

## 8 Day Tour Depart from San Antonio

**Departure Day: Monday (Starting 1/22/2018, All year)**

**Tour Code: S8**

**Price List:**

1st & 2nd Person	3rd Person	4th Person	Single
\$938/person	\$591	\$591	\$1407

**Itinerary Highlights:**

1. In-Depth sightseeing within most of attractions. Get to know why everything is bigger in Texas or Texas size.
2. Hotel breakfast included every day, enjoy the breakfast before we start the tour.
3. Stay in French Quarter District hotel, most value!
4. Guest will have a chance to see the NBA game.
5. Learn the spirit of “Cowboy culture”, enjoy the world famous “Rodeo”, have a taste of “Texas Steak”.
6. Visit Rice University, University of Texas at Austin.
7. Gulf of Mexico Dolphins Cruise, NASA Space Center.
8. Texas State house and military museum.

**Visiting:** Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, New Orleans

**Departure/Return Information:**

Pickup Location	Address	Time
The Alamo	300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205	9:00 AM

**Day 1: San Antonio -Houston**

In the morning, we will go to the **Alamo** Mission. The Battle of the Alamo was a pivotal event in the Texas Revolution. Following a 13-day siege, Mexican troops under President General Antonio López de Santa Anna launched an assault on the Alamo Mission, killing all of the Texan defender. For Texans, the Battle of the Alamo became an enduring symbol of their heroic resistance to oppression and their struggle for independence, which they won later that year. Next, **the Buckhorn Museum** features wildlife from all over the world; including fish from the seven seas, animals from every continent and strange animal oddities which have been collected for over 100 years! Our exhibit halls are comprised of over 520 species of wildlife—many of which are record holders. **Historic Market Square**, explore over 100 locally owned shops and stalls, all at a festive indoor mall famously described as the largest Mexican market outside Mexico.

Also, we are going to the 750-foot-tall **Tower of the Americas** provides guests the most spectacular view of the Alamo City.

**Hotel: Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent**

### **Day 2: Houston—New Orleans**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! When we reach **Oak Alley Plantation**, a U.S. National Historic Landmark located at the west suburban of New Orleans, our attention, right away, would be attracted to the astonishing beauty that the plantation presents. Visitors may even feel that they were taken into the scene of “Gone with Wind”. The master’s big house is contrasting with the slave quarter nearby. Two rows of 300-years-old oak trees are not only concealing the amazing quarter-mile-long garden road, but also the bitterness of the south had borne after Civil War. The natural environment of New Orleans is as distinctive as its local culture. We will also have a **Swamp Tour**, a fun adventurous yet safe boat ride that showcases the unique eco system of New Orleans region. You’ll have opportunities to see alligators, snakes, turtles, egrets, herons, ibis and many other species as well as many strange looking plants living in the swamp. It is like entering a land of unknown. The natural disaster remains of Hurricane Katrina of ten years ago can still be seen. It is so fascinating of the untouched swamp wildness of the pristine beauty. Next, we will head to our hotel for the night located at **French Quarter** district in New Orleans. Guests can enjoy the rest of your day exploring the area. You can find a live jazz performance bar around **Bourbon Street**; enjoy a cup of coffee and Beignets at the famous **Café De Monde**; or have some Cajun crawfish and fresh oyster for dinner. Visiting **Jackson Square** seems like a good idea too. It was built to commemorate General Andrew Jackson. Many festivals are going on there simultaneously. You may also take the **Carriage Tour** to explore French Quarter. The night is long, and the nightlife is on.

**Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott French Quarter or equivalent**

### **Day 3: New Orleans- Houston**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! First thing in the morning we are going to visit the **National World War II Museum**, formerly known as the D-day Museum, a military history museum emphasizes the American experience in World War II. Around noon we will take you to the **Mississippi Steamed Jazz Cruise**. Your two-hour cruise from the heart of the French Quarter shows you why the city was founded on the beautiful crescent of the lower Mississippi River. New Orleans is an important historical city in South US and one of the major ports, also well-known as the birthplace of jazz. The live Jazz performance on the steamboat will make you an unforgettable trip.

