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Southern Shores & Texas

Sun – Thurs – February 18 – March 1, 2018



Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 7:00 – 8:00 am Approximate time to depart depending upon your pickup location. Pickups will be in Lima, Wapak, St. Marys and either Coldwater or Celina. Exact pick up times and locations will be determined approximately 30 days prior to trip departure
- Lunch on your own enroute. Time will change to CST
- 2:30 pm Arrive at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville for self-guided tour. The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is one of the world's largest and most popular repository of country music artifacts.
- 4:30 pm Depart Country Music Hall of Fame
- 5:15 pm Dinner at Cracker Barrel. You will receive a \$10 gift card
- 7:00 pm Check into a Hampton Inn, Columbia, Tennessee. Rest of evening is free



Monday, February 19, 2018

- Enjoy a hot breakfast at the hotel before check out.
- 8:00 am Depart hotel
- 9:45 am FAME Studio Tour .Visit the place where it all began – Fame Studios. In 1961 Rick Hall brought black and white together in Alabama's cauldron of racial hostility to create the "Muscle Shoals Sound." This small town studio produced hit records for Aretha Franklin, Little Richard, Etta James, Otis Redding, the Osmonds, Jerry Reed, Alabama, Mac Davis, the Gatlin Brothers, Tina Turner, Percy Sledge, the Beatles, Elton John, Sara Evans, Ronnie Milsap, BB King, Tim McGraw, the Dixie Chicks, Travis Tritt, and dozens of others.
- 11:30 am Lunch at Swampers. The name is dedicated to the backup players who worked with everyone from Aretha to the Beatles. Their memorabilia is on the walls. After Lunch, continue to Gulf Shores, AL
- 6:30 pm Approximate time to check into the Beachside Resort in Gulf Shores AL for a two night stay. Located across the street from Gulf Shores Public Beach, you will have all the comforts of home and the beauty of the beach. Enjoy all the wonderful attractions and restaurants that the area has to offer. Dinner on your own.



Tuesday, February 20, 2018

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 am Guided Tour of Gulf Shores area with a local guide
- 11:30 am. Return to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the beautiful Gulf Shores beach and area.



Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 am Depart for New Orleans. Lunch on your own
- 12:30 pm Either enjoy free time in the French Quarter or visit the National World War II Museum. From the beaches of Normandy to the sands of Iwo Jima, The National WWII Museum's exhibits are a blend of personal accounts, artifacts, documents, photographs and original film footage. The stories of the amphibious landings and the thousands of people who made Allied victory in World War II possible are told through three floors of exhibit space.
- 2:30 pm Depart for Mardi Gras World where you see the floats and learn the history of this famous event. Created for you by the people who bring Mardi Gras to life every year. The colors, lights, music - it's all here in one magical place where you can peek behind the curtain and see Mardi Gras in the making.

4:30 pm Depart and check into the Drury Inn New Orleans for an overnight stay.
6:00 pm Depart for a Dixieland Jazz Dinner Cruise. Savor the beauty and romance of the New Orleans skyline aboard the last authentic steamboat on the Mississippi River ... the Steamboat NATCHEZ.



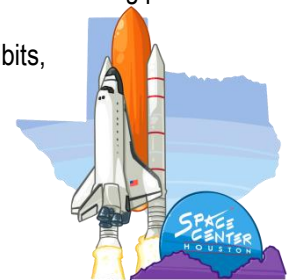
Thursday, February 22

Breakfast at the Hotel
8:30 am Depart hotel
9:30 am Visit Laura: A Creole Plantation. A guided tour of the newly restored Big House, its raised basement and galleries, men's and women's parlors, service rooms and common rooms. Tour inside one of the slave cabins, built in 1840, where the ancient west-African tales of Compair Lapin, better known in English as "Br'er Rabbit," were recorded. On the grounds are 12 buildings on the National Register. Four generations of women in this family ran the growing sugarcane plantation.
11:30 am Depart for Texas. Lunch on your own
5:00 pm Dinner at the Lighthouse Buffet near Houston TX. Enjoy brightly decorated nautical themes, and spectacular water front views as you dine.
6:15 pm Depart for Houston
7:00 pm Check into your Houston Hotel for a two night stay. Rest of evening is free



Friday, February 23

Breakfast at the Hotel
8:30 am Depart for Space Center Tram Tour. Today, you will tour the Space Center Houston, 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. Space Center Houston is the only place on Earth that gives you an out-of-this-world journey through human adventures into space. There are unparalleled exhibits, attractions, special presentations and hands-on activities that tell the story of NASA's manned space flight program.
3:30 pm Return to hotel for some time to rest prior to dinner
5:00pm Depart for included Dinner at a local restaurant. Rest of the evening is free



