

# “San Antonio—Riverwalk & Magnolia Silos”

St Charles Parks Department

May 3-10, 2026

Itinerary

## Sunday, May 3, 2026

**5:00am** Depart Memorial Hall, Blanchette Park, for Lambert International Airport, St Louis MO.

**5:30am-8:30am** Check-in, Security check & boarding

**8:30am** Depart on **Southwest Airlines Flight # 2599** non-stop for San Antonio International Airport

**10:50am** Arrive San Antonio International Airport (flight times subject to change)

**10:50am-12:00pm** Clearing airport facility, claiming luggage and boarding our private motor coach.

**12:00pm** Depart for the Menger Hotel in downtown San Antonio across the street from the Riverwalk

**12:30pm** Check into our hotel for 7-night stay ~Dinner on Your Own~

### **Menger Hotel**

**204 Alamo Plaza**

**San Antonio, RX 78205**

**Phone: 210-223-4361**

With tradition and style befitting the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi, the elegant Menger Hotel welcomes guests with a nod to San Antonio’s colorful past intermingled with its cosmopolitan present—all just steps from famous World Heritage Site—*The Alamo!*

Step into exquisite Victorian lobby and be transformed back to a time when Theodore Roosevelt gathered his Rough Riders in our very own Menger Bar. This long-rooted landmark is renowned for its refined architecture, museum-worthy mementos, and esteemed history—including a long line of honored guests.

Our Spanish courtyard garden, filled with palm trees, azaleas, and a three-tiered fountain, is one of the most peaceful in town; and our gracious service and modern amenities promises an extraordinary experience all around. *(Credit: Excerpts from Menger Hotel web site)*

The Menger Hotel, one of the most iconic and historically significant buildings in San Antonio, was constructed on Alamo Plaza in 1859 by German immigrants Mary and William Menger. After William Menger opened the Menger Brewery in 1855, he married Mary and the success of the Brewery operation led to the construction of the Menger Hotel. During four years of the civil war, the hotel housed many Confederate Army soldiers including Sam Houston and Robert E. Lee. It provided food in order to feed the officers and soldiers.



## **Monday, May 4, 2026**

**6:30am-8:30am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**8:30am** This morning we will learn the history behind the Alamo as well as tour the Alamo itself. Founded in 1817, the Alamo was the first mission in San Antonio and stands today as San Antonio's most recognized historic landmark.

A local certified Guide will join us after breakfast in the courtyard and enlighten us on how the Battle of the Alamo was a pivotal event in the Texas Revolution following a 13-Day siege with Mexican troops under President General Santa Ana.

**9:00am** We will tour the Alamo and the Alamo complex on a self-guided tour with our guide at your leisure. During your tour you will see guns and other paraphernalia used during the siege.

The rest of the day travelers will have free time at their leisure to explore the shops, restaurants, museums and attractions in the surrounding area. This evening we have Dinner on a canal barge. Some of the notable attractions you may want to consider visiting: *~Lunch on Your Own~*

## **Riverwalk**

Discover the San Antonio Riverwalk lined with hundreds of shops, boutiques, restaurants and tropical foliage, all below street level. This urban sanctuary offers museums and attractions as well as dozens of cafes, bistros and delicious restaurants that line the banks. The abundant landscapes and relaxing atmosphere can be explored by barge or foot and we suggest you do both. Learn about San Antonio's rich history aboard a river cruiser from a storyteller that is also the boat captain. This 35-minute cruise is a must!



## **Alamo: The Price of Freedom**

Playing every hour on the hour in the AMC I-MAX theatre in Rivercenter located adjacent to our hotel is the "The Alamo: The Price of Freedom" the movie. This is a 48-minute movie stirring tribute to the 189 Texans, Tejanos and settlers who defended the besieged Alamo for 13 days against the Mexican army of General Santa Ana. Although they were defeated, the memory of the battle rallied Texas troops to fight for independence and it created the battle cry for generations of Americans, "Remember the Alamo!"



## **The Alamo Exhibit**

The Alamo Exhibit is at the Ralston Family Collection Center located a 5-minute walk from our hotel. View the Phil Collins Collection—priceless artifacts gifted to the State of Texas by musician and historian, Phil Collins, including the Battle of the Alamo Diorama featuring his narration. Explore artifacts from the Donald and Louise Yena Spanish Colonial Collection, Alamo Collection, interactive exhibits and more.