**Hotel: Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent**

### **Day 4: Houston city tour**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! We will go for the **Houston Museum of Natural Science**. The museum complex consists of a central facility with four floors of natural science halls and exhibits, the Burke Baker Planetarium, the Cockrell Butterfly Center, and the Wortham Giant Screen Theatre. We can’t miss The Morian Hall of Paleontology, which is packed with prehistoric beasts, and does not have the same stagnant displays of ancient skeletons standing in a

row that many visitors are accustomed to seeing. Also, we will visit the **Rice University**, a private research university established in 1912. Rice is generally considered the top university and the most selective institute of higher education in the state of Texas. We will have a chance to see the "Willy's statue," the memorial to university founder William Marsh Rice, as well as James Turrell's "Twilight Epiphany" Skyspace. Furthermore, we will stop by **Toyota Center**, an indoor arena famous of the Houston Rockets, and **Hermann Park**. In the afternoon we will go to **Outlets** for shopping.

**Hotel: Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent**

### **Day 5: Houston in-depth tour**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! We will make our first stop to **Battleship Texas**, took part in some of the most significant naval battles of the 20th century during both world wars. Now docked along the Houston Ship Channel, she serves as a memorial to those turbulent times. Then go for **San Jacinto Monument**, the world's tallest masonry column. It commemorates the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. Led by General Sam Houston, the Texan Army engaged and defeated General Antonio López de Santa Anna's Mexican army in a fight that lasted just 18 minutes. The monument is 567 feet tall and 17 feet higher than Washington Monument in DC, topped with a Lone Star – the symbol of Texas. The most important part of the day is **NASA Space Center**. We will go to the Space Center for Tram tour to Rocket Park, see the control center, astronaut training center, space shuttle. The center features more than 400 space artifacts, permanent and traveling exhibits, attractions and theaters related to the exciting future and remarkable past of America's human space-flight program. Uncover the mysteries of outer space on an exhilarating visit to the Space Center Houston, the official visitor center for NASA's Johnson Space Center. During your self-guided tour of one of Houston's top attractions, ride a tram on an orientation tour of the Space Center; see enthralling exhibitions of full-size rockets and rock samples; and marvel at the real Apollo 17 space shuttle, which returned from the moon in 1972. **Dolphin Cruise** in Gulf of Mexico, we bring you up close to view the dolphins in their natural habitat, see birds and marine life. We are usually able to get a close up view of playful dolphins jumping.

**Hotel: Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent**

### **Day 6: Houston-Fort Worth**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! We will start our tour to Sundance Square located in Fort Worth, a dazzling, 35-block development filled with boutiques, restaurants, night spots, and art galleries. The **Fort Worth Water Gardens**, built in 1974, is located on the south end of downtown Fort Worth between Houston and Commerce Streets next to the Fort Worth Convention Center. Then we will head to Fort Worth, visit **The Historic Stockyard**. Once home to cowboys, cattlemen and outlaws, today the Stockyards National Historic District is one of the most popular attractions in Texas. Day and night, visitors come to the Stockyards to get a taste of the true American West. Our guide will arrange a free time for guests to walk around. Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, a western, historical museum in Fort Worth, Texas, honors those men and women who have shown excellence in the business and support of rodeo and the western lifestyle in Texas." After diner, we will enjoy the **Stockyards Championship Rodeo**, the Stockyards Championship Rodeo maintains a strong commitment to visitors looking for an authentic Western Cowboy Experience. The show features bull riding, tie down roping, team roping, barrel racing, bronc riding and break away roping.

**Hotel: Radisson Hotel Fort Worth or equivalent**

### **Day 7: Dallas city tour**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! We will follow the path of history to **George W Bush Presidential Library**. The mission of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is to preserve and make available for research the official records, personal papers, and artifacts of President George H.W. Bush, to support democracy, promote civic education, and increase historical understanding of U.S. national experience through the life and times of George Bush. After lunch, we will go for the **Sixth Floor Museum** at Dealey Plaza. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy, and is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald, according to four government investigations, shot and killed the President on November 22, 1963. Besides, we will get to the **Pioneer Plaza**, largest bronze sculpture garden in Dallas. The last but not the least, you don't want to miss the opportunity to step up to the most recognizable landmark in Dallas: **Reunion Tower**. You will enjoy the city view on the observation deck. Along the way, you will see and pass by the Giant Eyeball, Pioneer Plaza. AA Center of "Mavericks".

