



Another Custom Tour from the Hometown Travelers Club

Majestic “ Big Bend Country ”

March 23 - 28, 2019

*Fort Davis and the McDonald Observatory * Lajitas Resort & Spa *
Guided Tour of Big Bend * Judge Roy Bean Visitor's Center * SAS Shoe Store*

The Hometown Travelers have planned a tour to the majestic **Big Bend Country** of West Texas. Many of you have been requesting that we do this tour again so here is a Springtime adventure to perhaps the most scenic and mountainous area of our own great state. This tour will require a fair amount of walking plus, some of our rooms may be on the second floor at the properties we will be staying at with no elevators.

Established in 1944 by Franklin Roosevelt, Big Bend National Park encompasses more than 800,000 acres. Despite its great size and amazing sights, Big Bend is one of the nation's least visited National Parks. Elevations within the park range from 1,800 feet near the Rio Grande on the eastern edge of the park to over 7,800 feet high in the Chisos Mountains. Such great disparity in elevation brings about a wide variety of ecosystems, from dry scrublands to cool mountain pine forests. The Rio Grande forms not only the park boundary, but also the international border on its 188 mile course through the park. Along the way, the Rio Grande cuts three massive limestone canyons, the Boquillas, Mariscal, and Santa Elena Canyons.

The majesty of the area doesn't stop with the breathtaking canyons; a violent volcanic past shaped the central area of the park, forming majestic peaks, deep canyons, and rocky spires. Big Bend National Park boasts more types of birds, bats, and cacti than any other national park in the United States. Words can not describe what Big Bend really is, only a trip out here will do that for you.

On our **first day**, we'll motorcoach from East Texas to Columbus for lunch and on through the Texas Hill Country to Kerrville for the night. Late afternoon we'll visit “**The Coming King**” Sculpture Prayer Gardens overlooking Kerrville. **Day two**, continue west with lunch in Fort Stockton and then south into the beautiful Davis Mountains to our home for the night, Fort Davis. On **Day three**, we will begin with a daylight tour of the Observatory with lunch at the Star Date Cafe. We'll then travel to Presidio and begin our trek along the scenic River Road with **Lajitas Resort & Spa**, our destination & home for the next two nights.

Our **fourth day** begins with a stop at the Desert Garden Center where we will pick up our guide for the day of touring **Big Bend National Park**. Lunch will be at the **Chisos Mountain Lodge** offering a magnificent view of “**The Window**” with afternoon touring in **Santa Elena Canyon**. Late afternoon we arrive in Terlingua for dinner at the Starlight Restaurant.

Day five and it's time to leave the beautiful Big Bend Country. Lunch will be in **Marathon** and then an afternoon stop at the **Judge Roy Bean Visitor's Center** in **Langtry**. Late afternoon we'll arrive at the border town of **Del Rio** and check into the Ramada Inn. After breakfast the morning of **Day six**, our first stop will be at the **First State Bank of Uvalde** for viewing of their art collection. Lunch near San Antonio followed by shopping at the **SAS Shoe Factory & General Store** where you may not only buy wholesale shoes and purses but, enjoy a 5 cent bag of popcorn and a 10 cent soda! These high-quality, fine leather shoes are not only made in the USA but proudly made in Texas.

What an extra special six day custom tour to the majestic **Big Bend Country** of Texas this will be. Every tour I've done to this area has left wonderful memories of the vastness and beauty found within our own great state. You won't want to miss this one!

\$1567.00 P/P Double * \$1472.00 P/P Triple * \$1993.00 Single

\$200.00 per person deposit due with reservation (100% refundable until 2/15/2019)

Deposit deadline is January 15, 2019. After this date, reservations based on space availability.

Final payment will be due by February 15, 2019. No refunds after this date unless space is resold.

Trip Cancellation Protection is available and highly recommended. Cost is \$137.00 P/P.