*~This is a must see, Folks~*



## **Battle for Texas: The Experience**

This 22,000-square-foot attraction located in the Rivercenter Mall features over 250 artifacts curated from the private libraries of major collectors and historians, including Sana Ana's uniform, bed and personal effects kept in his tent, portraits of William B. Travis, Sam Houston and James Bowie, Davy Crockett's "long knife" and the cannonball shot at Santa Aha's Army in response to the "No Quarter" flag. Spanning 11 galleries you will walk through the entire story of the 13-day siege of the historic Battle of the Alamo!

## **Witte Museum**

The Witte Museum, the most popular museum in San Antonio, is dedicated to natural history, science and South Texas heritage. The permanent collection features historic artifacts and photographs, Texas art, Textiles, the world-renowned Hertzberg Circus collection, dinosaur bones, cave drawings, Texas wildlife dioramas and the four-story H-E-B Science Treehouse, in addition to nationally acclaimed traveling exhibits. The Witte's South Texas collection are links to the area's heritage and include saddles, spurs and firearms.

## **Briscoe Western Art Museum**

The Briscoe Western Art Museum, located in the heart of downtown San Antonio on the historic Riverwalk, occupies over one and one-quarter acres of land comprising two buildings and an expansive courtyard and sculpture garden. The Briscoe Western Art Museum presents art and artifacts from across the history and culture of the American West. Over five centuries, from the Spanish conquest to the present day, the collections of the Briscoe tell the story of the West in all its drama.

## **Buckhorn Museum & Texas Ranger Museum**

Experience a Texas Size adventure—just two blocks from the Alamo. Established in 1881, The Buckhorn features one-of-a-kind animal exhibits, a historic saloon, café, gift shop and The Texas Ranger Museum. Explore the newly remodeled animal halls and prepare yourself for an immersive Texas Experience. The Texas Ranger Museum houses hundreds of Texas Ranger artifacts including revolvers, automatic handguns, sawed off shotguns, badges, photographs and much more.

## **San Fernando Cathedral**

San Fernando Cathedral, built between 1738 and 1750, is the oldest Catholic Cathedral Sanctuary in the United States and is an iconic landmark in downtown San Antonio. The Cathedral faces the Main Plaza and is about a ten-minute walk from our hotel. See the San Fernando Cathedral like never before during this 24-minute show called "The Saga" in which lights project onto the façade of the cathedral tell the story of San Antonio from its beginning to today. Show times are 9:00pm and 9:30pm every day except Monday.



## Shopping

**Shops at Rivercenter...**located next to our hotel and featuring over 100 specialty shops and more.  
**La Villita Arts Village...**a short 10-minute walk from our hotel featuring local Hand-Crafted items.  
**The Shops at La Cantera...**An architectural gem, this open-air mall features 150+ Upscale Shops.  
**Alamo Quarry Market...**a 3-block plaza lined with Shops & Restaurants. Largest Mexican Market  
**Riverwalk...**and of course numerous shops & restaurants along the Historic Riverwalk.

## Sightseeing

**City Sightseeing Double Decker...**See the sights aboard double-decker buses operating daily.  
**Alamo Trolley Tours...**Narrated, hop-on/hop-off trolley tours take guests around old San Antonio.  
**San Antonio B-Cycle...**Features 40+ bike stations in downtown San Antonio and extending north and south.

**5:00pm** Tonight we will have dinner at Boudro's Restaurant on the Riverwalk on a Dinner Barge while cruising the San Antonio River. We will gather in our hotel lobby at 5:00pm and take the short 10-minute walk across the street to the Restaurant as a group.

### Menu

First Course (15 Minute Cruise)

**Guacamole...**Freshly prepared on the barge with diced avocado, roasted tomato and Serrano pepper, cilantro and fresh lime and orange juices. Served with tortilla chips.

**Southwest Caesar Salad...**with romaine lettuce, red bell peppers, shaved parmesan and chipotle Caesar dressing.

Second Course (1 Hour Cruise)

### Combination Plate Entree

**Filet of Black Angus Beef Tenderloin...**with roasted peppers and chipotle bordelaise sauce served with a

**House Smoked Shrimp and Gulf Crab Enchilada...**in a tomato crepe with ancho sauce, crème fraiche & corn pudding

Third Course (15 Minute Cruise)

**Lime Chess Pie...**with butter pastry crust

Beverage...Iced Tea

Server will take drink order on the barge



## **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

**6:30am-8:30am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**8:30am-5:00pm** A local certified Step-on-Guide, Mickey, will join us on the bus as we visit two of the San Antonio missions as well as stops at the Japanese Tea Gardens. Our first stop of the day will be the Japanese Tea Garden. After lunch we visit Pearl, a Brewery converted to multi-use Shops!