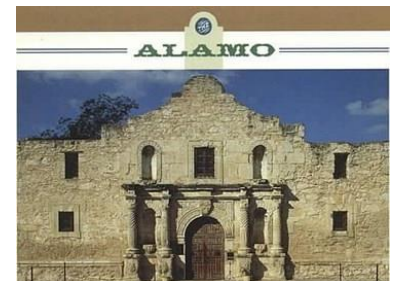
Saturday, February 24

Breakfast at the Hotel
8:30 am Depart for Houston City Tour with local step-on guide who will take you through this wonderful city showing you the most interesting aspects of Space City USA.
11:30 am Drop guide and have lunch on your own
12:30 pm Depart for San Antonio Riverwalk
3:15 pm Check into the Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk for a two night stay. Located on the San Antonio River, walking distance from shops, restaurants and entertainment. Relax in the sun on the deck of the rooftop pool or whirlpools! Formerly the Alamo National Bank, this 24- story renovated skyscraper features 50-foot ceilings, travertine flooring and stained glass windows.
6:00 pm San Antonio Dinner Cruise. Relax on a colorful barge floating along the San Antonio River Walk. Enjoy Southwestern Texan Cuisine, including Mexican Plates and Down Home Southern Favorites while experiencing a historical narrative tour from your Boat Pilot. Rest of the evening free to enjoy the Riverwalk.



Sunday, February 25

Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 am Depart with guide for a full day of touring in San Antonio including a visit to the Alamo - the heart of San Antonio and Texas' most visited historic landmark. Home of the famous 1836 battle and to living history demonstrations and special events throughout the year, the beautiful 300-year-old former Spanish mission turned fortress lets you "remember the Alamo" and experience the battlefield first hand.
4:30 pm Return to the hotel to freshen up for dinner
6:00 pm Depart for a two hour cooking demonstration class and dining experience to include making the perfect Enchilada Verdes and two margaritas will be served prior to dinner.



Monday, February 26

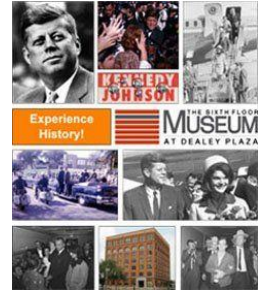
Breakfast at the hotel

- 8:00 am Check out and depart hotel for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum
- 11:00 am Arrive at The Texas Ranger Museum. The Texas Ranger is one of the most cherished symbols of the Lone Star State, a positive and enduring icon of Texas and America. Lunch on your own
- 2:00 pm Depart museum for Grapevine Texas
- 4:00 pm Check into your Grapevine Hotel for a two night stay.
- 5:15 pm Depart for dinner 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. Rest of evening is free



Tuesday, February 27

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 am Depart for 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.
- 11:00am Lunch on your own
- 12:15 pm Depart for a tour of the famous Southfork Ranch, known worldwide as America's most famous Ranch.
- 3:00 pm Depart for a historical walking tour and learn about the colorful history of the Fort Worth Stockyards! Walking tours visit historic locations throughout the Stockyards.
- 5:00 pm Dinner & Line Dancing Lesson Enjoy a build-your-own BBQ sandwich followed by a Line Dancing Lesson at Billy Bob's Restaurant known for its Honky Tonk Flare. Then return to your hotel in Grapevine for the night.



Wednesday, February 28

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 7:45 am Check out of hotel and depart for Oklahoma City National Memorial.
- 10:30 am Arrive at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, dedicated to the victims of the bombing in Oklahoma City at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.
- 11:45 pm Depart for Lunch on your own and visit at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum has more than 28,000 Western and American Indian art works and artifacts. The facility also has the world's most extensive collection of American rodeo photographs, barbed wire, saddlery, and early rodeo trophies. Museum collections focus on preserving the heritage of the American West
- 2:00 pm Depart for Springfield MO
- 6:30pm Check into the Drury Inn Springfield, Missouri for an overnight stay. Possibly get there in time to enjoy their Kickback served every evening from 5:30-7:00pm which includes a rotating menu such as Chicken fingers, baked potatoes, wings, charbroiled meatballs, fresh carrots and celery, garden salad, hot dogs, soup and more. Dinner on your own tonight



Thursday, March 1

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 7:45 am Depart for Fantastic Caverns
- 8:00 am Tour of Fantastic Caverns. Regardless of the weather outside, visitors can relax in comfort and experience the natural beauty of Fantastic Caverns aboard their Jeep-drawn tram
- 9:15 am Depart Springfield
- 11:00 am Stop at St. James Winery for restrooms and quick visit
- 11:30 am Depart for St. Louis area
- 12:45 pm Lunch included at Cracker Barrel in Fenton, MO
- 2:00 pm Approximate time to depart for home. Quick dinner stop enroute on your own
- 10:30 -11:30 pm Approximate time to return home depending upon your pickup location



Cost includes motorcoach transportation, admission to all attractions, 21 meals & 11 nights lodging.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 12/17/17

Deposit - \$300.00 per person

	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Cost per person:	\$3626.00	\$2639.00	\$2459.00	\$2349.00
Optional Travel Protection	\$ 242.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00

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- Balance due 60 days prior to departure. Additional trip information and billing will be sent at that time.
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