**Hotel: Radisson Hotel Fort Worth or equivalent**

### **Day 8 : Austin-San Antonio (Night Tour)**

We will arrive at the Capital city of Texas: Austin. Guests will have a chance to go inside for the **State Capitol** which was completed in 1888 in Downtown Austin, contains the offices and chambers of the Texas Legislature and the Office of the Governor. Our tour guides will take you for an exclusive tour to see the Senate and House chamber, Governor's public reception room, State Capitol library etc. (If the capitol is closed on the day we visit, we will see the outside view of capitol). Next, we will visit **University of Texas at Austin**, one of the best public research universities in US. Our tour in campus will lead you to see the fountain, statues and UT Tower. **Texas Military Forces Museum**, a museum about the history of Texas' militia, volunteer forces and Texas Military Forces from 1823 to the present. After we pass by Hope Outdoor Gallery, we will head to San Antonio. **You can choose to leave the group after arrive to hotel or after night tour**. Or you may choose to join our **Night Tour** in San Antonio after you take a rest. We will take you to see the tower of Friendship, tower of Americas, the river walk cruise for night view. Ernie Pyle once described the River Walk as "The American Venice" and it's easy to see why. If you tried to imagine a place where the sights, sounds and flavors of Native America, Old Mexico and the Wild West blend effortlessly with the hustle and bustle of a modern city, it would probably look a lot like the San Antonio River Walk.

#### **Scenic Spots Notes:**

- (1) Itinerary will be subject to traffic and weather. The sequence of the attractions might be changed according to actual and practical situation for better service.**
- (2) In case of attraction closures (due to holidays or construction, etc.), tour guide may make some necessary changes to the itinerary accordingly.**
- (3) This tour does not accept any City Pass or your own tickets for the attraction. Guests need to purchase admission tickets from tour guides.**

#### **Refund Remark:**

- (1) If the weather condition, war, general strikes and other unforeseen circumstances interrupt the journey, our company reserve the right to rearrange the journey without refunding the tour fee.**
- (2) If visitors cannot join the tour because of personal reason, the fee for hotels and transportation is not refundable.**

**Tour fee exclude: the meals, attractions tickets, service fee (\$10 per person per day), and any private costs (such as hotel telephone charges, laundry etc.)**

<b>Attraction Admission List</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Senior (65+)</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>Houston</b>			
NASA	\$29.95	\$27.95	\$24.95 (4-11yr)
Houston Museum of Natural Science	\$25	\$15 (62+)	\$15 (3-11yr)
Dolphin Sightseeing Tour	\$13.80	\$13.80	\$9.20(2-11yr)
<b>Dallas</b>			
George W Bush Library	\$16	\$13(62+)	\$10(5-12yr) \$14(13-17yr)
Sixth Floor Museum	\$16	\$14	\$13(6-18yr)
Reunion Tower	\$17	\$14	\$8(4-12yr)
<b>Fort Worth</b>			
Cowboy Hall of Fame	\$6	\$5(60+)	\$3(5-12)
Stockyard Championship Rodeo	\$23.50	\$17.50	\$13.50(3-12)
<b>San Antonio</b>			
Night Tour (Including Riverwalk Cruise)	\$35	\$35	\$25(2-11yr)
Tower Of Americas	\$12	\$10	\$9 (4-12yr )
Buckhorn Saloon& Texas Ranger Museum	\$22	\$22	\$17(3-12yr)
<b>New Orleans</b>			
Oak Alley Plantation	\$22	\$22	\$8(13-18yr) \$5(6-12yr)
Swamp Tour	\$27	\$27	\$16(4-12yr)
National World War II Museum	\$26	\$22.50	\$16.50(under 12yr)
Jazz Steamboat Mississippi (Including Lunch)	\$44	\$44	\$22(6-12yr) \$9(2-5yr)
Royal Carriages French Quarter	\$20	\$20	\$20(2-12yr)

**\*Price and schedule are subject to seasonal change without notice.**