### **Japanese Tea Garden**

The Japanese Tea Garden has a glorious history over 90 years, from the time it was an opening rock quarry to today, as one of the most loved, educational and cultural resources in San Antonio. The quarry was shaped into a complex that included walkways, some arch bridges, an island and a Japanese Pavilion. The garden was termed the Lily Pond, and local residents donated bulbs to beautify the area. Exotic plants were provided by the city nursery.

### **Mission San Juan**

In 1731 Mission San Juan was relocated to its permanent home on the east bank of the San Antonio River. By mid-century, San Juan, with its rich farm and pasturelands, was a regional supplier of agriculture produce. Orchards and gardens outside the walls provided peaches, melons, pumpkins, grapes and peppers. Corn, beans, sweet potatoes, squash and even sugar cane were grown in irrigated fields. In 1762 Mission San Juan's herds were reported to include 3,500 sheep.

### **Mission Concepcion**

This handsome church looks essentially as it did more than 200 years ago in 1731. In those early years, religious festivals were held as friars strove to replace traditional Native American rituals with Christian ideals. Remnants of original wall ceiling paintings in the surviving rooms of the mission's convento have been conserved. Exhibits lead visitors through the grounds and into various quarters set up as they were at the time of the mission's inception.

**11:15-11:45am** Short walk in the King William Historical District

**12:00pm-1:30pm** Lunch at The Guenther House

**The Guenther House**

**205 E. Guenther St,**

**San Antonio TX 78204**

**Phone: 210-351-6306**

The National Register of Historic Places—listed Carl Hilmar Guenther House was originally constructed in 1859, making it one of the oldest houses in the King William neighborhood. It was extensively modified in 1915, and its current appearance is characterized by alterations from that date. Carl Hilmar Guenther, the house's original owner, first arrived in Texas from Germany in 1851. He was a trained cabinet maker, stone mason, and





millwright, and constructed his first mill in San Antonio in 1859. The C.H. Guenther and Sons Flour Mill, now known as Pioneer Flour Mills, was located adjacent to his homestead along the San Antonio River.

***Menu***

Salad:

**Mixed Green Salad...**with Ranch Dressing & Raspberry Vinaigrette  
Bread Basket

Entrée:

**Champagne Chicken Enchiladas...**tender pieces of roasted chicken breast and Monterey Jack cheese, wrapped in Pioneer White Wings flour tortillas, topped with San Antonio River Brand Champaign Chicken Gravy, cilantro and sliced jalapenos.

Beverage:

**Iced Tea, Founder’s Choice Coffee**

Dessert:

**Apple Cream Cheese Strudel**

**1:30pm** Depart for the Pearl

**1:30pm-4:30pm** As a former brewery operating from 1883 to 2001, Pearl reflects a vivid past while embracing the future. Located just north of downtown San Antonio, Pearl provides a unique experience as a top culinary destination. The mixed-use space features retail, dining, picturesque green spaces, paseos riverside amphitheater, and the third campus of The Culinary Institute of America.

Our Step-on-Guide will enlighten us about the long and storied history of this beloved San Antonio location. Afterwards you will have plenty of time for some local retail therapy.

**The Pearl**

**303 Pearl Pkwy**

**San Antonio, TX 78215**

**Phone:210-212-7260**

**4:30pm** Return to The Menger Hotel    *~Dinner on Your Own~*





### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**6:30am-8:00am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**7:30am** Depart for Waco, TX

**10:30am-12:00pm** We visit the *Dr Pepper Museum* in Waco, TX. Dr Pepper is the oldest major manufacturer of soft drink concentrates and syrups in the United States. Dr Pepper is America's unique flavor and was created, manufactured and sold beginning in 1885 in the Central Texas town of Waco.

**Dr Pepper Museum**

**300 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Waco, TX 76701**

**Phone: 254-757-1024**

**Waco:** Where it all Began--Dr Pepper is a "native Texan," originating at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store. It is the oldest of the major brand soft drinks in America. Like its flavor, the origin of Dr Pepper is out-of-the-ordinary. Charles Alderton, a young pharmacist working at Morrison's store, is believed to be the inventor of the now famous drink. Alderton spent most of his time mixing up medicine for the people of Waco, but in his spare time he liked to serve carbonated drinks at the soda fountain. He liked the way the drug store smelled, with all the fruit syrup flavor smells mixing together in the air. He decided to create a drink that tasted like that smell. He kept a journal, and after numerous experiments he finally hit upon a mixture of fruit syrups that he liked.

