

UTOPIA TOURS

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TEXAS TOUR

Houston ~ Corpus Christi ~ South Padre Island (2 nights)

McAllen (3 nts) ~ San Antonio (2 nights) ~ Gainesville

Feb. 14-27, 2020 • 14 Days

Motorcoach Tours across the U.S. & Canada

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- 13 Breakfasts / 9 Meals
- Kansas City, MO
- Pawhuska, AR
 - the Mercantile
 - (the Pioneer Woman's shop)
- Tulsa, OK
- Houston, TX (Drury Inn & Suites)
 - "Kick Back" meal
 - Space Center Houston Tram Tour
- Corpus Christi, TX
 - U.S.S. Lexington
 - Texas State Aquarium
- Rio Grande Valley
- Texas King Ranch
- South Padre Island, TX (2 nights)
 - 1-1/2 Hour Dolphin Watch Cruise
 - Lunch
 - Sea Turtle, Inc.
 - Port Isabel Lighthouse
- Iwo Jima Memorial & Museum
- McAllen, TX (3 nights -Drury Inn & Stes)
 - 3 "Kick Back" meals
 - Don Wes Flea Market & Farmers Mkt
 - *Optional trip to Progreso, Mexico (Passport or Passcard needed)
- San Antonio, TX (2 nts - Drury Inn & Stes)
 - 2 "Kick Back" meals
 - Lunch at Buckhorn Saloon
 - San Antonio River Walk
 - Guided City Tour
 - "Alamo...The Price of Freedom" IMAX
 - the Alamo
- Austin, TX (Capital of Texas)
- Waco, TX
 - Magnolia Market & Garden at the Silos
- Dallas, TX
 - School Book & Depository Building
 - JFK Plaza
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Gainesville, TX
- St Joseph, MO (Drury Inn & Suites)
 - "Kick Back" meal

STATES VISITED on this tour:

MN-IA-MO-OK-TX

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy	\$2,490
Triple Occupancy	\$2,460
Quad Occupancy	\$2,430
Single Occupancy	\$3,480
DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. (due upon sign-up)	
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Jan. 3, 2020	

Early Bird Discount \$100 per person if you pay the deposit by 11/22/19

**discounts to be deducted from final payment*

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance available.
Ask us for details or see our website.

Fri., Feb. 14: Kansas City, MO **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!** We begin our journey to a place that has grown in popularity for Midwestern people who are looking for relief from our winters-TEXAS. Join us on this tour, seeking sunshine as we head for New Orleans, the Texas Coast, and the Rio Grande Valley. We will make comfort and meal stops along the route. Our first overnight will be in the **Kansas City, MO**, area.

Sat., Feb. 15: Tulsa, OK (B) From Kansas City we head south a few hours to **Pawhuska, AR**. Here we will stop at **the Mercantile, the Pioneer Woman's (Ree Drummond) shop** where you can find bakery goods, restaurant, and store in a renovated 100-year old mercantile building. Lunch is on your own here, before we head west to **Tulsa, OK**. While going through the area you may see historic icons of the Route 66 era.

Sun., Feb. 16: Houston, TX (B, D) We leave Oklahoma and enter Texas this morning! **Houston, TX**, is our first overnight in Texas, the nation's fourth largest city. Our lodging is at the **Drury Inn**, here in **Houston, TX**. The Drury Inn's have their complimentary **"Kick Back"** food in the evenings.

Mon., Feb. 17: Corpus Christi, TX (B) Our day starts at the **Space Center Houston**, near Clear Lake City, TX. Here will take a **tram tour the Center**, seeing bits of history like the Saturn V Rocket, which did missions from 1967 to 1973; Astronaut training facility, mission control, and more. From here, beautiful **Gulf Coast** views await us as we travel to **Corpus Christi, TX**. The night is on your own to enjoy some fine seafood.



