvel at towering chambers filled with enormous stalactites, stalagmites, delicate flowstones, and dramatic rock formations created naturally over millions of years. Following your underground adventure, enjoy trying your luck at ***gem panning***, where you can uncover colorful stones and keepsakes to remember your visit. Before returning to San Antonio, we'll make a fun stop for photos at the famous ***World's Largest Cowboy Boots***, a whimsical Texas landmark that's become one of the state's favorite roadside attractions. Tonight, relax aboard a narrated ***San Antonio River Cruise***, gliding peacefully along the winding ***River Walk*** as your guide shares fascinating stories about the city's history, architecture, and culture. As evening lights shimmer across the water, you'll quickly understand why the River Walk is considered one of the most beautiful urban settings in America.

Day 10: San Antonio, TX to Fort Worth, TX

This afternoon we arrive at the legendary **Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District**, where Texas' rich western heritage is proudly preserved. Stroll wooden boardwalks lined with western outfitters, authentic saloons, specialty shops, and historic buildings that transport visitors back to the days of the great cattle drives. One of today's highlights is witnessing the famous **Fort Worth Longhorn Cattle Drive**, where genuine **Texas longhorns** and their **drovers** parade through the streets just as they did more than a century ago. With impressive horns stretching up to six feet across, these magnificent animals provide a living glimpse into the colorful history of the American West.

Day 11: Fort Worth, TX to Kansas City, KS

Today we begin our journey home, traveling north with countless wonderful memories of Texas hospitality, fascinating history, breathtaking architecture, inspiring museums, delicious cuisine, and unforgettable experiences. As the miles pass by, you'll undoubtedly find yourself reminiscing about favorite moments and the many friendships formed along the way.

Day 12 – Kansas City, KS to Home

This afternoon we arrive home with hearts full of wonderful memories and cameras filled with unforgettable photographs. From the inspiring stories of history to the excitement of space exploration, from charming small towns and handcrafted traditions to vibrant city life along the River Walk, you've experienced a Texas adventure rich in culture, heritage, and hospitality. We hope you return home already dreaming about your next journey with Southwest Tour and Travel.