Tour price includes: Motorcoach Transportation * Five Nights Lodging with Baggage Handling *
5 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 4 Dinners * “The Coming King” Sculpture Gardens * Tour of McDonald Observatory *
Guided Touring of Big Bend National Park * Judge Roy Bean Visitor's Center * First State Bank of Uvalde Art *
SAS Shoe Factory & General Store * All Taxes, Admissions & Gratuities on Inclusions

Not Included: Items of a personal nature and driver gratuity.

Patsy Weaver at (936) 633-5110 / Dora or Lacey at (936) 639-5566

Please make checks payable to “Hometown Travelers” and mail to:

403 South Chestnut, Lufkin, TX 75901, Attn: Patsy

Travel arrangements by SJO-PRO Tours

Hometown Travelers - Big Bend March 23 - 28, 2019

Day 1 - Saturday - March 23 (Lunch & Dinner)

7:00 A.M. - Depart Nacogdoches
7:30 A.M. - Depart Lufkin
9:30 A.M. - Morning break
11:30 A.M. - Lunch in Columbus, Tx
4:00 P.M. - Arrive "The Coming King" Sculpture Prayer Gardens" in Kerrville
5:00 P.M. - Check into hotel in Kerrville
6:00 P.M. - Dinner at the restaurant in hotel

Overnight: Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, TX (830) 217-3397

Day 2 - Sunday - March 24 (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

7:00 A.M. - Bags out and breakfast
7:45 A.M. - Depart hotel
10:00 A.M. - Morning break in Ozona
12:30 P.M. - Lunch Buffet at K Bob's in Fort Stockton
3:30 P.M. - Arrive Old Fort Davis Historic Site
5:00 P.M. - Check into hotel
6:30 P.M. - Dinner in Fort Davis at Limpia Hotel

Overnight: Limpia Hotel, Fort Davis, TX (432) 426-3237

Day 3 - Monday - March 25 (Breakfast & Lunch)

7:30 A.M. - Bags out and breakfast on own
8:30 A.M. - Depart for McDonald Observatory for tour
11:30 A.M. - Lunch at the Star Date Cafe at Observatory
12:30 P.M. - Travel to Presidio for a break and then travel the scenic Rio Grande River Road to Lajitas
5:00 P.M. - Arrive Lajitas and check into our Resort, "The Ultimate Hideout"
Relax and enjoy our surroundings. Dinner on own this evening at resort.

Overnight: Lajitas Resort & Spa (432) 424-5000 (2 Nights)

Day 4 - Tuesday - March 26 (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

7:30 A.M. - Breakfast Buffet
8:30 A.M. - Depart for Tour of Big Bend National Park with Guide
12:30 P.M. - Lunch at Chisos Mountain Lodge
1:00 P.M. - Continue tour including Santa Elena Canyon
5:00 P.M. - Arrive Terlingua for Dinner at the Starlight Restaurant
7:30 P.M. - Return to Resort

Day 5 - Wednesday - March 27 (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

8:00 A.M. - Breakfast Buffet
9:00 A.M. - Depart hotel
11:30 A.M. - Lunch in Marathon, TX at one of the Gage Hotel's restaurants
2:30 P.M. - Visit Judge Roy Bean Visitor's Center in Langtry, TX
5:00 P.M. - Check into hotel in Del Rio, TX
6:00 P.M. - Dinner at Hotel

Overnight: Ramada Inn Del Rio (830) 775-1511

Day 6 - Thursday - March 28 (Breakfast & Lunch)

7:00 A.M. - Bags out and breakfast
8:00 A.M. - Depart hotel
9:30 A.M. - First State Bank of Uvalde Art Tour
10:15 A.M. - Depart
11:45 A.M. - Luncheon
1:00 P.M. - Arrive SAS Shoe Factory & General Store
2:15 P.M. - Depart SAS
3:30 P.M. - Afternoon break near Schulenburg
6:00 P.M. - Arrive Lufkin
6:30 P.M. - Arrive Nacogdoches