Tues., Feb. 18: South Padre Island, TX (B) This morning we will visit the **U.S.S. Lexington**, which was built during World War II for the U.S. Navy, is the oldest remaining fleet carrier in the world, and is also known as "the Blue Ghost." Then visit the **Texas State Aquarium**, with exhibits like Tentacles, Eagle Pass, Dolphin Bay, and more. After our morning visits we'll depart Corpus Christi. Over the next few days we travel south, exploring the **Rio Grande Valley**, one of the fastest growing communities in Texas, located in the southern tip of Texas along the Rio Grande River. Today, we will stop at the **Texas King Ranch**, which has more land than the state of Rhode Island, and is recognized as the birthplace of the American ranching industry. From here, an hours drive takes us to **South Padre Island, TX**, for a **2-night stay on beachfront property**. Enjoy a relaxing evening on South Padre Island.



Wed., Feb. 19: South Padre Island, TX (B, L) Mid-morning we depart the hotel, then venture out into the Bay for a **1-1/2 hour Dolphin Watch Cruise**, followed by an included **lunch** on the Island. The balance of the day and evening is yours to enjoy on your own.



Thurs., Feb. 20: McAllen, TX (B, D) This morning we'll explore **Sea Turtle, Inc.**, where they rescue & rehab injured sea turtles. Then, enroute to McAllen, we will make a stop at the **Port Isabel Lighthouse**. At Harlingen, TX, we will stop at the **Sea Turtle, Inc.** (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner included that day)

Marine Military Academy to view the **Iwo Jima Memorial & visit the Museum**. Learn about Iwo Jima and other World War II history here at the Museum. McAllen is a winter resort area surrounded by orange and grapefruit groves and irrigated vegetables and cotton fields. McAllen is also a favorite crossing place for excursions into Mexico. There is a world of things to see and do in this "City of Palms." The climate averages around 75 degrees. You may have friends winterizing in the area that you could plan to see tonight, or just enjoy the area amenities. You'll enjoy our **3-night stay** at the **Drury Inn** here in **McAllen, TX**. The complimentary **"Kick Back"** meals are included each night while here in McAllen.



Fri., Feb. 21: McAllen, TX (B, D) Today is a free day, or you may join us for an **optional side trip to Progreso, Mexico**, for some South of the Border shopping. We will walk across the McAllen International Bridge (A Passport or Passcard would be needed if you choose to go into Progreso). The evening is free with a mall and restaurants close by.



Sat., Feb. 22: McAllen, TX (B, D) We will spend some time at the **Don Wes Flea Market & Farmers Market** for some great buys and wonderful fruit and vegetables. Plus you have the **option** of joining us as we **sightsee** around the area, or stay back and enjoy the hotel and the surrounding restaurants, shops, and malls on your own.

Sun., Feb. 23: San Antonio, TX (B, L, D) We continue on to historic **San Antonio**. Upon arrival in San Antonio we've included **lunch at the Buckhorn Saloon**. Later, we visit the **SAS** (San Antonio Shoes), with time to buy a pair at a reduced rate. You will have free time on the **River Walk** for shopping and a river taxi (cost not included in this tour) on the San Antonio River after we check into our lodging at the **Drury Inn River Walk** for **two nights** on this famous 21 block district. You'll just love the River Walk area and it's atmosphere. **Kick Back's** each night here.



Mon., Feb. 24: San Antonio, TX (B, D) A **local step-on-guide** will take us on a fascinating and fun **San Antonio city tour**, followed with a stop at the Rivercenter in downtown San Antonio, where we will dine at the eatery. At the Rivercenter attend the **IMAX Theatre's presentation of "ALAMO... The Price of Freedom,"** which brings us into the historic thirteen-day battle in 1836 by 189 Texian and Tejano defenders as they fight for Texas' independence. After the IMAX we will visit the site of **the Alamo**, then return to the hotel for a free evening on the **River Walk**.