To test his new drink, he first offered it to store owner Morrison, who also found it to his liking. After repeated sample testing by the two, Alderton was ready to offer his new drink to some of the fountain customers. They liked it as well. Other patrons at Morrison's soda fountain soon learned of Alderton's new drink and began ordering it by asking him to shoot them a "Waco." Morrison is credited with naming the drink Dr. Pepper





(the period was dropped in the 1950s). Unfortunately, the origin for the name is unclear. The Museum has collected over a dozen different stories on how the drink became known as Dr Pepper.

**12:00pm** Depart for *Magnolia Market at the Silos* (a short 5-minute drive)

**12:00pm-4:30pm** *Magnolia Market at the Silos* is a shopping complex that encompasses two city blocks in downtown Waco, TX. It is marked by two 120' high silos, built in 1950 as part of the Brazos Valley Cotton Oil Company. The Brazos Valley Cotton Oil Mill Company closed in 1958, and the silos ceased to serve as storage in the 1990s. The grounds opened to the public in October, 2015. The complex is owned by Chip and Joanna Gaines, TV personalities best known for HGTV's *Fixer Upper* TV series. The Gaines's completely transformed the Waco landmark, which helped to change the city as well as many surrounding areas. ~Lunch on Your Own at the Food Trucks~

**Magnolia Market at the Silos**

**601 Webster Avenue**

**Waco, TX 76706**

**Phone: 254-235-0603**

Inspired by the Quaint storefronts lining New York City streets, Jo designed each of these six boutique-style shops with a specific theme in mind. You'll find gifts for the homebody, custom accessories, branded souvenirs, Chip-approved goods, hosting, essentials, and more. While the Market has our full home décor and kitchen collection, the Shops at the Silos offer a more intimate shopping experience and product selection.

**2:30pm-4:30pm** A local Step-on-Guide will join us on the bus as we drive by some of Chip & Joanna Gaines Fixer-Uppers.

**4:30pm** Depart for *The Oasis*

**6:30pm-8:30pm** Dinner at *The Oasis*

**The Oasis**

**6550 Comanche Trail**

**Austin, TX 78732**

**Phone: 512-266-2442**





## **Menu     *Plated Meal***

### Appetizer:

**House Salad...**Romaine Lettuce with Cheddar Cheese, Tomatoes, Bacon Bits and Onions

### Entree:

**New York Strip Steak...**Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans with sliced Carrots

**Herb Grilled Salmon...**Topped with Spanish Creama and Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans with sliced Carrots

**Monterrey Chicken...**Fire Grilled Chicken Breast Smothered with Honey Mustard, Mushrooms and Tomatoes Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans/Carrots

Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee**

Dessert: **Chocolate Mousse Parfait**

The Oasis started off as just an idea. Beau Theriot, the owner of the Oasis, has always been a visionary, but he did not image what this idea would eventually blossom into. Thirty-nine years later, The Oasis has become a well-known jewel nestled in Austin. We are best known as The Sunset Capitol of Texas because most days of every year, hundreds of guests from all over the world come to see the breathtaking views and quite possibly one of the most spectacular sunsets they will ever lay eyes on.

The 30,000 square foot restaurant sits on a bluff 450 feet above Lake Traves and is the largest outdoor restaurant in Texas. In 2019, The Oasis was the fourth largest restaurant in the world, with a seating capacity of 2,800 people. The menu includes American and Tex-Mex cuisine such as burgers, fajitas, nachos, and tacos as well as margaritas.

The restaurant was first built in 1982 by Beau Theriot who purchased the 500-acre ranch years earlier.

**8:30pm-** Depart for San Antonio

**10:00pm** Arrive at the Menger Hotel





**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

**6:30am-8:00am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**8:00am-12:30pm** Free time at your leisure

*~Lunch on Your Own~*

**12:30pm** Depart for SAS Shoe Factory Tour

**1:00pm-3:00pm** We take a Guided Tour of the SAS Shoe Factory (San Antonio Shoe) 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 & socks, to rows and rows of SAS shoes and sandals considered *Blemishes* with discounts of up to 40% off retail price. And yes, you will have ample opportunity to make purchases if you so desire.

