



ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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“San Antonio—Riverwalk & Magnolia Silos” May 3-10, 2026

Dear Parks and Recreation Traveler:

Join us as we make a spectacular tour to the great state of Texas and visit some of Texas’s more iconic cities—*San Antonio, Fredericksburg, Austin and Waco!* San Antonio with its famed Riverwalk lined with paved paths, arched stone bridges and lush landscapes attracts more than 34 million visitors each year. Waco, home of Chip & Joanna Gaines “*Fixer Upper & The Magnolia Silo Market*” is a must-see destination. Fredericksburg, a German settlement founded in 1846, is a vibrant community that abounds with wineries, breweries, shopping, museums and historic sites just waiting to be explored. Austin, the state capitol of Texas noted for its wide range of events, from music concerts, food festivals and sporting events, is considered by many to be “*The Live Music Capitol of the World!*”

We begin the first day of our trip to the Lone Star State with a non-stop flight into San Antonio International Airport in San Antonio. After catching our airport shuttle about mid-afternoon, we arrive at the famous *Menger Hotel* located on the famed Riverwalk and along-side the famous World Heritage Site—*The Alamo* for a seven-night stay.

Monday morning a local certified Guide will join us for breakfast at our hotel and enlighten us about the history and events surrounding *The Alamo* which is located right beside our hotel. After breakfast our guide will take us on a guided tour of *The Alamo* and answer any questions we may have. After the tour you will have leisure time to explore as you please.

Start your journey to explore the many museums, attractions, or maybe just a stroll on the *Riverwalk* itself. Located next to our hotel is an **AMC I-MAX** theatre that features the 50-minute movie *Alamo: The Price of Freedom*. This movie is a must see and shows every hour on the hour. This evening, we will enjoy a unique experience with Dinner on the *River Barges* provided by *Boudro’s Bistro* while cruising *The San Antonio River*. The dinner barges are located a short walk from our hotel.

Tuesday morning a local certified Step-on-Guide will join us on the bus as we visit and learn about the history of the Missions in San Antonio along with a visit to the Japanese Tea Garden and a stop at the *San Fernando Cathedral*, the oldest Catholic Cathedral Sanctuary in the United States. Lunch at *The Guenther House* followed by a visit to *The Pearl*, a former brewery operating from 1883 to 2001 and now reflects a vivid past while embracing the future.

Wednesday we journey north to Waco, TX to visit the *Dr Pepper Museum*, the oldest of the major brand soft drinks in America. Located next to the *Dr Pepper Museum* we visit “*Chip & Joanna Gaines Magnolia Market at the Silos.*” Inspired by the Quaint storefronts lining New York City streets, Joanna designed each of these six boutique style shops. A local Step-on-Guide will join us on the bus as we drive by some of Chip & Joanna Gaines Fixer-Uppers. Dinner will be at *The Oasis* in Austin as we head back to San Antonio.

Today we visit the SAS shoe factory (San Antonio Shoe) for a factory tour and a visit to their General Store. We take a Guided tour of the shoe factory and witness how these wonderful comfortable shoes are made. Also located at the factory is the SAS General Store stocked with items from SAS clothing, cape and socks, to rows of SAS shoes and sandals considered Blemishes with discounts of up to 40% off retail price.

Friday we venture to Austin, TX with a visit to *LBJ Presidential Library* followed by an evening Dinner Cruise on the M.V Pride and Joy II on Lady Bird Lake. After the dinner cruise, we park at the Congress St Bridge to witness the home of the largest urban bat colony in the world. Austin's bridge bats are Mexican free-tailed bats that descend from under the bridge every evening to feed in nearby fields.

Saturday we visit *Wildseed Farms* in nearby Fredericksburg, TX. Visit the nation's largest working wildflower farm. The farm has more than 1,000 cultivated acres in Texas and over 200 acres of wildflower fields at its Hill Country headquarters outside of Fredericksburg. View a real working wildflower farm and stay to shop at the Market Center where you can find gifts and home decor and Texas native plants and pottery.

Before heading back to San Antonio, we visit *Donald Eckhardt Orchards* located a short drive from Wildseed Farms. Otto and Antonie Eckhardt were among the Pioneer Peach Growers in Gillespie County. They planted their first Orchard in 1920 after Otto came home from World War I. They included peach, plum, apricot and pear trees as well as grapes.

Sunday morning we catch our shuttle back to the San Antonio International Airport for our non-stop flight back to St Louis International Airport on Southwest Airlines.

Participants will be restricted to one piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag to be carried inside the motor coach. Luggage tags will be provided closer to the actual departure date of the trip.

Fee Schedule: The cost of this wonderful trip will be **\$3495** per person (double occupancy). The single traveler supplement will be **\$660** for a total cost of **\$4155** per single traveler. The triple cost is **3295** per person (triple occupancy). This price is all inclusive and includes gratuities.

Deposit: \$50 per person (non-refundable). All refunds will be subject to a **\$50 refund fee.**

January 30, 2026: \$2,000 Payment Due

March 20,2026: Final Payment Due. After this date no refund of any kind will be given for cancellations due to our commitment to the various vendors involved with is trip.

Travel Insurance: Many of you have inquired about travel insurance for our extended trips. Travel insurance is a method of providing you a means to recoup your costs should you have to cancel at the last minute or become sick on the trip. We do not endorse any particular product, but after searching the internet we came up with a couple of sources for travel insurance.

Travel Insurance Services, 800-228-9792 or www.travelex-insurance.com Travel Guard International, 800-826-4919 or www.travelguard.com Several of our travelers have used this provider. Or compare several plans at once at www.InsureMyTrip.com With any service you can purchase online or over the phone. Please make sure you understand what you are purchasing. Buying the travel insurance is totally up to you and making any claims with the carrier is the total responsibility of the person purchasing the insurance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 636-949-3372.

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