

8 Day Tour Depart from Houston

Departure Day: Monday

Tour Code: H8

Price List: Standard price per person is based on double-bed room.

1 st & 2 nd Person	3 rd & 4 th Person	Single
\$938/person	\$591/person	\$1313/person

Itinerary Highlights:

1. In-Depth sightseeing within most of attractions
2. Hotel breakfast included every day, enjoy the breakfast before we start!
3. Stay in French Quarter District hotel, most value!
4. Learn the spirit of “Cowboy culture”
5. Visit Rice University, University of Texas at Austin

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

Departure/Return Location:

Location	Address	Departure Time
Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land	9090 Southwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77074	8:00AM
Chinatown Houston	9999 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77036	8:15AM

Day 1 Galveston

We will depart in the morning and start the tour!

- First of all, we will visit the **Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum**. The Ocean Star was built in 1969 in Beaumont, Texas by Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation for the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company fleet. She worked in the Gulf of Mexico throughout the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast and drilled approximately 200 wells during her active life. The Offshore Drilling takes visitors on a behind the scenes journey of the technical process of extracting oil and gas offshore, and the Drill Floor is directly underneath the derrick and is where the work of drilling a hole is done.
- Next we will visit the **Bishop’s Palace**, also known as Gresham's Castle. The house was built between 1887 and 1893 by Galveston architect Nicholas J. Clayton for lawyer and politician Walter Gresham, his wife Josephine, and their nine children. In 1923 the Roman Catholic Diocese of Galveston purchased the house, and, situated across the street from the Sacred Heart Church, it served as the residence for Bishop.
- Then we will go to the **Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier**. Featuring waterfront fun and entertainment like no other Gulf Coast destination. Featured attractions are Iron Shark, Sky Shooter, Texas Star Flyer, Galaxy Wheel, Bubba Gump Shrimp etc.

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. The night is long, and the nightlife is on.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott French Quarter/Hotel 504 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

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- 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.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Near Sugar Land or equivalent

Day 5 Houston-Dallas

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- 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.

We will pass by Hermann Park, Houston Zoo, visit Houston **Police Officer's Memorial** for the skyline of Houston. By the end of the tour, we will head to Dallas.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Garland or equivalent

Day 6 Dallas-Fort Worth

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Furthermore, the **Dallas World Aquarium** is a must-see! By stepping in you will see the artificial reproduction of the Orinoco Rainforest. The rainforest is an aviary, with birds such as scarlet ibis and toucans flying freely. While winding their way through the rainforest, visitors see the only public display of three-toed sloths and Antillean manatees in the United States, plus animals such as electric eels, caecilians, tamarins, poison dart frogs, Orinoco crocodiles, and vampire bats.
- Besides, we will get to the **Arts District** which is a performing and visual arts district in Downtown 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: Holiday Inn Garland or equivalent

Day 7 Austin-San Antonio(Night Tour)

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the 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.
- After we pass by **Hope Outdoor Gallery**, we will head to San Antonio. On the way to our hotel, we will make one stop to fulfill travel needs, the supermarket! After stopping at the supermarket, we will head directly to our hotel.
- At night, you may choose to join our **Night Tour in San Antonio** after you take a rest (\$35/person, including \$10 admission of Riverwalk Cruise). We will take you to see the tower of Friendship, tower of Americas, the river walk cruise for night view, and the amazing lighting show you don't want to miss out.

Hotel: Best Western Plus Fiesta San Antonio or equivalent

Day 8 San Antonio-Houston

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour!

- 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.
- And then we will take you to the **River Walk**, lined by bars, shops, restaurants, nature, and public art, an important part of the city's urban fabric and a tourist attraction in its own right.
- After we pass by AT&T Center of "Spurs", we will head to **George Ranch Historic Park** in Houston. The George Ranch Historical Park's history follows family lines beginning in 1824 and spans more than 100 years. Visiting the 1830s farm, Cattle Demonstrations which Cowboys herd, sort and rope cattle every day to administer medicines and to prepare them for market.

After George Ranch Park, we will head back to Houston for drop off, please choose flight leave from IAH after 8:00PM.

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 (\$8 per person per day), and any private costs (such as hotel telephone charges, laundry etc.)

Attraction Admission List	Adult	Senior (65yr+)	Children
Houston:			
NASA Space Center	\$29.95	\$27.95	\$24.95(4-11yr)
George Ranch Historical Park	\$10	\$9(62+)	\$5(5-15yr)
Houston Museum of Natural Science	\$25	\$15(62+)	\$15(3-11yr)
Bishop's Palace	\$12	\$12	\$9(6-18yr)
Pleasure Pier	\$27	\$27	\$19.99(under 48")
Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum	\$9	\$6(55+)	\$5(7-18yr)
Dallas:			
George W Bush Library	\$19	\$16(62+)	\$13(5-12yr) \$17(13-17yr)

Sixth Floor Museum	\$16	\$14	\$13(6-18yr)
Reunion Tower	\$17	\$14	\$8(4-12yr)
The Dallas World Aquarium	\$20.95+tax	\$16.95 + tax	\$14.95 + tax (2-12yr)
San Antonio:			
Night Tour (Including Riverwalk Cruise)	\$35	\$35	\$25(2-11yr)
New Orleans:			
Oak Alley Plantation	\$22	\$22	\$8(13-18yr)/\$5(6-12yr)
Swamp Tour	\$27	\$27	\$16(4-12yr)
National World War II Museum	\$26	\$22.5	\$16.50(under 12yr)
Jazz Steamboat Mississippi including lunch	\$44	\$44	\$22(6-12yr)/\$9(2-5yr)
Service Fee Per Day Per Person	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

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