**SAS Shoe Factory**

**101 New Laredo Hwy**

**San Antonio, TX 78211**

**Phone: 210-924-6507**

How does SAS create the most comfortable shoes in the world? Join us and see first hand where their shoes begin with a factory tour! Each pair of shoes can go through up to 100 different steps, performed by approximately 80 different pairs of skilled hands, before they are declared SAS quality. SAS shoemakers create their footwear one shoe at a time with the highest attention to detail and standard of comfort. See the journey their shoes take with a tour of one of the few remaining shoe factories in the U.S. . You'll be amazed to see the tireless dedication of their shoemakers and the interesting tools they use for their trade.

**3:00p** Return to the Menger Hotel

**3:30pm** Free time to spend at your leisure for rest of the day.

*~Dinner on Your Own~*





**Friday, May 8, 2026**

**6:30am-9:00am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**9:30am** Depart for Austin, TX

**11:30am-2:30pm** Lunch at *Fareground at One Eleven*

~Lunch on Your Own~

**Fareground at One Eleven**

**111 Congress Avenue**

**Austin, TX 78701**

**Phone: 512-465-2107**

**2:30pm** Depart for LBJ Presidential Library

**3:00pm-5:00pm** Visit the LBJ Presidential Library

**LBJ Presidential Library**

**The University of Texas at Austin**

**2313 Red River Street**

**Austin, TX 78705**

**Phone: 512-721-0200**

The LBJ Presidential Library is situated on a 30-acre site on The University of Texas Campus in Austin, Texas. The Library houses 45 million pages of historical documents, 650,000 photos and 5,000 hours of recordings from President Johnson’s political career, including about 643 hours of his recorded telephone conversations.

Lyndon B Johnson, 36<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, was a force of personality, a master of power and the political process, and had a boundless appetite for social reform. Intent on fulfilling the promise of America, he signed an unparalleled 200+ landmark laws during his five years in office. There is no question that our country still stands in the wake of LBJ’s America. *(Credit: Excerpts from LBJ Presidential Library)*

**5:00pm** Depart for Capital Cruises

**6:30pm-9:30pm** Enjoy a 3-Hour narrated evening Dinner Cruise on the M.V. Pride and Joy II on Lady Bird Lake. We will cruise the lake while the sun is setting and enjoy *The Hyatt’s SWB famous Deluxe Fajitas* with a choice of chicken or Beef accompanied by Spanish rice, Chatto beans, chips





queso, tomatillo salsa, smoked onion salsa, cheddar cheese, guacamole, jalapenos, sour cream, and flour tortillas. And for dessert, cheesecake or Chocolate Cake.

### **Capital Cruise**

**Hyatt Regency Boat Dock**

**208 Barton Springs Road**

**Austin, TX 78704**

**Phone: 512-721-0200**

The Anne W Richards Congress Bridge is the home of the largest urban bat colony in the world. Austin's bridge bats are Mexican free-tailed bats. They migrate each spring generally March from central Mexico and return to Mexico in early fall generally November. Every summer night, hundreds of people gather to see the world's largest urban bat colony emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge in downtown Austin. These 1.5 million bats are fun to watch, but they're also making our world a better place to live.

When engineers reconstructed the Congress Avenue Bridge in 1980 they had no idea that new crevices beneath the bridge would make an ideal bat roost. Although bats had lived there for years, it was headline news when they suddenly began moving in by the thousands. Reacting in fear and ignorance, many people petitioned to have the bat colony eradicated.

About that time, experts in the field of bats came to Austin and told the city the surprising truth; that bats are gentle and incredibly sophisticated animals, that bat-watchers have nothing to fear if they don't try to handle bats; and that on the nightly flights out from under the bridge, the Austin bats eat about 20,000 pounds or more of insects, including agricultural pests.

One of the best places to catch a direct view of the Congress Bridge Bats emerging and shooting out for their nightly feeding and aerial show is from the water. We will have our boat positioned on the water to view these incredible creatures as they emerge from their roost to start their nightly feeding. It is estimated that more than 100,000 people from around the world visit the bridge to witness the bat flight, generating ten million dollars in tourism annually. Austin now has one of the most unusual and fascinating tourist attractions anywhere.