Tues., Feb. 25: Gainesville, TX (B) From San Antonio we start our way home routing through **Austin**, the capital of Texas, on our way to **Waco, TX**. **Magnolia Market and Garden at the Silos** is here in Waco, which is run by HGTV's Chip & Joanna Gaines. You'll find décor inspirations, shopping, games, gardens, and places to eat here. Then on to **Dallas**, where we will tour the **School Book & Depository Building**, and the **JFK Plaza**. After time here we continue to **Gainesville, TX**, for the night.

Wed., Feb. 26: St Joseph, MO (B, D) Depart north to **Oklahoma City, OK**, to see the capital city and all the oil wells in the city. Then we leave the area and continue north to Minnesota today traveling on Hwy 35 to Wichita, KS, and on to **St Joseph, MO**. Enjoy this last evening of the tour with your new traveling friends. We will be staying at the Drury Inn. Enjoy the **"Kick Back"** tonight.

Thurs., Feb. 27: Home (B) Homeward bound after the last two weeks exploring the history, culture, food, and landscapes that Texas has to offer. We arrive home early this evening. Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.

A Passport Book or Passcard is required for this tour if you're going to Progreso

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TO SIGN-UP:

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DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. due upon sign-up.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/3/20.

Payment by cash or check is preferred. VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER accepted.

DISCOUNTS: U-Save Coupons, Early Bird Discounts, etc., are to be deducted from final payment, not your deposit.

PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS are in: Fargo / F-M Visitors Center; Fergus Falls / Wal-Mart; Alexandria / Perkins; St Cloud / Country Inn & Suites (on Park Ave). You can leave your car at these locations for the duration of your tour.

Other pick-ups may be available depending on route of tour.

SEE POLICY SHEET FOR MORE INFO.

TOUR INCLUDES: See "Price Includes" Section. All sightseeing admissions, transportation, transfers, guide fees, a Utopia Tours tour director, events included in tour itinerary, lodging, baggage handling (for one piece of luggage per person), taxes, tips for services included in tour, meals mentioned in "Price Includes" section of itinerary. **NOT INCLUDED:** Tips for meals or services not included in tour price, Tour Director and Tour Driver tips.

PACKING: Dress for comfort! Layered clothing is the way to go! **TOUR BUS:** The tour bus will have a restroom in the back of the bus. Most buses have WiFi capabilities (limited in Canada & Alaska). Some buses may have plug-ins for your electronics.

MOTORCOACH SEATING: There are no assigned or reserved seats.* It is common policy on motorcoach tours to rotate seats during tours. For the comfort and courtesy of all passengers, it is required that everyone participate in seat rotation.* (*unless we've been contacted by you for medical reasons) **BREAKS:** On driving days, we stop every few hours for coffee and lunch breaks. This is a great time to stretch a little, use restroom facilities, take a smoke break, and mingle with the other passengers.

UTOPIA TOURS reserves the right to make changes or alterations in the printed itinerary, dates, routings, or included features prior to or during the tour as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient operation of the tour without prior notice and assumes no responsibility for delays and/or expenses due to such modification. We will make every effort to fulfill special meal and rooms requests, but do not assume responsibility or liability if request isn't fulfilled.

RESPONSIBILITY: Utopia Tours is not responsible for any loss or damage of personal property or for injuries, expenses or damages whatsoever incurred or claimed by any tour member. Once our activities have ended for the day and we are at our lodging, as well as any time you have exited the bus during the tour day, you are on your own and Utopia Tours is not liable for your activities and/or any accident/incident that may occur. Please use your best judgment when crossing streets/roads and be careful for uneven or slippery sidewalks. Your safety is important to us!

MORE INFORMATION will be mailed out to you approximately 10 days prior to departure. This letter will include a tour brochure, hotel list, your pick-up and drop-off times/location, luggage tags, and more. Name tags will be in the tour packet you receive when you board the bus.

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7 business days prior to departure.....75%*
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