



Advantage Cruises & Tours

Love & War in Texas

10 Days February 11-20, 2018

This is a Big Itinerary, a visit to Big places a review of Big Events that are Pure Texas. From the Southfork Ranch of Dallas, to the Space Center in Houston, to the Alamo & War for Texas Independence in San Antonio, and finally to Billy Bob's Honky Tonk in Fort Worth. We've packaged a trip with a little bit history & humor, and a dinner at a place named "Love & War in Texas". Check your calendar for the right date to "Cast Your Eyes Upon Texas".

Tour Highlights:

- Dinner & Tour the Southfork Ranch
- Dallas Sightseeing Tour
- Visit the Sixth Street Museum & JFK Memorial
- Visit the Houston Space Center
- Evening on Kemah Boardwalk
- San Antonio Dinner Cruise
- Guided San Antonio Tour
- Visit the Buckhorn & Texas Rangers Museums
- Evening on the River Walk
- Tour the LBJ Presidential Library
- Night Watchman Ghost Tour
- Grapevine Winery Tour
- Free Time in Historic Downtown Grapevine
- Ride the Grapevine Vintage Railroad
- Visit the Ft. Worth Stockyards
- Shreveport Municipal Auditorium w/Elvis
- Duck Commander Sights
- Nine Nights First Class Lodging
- Nine Hotel Breakfasts
- Eight Dinners including
 - Dinner at Farina's Winery & Cafe
 - Dinner & Dancing at Billy Bob's Texas
- All Taxes & Tips on these services & Luggage Handling
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Escort & Driver's Gratuities
- Fully Escorted

Per Person Prices Starting at

\$2,299 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$3,079 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$100 per person deposit due with reservation
Final Payment due December 4, 2017

Trip cancellation insurance
is available and recommended.

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Day 1 - Following a full day of travel you arrive at the Drury Inn, Mobile for an overnight stay. Enjoy their 5:30 Kickback featuring free food and drink every night.

Day 2 - Today travel to Houston and check into the Drury Inn Houston Hobby for an overnight stay. Enjoy dinner tonight at the Lighthouse Buffet with brightly decorated nautical themes, and spectacular water front views. Then you will have a free time on the Kemah Boardwalk. Enjoy amusement rides, shopping, midway games, live entertainment.

Day 3 - This morning, you visit the official Visitors Center of NASA's Johnson Space Center. Here you can experience space — from its dramatic history and exciting present to its compelling future. There are unparalleled exhibits, attractions, special presentations and hands-on activities that tell the story of NASA's manned space flight program.

This afternoon head to San Antonio for two nights at the Drury Inn San Antonio Airport. The highlight of the day will be a Dinner Cruise on a colorful barge floating along the San Antonio River Walk. Enjoy Southwestern Texican Cuisine, while experiencing a narrative tour from your Dining Boat Pilot.

Day 4 - This day is filled with sightseeing as a local guide will focus you on the history and heritage of San Antonio. A stop is made at the Historic Alamo the sight of the famous losing battle that helped secure Texas' independence from Mexico. In 1836, it became an inspiration and a motivation for liberty during the Texas Revolution. For 13 days in 1836, close to 200 Texas defenders held her from over one thousand of General Santa Anna's troops from Mexico. While here you will also see the IMAX movie "The Price of Freedom."

The afternoon features a visit to the Texas Ranger Museum which honors the incredible history of the world's most famous law enforcement agency and the Buckhorn Museum which features wildlife from all over the world.

Tonight, enjoy a free evening on the River Walk. Winding through the city center, the River Walk includes the city's cultural hot spots, historic sites and other attractions. So go for a stroll along the River Walk, dine on Classic Tex-Mex, or visit the King William Historic District.

Day 5 - This morning, head to Austin, TX. Your first stop is a tour the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library, one of thirteen Presidential Libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. President Johnson insisted that the Library that bears his name tell future generations the story of this rich period of history "with the bark off."

Then you will have some free time for lunch on your own in Austin. You will want to head to South Congress Ave or 2nd Street which are both filled with an array of eclectic shops, restaurants, boutiques, antiques, music venues and galleries. Travel this afternoon to Grapevine, TX, where you will be staying for two nights at the Holiday Inn Express.

Dinner is included tonight at Farina's Winery & Cafe located in the heart of Grapevine's Historic District on Main Street. Their full-service menu is inspired by the fresh tastes of Italy. Then you enjoy the Night Watchman Ghost Tour. Grapevine has a history of the paranormal and what better way to hear the stories and see the locations. The tour combines stories of hauntings, past and present, along with the history of the city. Bring your cameras, as many of our guests have recorded images that seem to defy explanation. The tour begins and ends at Grape Vine Springs Winery, with a complimentary glass of wine for each guest on the tour.

Day 6 - This morning tour some of Grapevine's acclaimed wineries. During the tours you will learn the history of wine-making in North Texas. Then you will get to sample the wines. Next, you will have free time for lunch on your own and shopping in Historic Downtown Grapevine home to one-of-a-kind shops, live entertainment venues, restaurants and art galleries.

Then at the stroke of Noon, gather on Main Street at the Grapevine Glockenspiel Clock Tower and see the two larger-than-life, 9-foot tall

Glockenspiel characters, known as the Would-Be Train Robbers these figures emerge from the Tower each day to commence what each believes to be the perfect heist.

Just as glockenspiels in Europe are rooted in history, Grapevine's Clock Tower figures reflect Western lore. This afternoon you take a ride on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad where you will travel along the historic Cotton Belt Route Grapevine to the Fort Worth Stockyards. You will take a step back in time and experience train travel as it was in the glory days of the expanding West.

Then you will have some time to explore the Fort Worth Stockyards. You may want to take a historic Walking Tour, visit the Texas Trail of Fame, the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, browse over 25 unique shops. You will also see the famous Cattle Drive that travels through the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards.

Tonight enjoy dinner, live music and dancing at Billy Bob's Texas "The World's Largest Honky Tonk." Located in the Historic Stockyards, Billy Bob's is a unique entertainment facility. Return to Grapevine for the evening.

Day 7 - After breakfast you discover the City of Dallas. With construction of railroads, in the 1860's Dallas became a business and trading center, and was booming by the end of the 19th century, when it began to evolve into an industrial city, attracting workers the South and the Midwest. Today it makes up one-fifth of the urbanized area known as the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, in which one quarter of all Texans live.

Visit the Texas Book Depository's Sixth Floor Museum, chronicling the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. Examine the life, death and legacy of President John F. Kennedy through artifacts, photographs, documentary films, areas where evidence was found, eyewitness accounts and interactive educational programming.

Then you will see the John F Kennedy Memorial. The plain white walls appear to be free-floating, capturing the feeling of loss felt around the world following Kennedy's assassination in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Following this visit, check into your Dallas hotel for an overnight stay.

This evening, you will have a chance to relive the exciting moments from the "Dallas" TV Series. There is an exciting array of memorabilia here see the gun that shot J.R., Lucy's Wedding Dress, the "Dallas" Family Tree, and Jock's Lincoln Continental. You'll also see inside the home, including J.R.'s bedroom. Afterwards dinner is included which will be either: The Ewing Barbecue, Lucy's Country Craving, or J. R.'s Steak Dinner.

Day 8 - This morning travel to Shreveport, LA where you visit the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, former home of the famous Louisiana Hayride Radio Show. It was on this stage in 1954 that 19 year old Elvis Presley sang "That's all Right" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky" and began his meteoric climb up the charts. Once this tour ends, a young Elvis Tribute Artist will recreate that evening.

Afternoon travel continues across Northern Louisiana where dinner is in West Monroe's most famous restaurant, Willie's Duck Diner – owned by the star of "Duck Dynasty. You'll enjoy a menu that includes Miss Kay's Homemade Meatloaf, Cajun & Country Dishes. Comfort food from the Bayou. You will then check into your West Monroe, LA hotel for the night.

Day 9 - This morning stop by and say "Hey" at the new Duck Commander Store and Warehouse. The Robertson family, stars of A&E's hit show Duck Dynasty, recently opened the store here in West Monroe. You will have time to shop for souvenirs to take home for your favorite bearded family member. We can't guarantee a "beard sighting" while you are here, but the Duckmen are in and out of the store most every day and there is a chance you can get a picture or autograph. Continue travel to Pensacola, FL for the night. Dinner this evening will be nice farewell gathering at a local seafood restaurant.

Day 10 - After breakfast, depart for home.