**9:30pm** Depart for the Menger Hotel

**10:40pm** Arrive at the Menger Hotel





## **Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**6:30am-9:30am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**12:00pm** Depart for Wildseed Farm ~Lunch on Your own~

**1:15pm-3:00pm** We visit Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg, TX

### **Wildseed Farms**

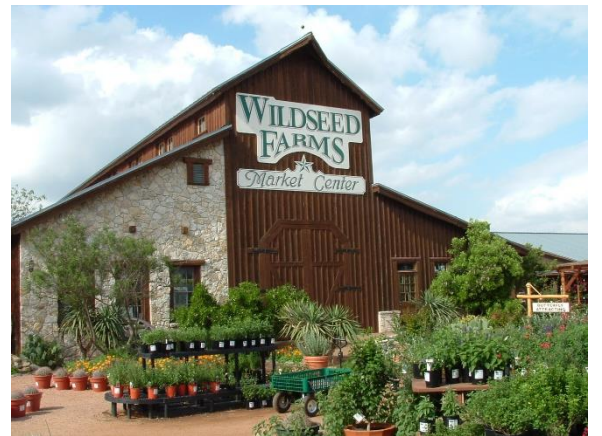
**100 Legacy Dr**

**Fredericksburg, TX 78624**

**Phone: 830-990-8080**

After graduating from Sam Houston State University, John and Marilyn Thomas were married and embarked on their adventure together. John started working with his father, helping grow rice and raise cattle for seven years on the ranch in Eagle Lake, Texas. Using what he learned from these years at Eagle Lake, John moved on to start a business called American Hydro-Grass in Houston, Texas. Various landscaping companies used the hydro grass in their own businesses, but they couldn't find wildflower seeds. With the knowledge gained from farming, John began to plant wildflowers at the Eagle Lake property beginning in 1981.

Wildseed Farms officially started at Eagle Lake in 1982. John continued to plant wildflowers, and this in turn drew curious people to view the flowers in their glory. As roads were packed with more and more cars over the years, it became obvious this was an attraction that could draw a crowd. In 1989 the decision was made to open the production fields to the public. People began to flock from Houston and the surrounding areas to look at the fields of flowers. A hay barn was renovated, and Marilyn put her business savvy into starting a gift shop. The business quickly



outgrew its humble origins. John and Marilyn knew they needed to expand and began searching for the perfect spot.

In 1993, Wildseed Farms bought approximately 217 acres near Fredericksburg, Texas increasing the companies farming land to over 600 acres. Starting in tents on the newly purchased farm, Marilyn's gift shop was a continued success. Quickly realizing they needed more space Wildseed Farms began construction of the iconic Market Center in 1995. The retail store continues to be one of the most unique stops in the Fredericksburg area with a wide selection of home décor, ladies apparel, jewelry, and seeds. A true shopping experience worth sharing.

**3:00pm** Depart for *Donald Eckhardt Orchards*

**3:15pm-4:00pm** Visit Donald Eckhardt Orchards

**Donald Eckhardt Orchards**

**2150 S US Hwy 87**

**Fredericksburg, TX 78624**

**Phone: 830-992-0289**

### ***Peach Pioneers***

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.

In 1936, the Eckhardt family started commercial operations of their orchard. As the market for more peaches developed, the Eckhardt's became co-organizers of the Hill Country Fruit Growers' Co-Op. Through the years, four of the Eckhardt's sons (Gilbert, Victor, Clemens, and Donald) continued as peach growers.

Donald continued to expand his orchards, and in 1981 Donald and his wife Carol left the HCFG Co-Op, and began selling their peaches directly to the public. In 2002, he and Carol retired and their daughters, Dianne and Debbie, continued as the third generation Fredericksburg peach growers. The fourth generation has firm roots planted for the future!

"Once peaches were introduced to the area in the 20's, we've kept going ever since then" she said. "We realize we've been given a gift with this good soil and this good climate."

Eckhardt's family grows 20 varieties of peaches, including Red Globe, Harvester and Loring. Harvest typically begins in the first half of May and runs into August.

**4:00pm** Depart for San Antonio

**5:00pm** Arrive at the Menger Hotel and the rest of the evening at your leisure ~Dinner on Your Own~



**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**6:30am-9:00am** Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

**10:00am** Bags down by the bus for loading

**11:00am** Depart for Culvers for lunch

**11:30am-1:00pm** Lunch at Culvers

**Culvers** ~Lunch on Your Own~

**5836 De Zavala Rd**

**San Antonio, TX 78249**

**Phone: 210-558-9797**

**1:00pm** Depart for San Antonio International Airport

**1:30pm** Check-in, Security Check & Boarding.

**5:00pm** Depart on **Southwest Airlines Flight # 1436** for Lambert Field, St Louis, MO

**7:10pm** Arrive Lambert Field, St Louis, MO

(flight time subject to change)

**7:10pm-8:10pm** Clearing airport facility, claiming luggage & boarding our private motor coach.

**8:10pm** Depart for Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO

**8:30pm** Arrive Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO

