



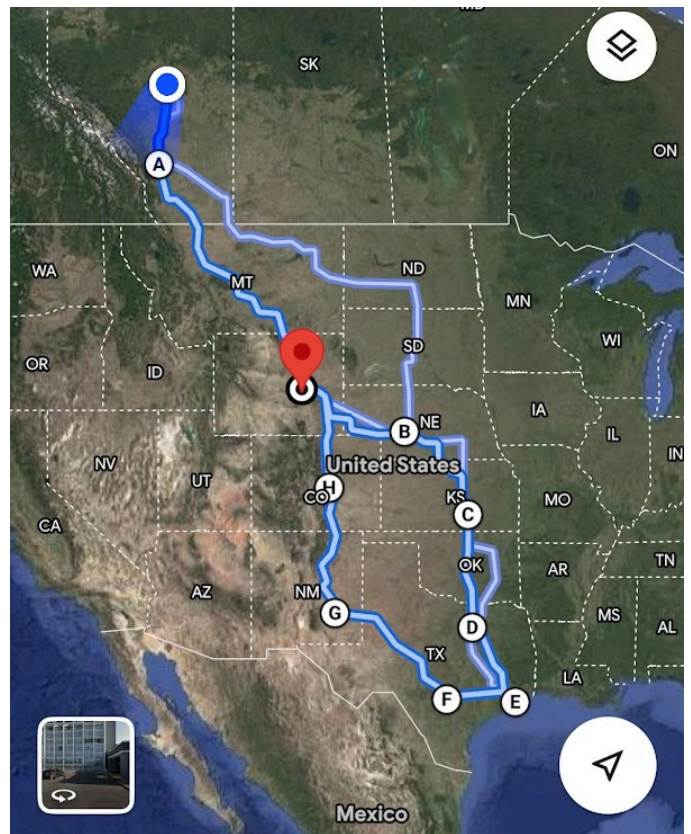
Texas Trails and Western Tales

Mar 07, 2027 to Mar 26, 2027

Embark on Texas Trails and Western Tales, an unforgettable journey tracing the legendary routes of pioneers, cowboys, and cultural icons across the vast and varied landscapes of Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. Step into the footsteps of early settlers and experience the enduring spirit of those who shaped the American West and, ultimately, a nation.

Discover the rich tapestry of Native American heritage, the rugged lives of American cowboys, and the lasting influence of Spanish colonial history. Encounter pivotal moments in U.S. history with visits connected to Presidents John F. Kennedy and George W. Bush, explore humanity's reach for the stars at NASA's Space Center Houston, and delve into the intrigue of the Roswell UFO mystery—where fact and speculation collide.

Enjoy carefully selected accommodations—from beachfront retreats along the Gulf of Mexico to charming riverfront hotels and Spanish-inspired cities—and a well-balanced itinerary combining expert-guided tours, cultural immersion, and plenty of free time to explore on your own. Whether your passion lies in history, nature, or the call of the open road, Texas Trails and Western Tales offers a rich and memorable adventure through the heart and soul of the American Southwest.



20 DAY tour

Activity Level: Active

PRICING

Includes all applicable taxes

Single Occupancy: /person

Double Occupancy: /person

Sales cut off / final payment due:

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Holiday Inn Great Falls MT

Night 2: Ramkota Hotel Casper WY

Night 3: Fairfield Inn and Suites

Night 4: Fairfield Inn and Suites

Night 6: Hyatt Place Bricktown

Night 7: Drury Plaza Arlington

Night 8: Drury Plaza Arlington

Night 9: Holiday Inn Resort Galveston on the beach

Night 11: Drury Plaza Riverwalk

Night 12: Drury Plaza Riverwalk

Day 1 – Sun Mar 07 *A Warm Welcome to the Journey – Home to Great Falls*

Meals Included: Wine reception , Welcome Dinner

Kick off your Texas Trails & Western Tales tour as we start the day in St. Albert, making pickups along the way. After crossing the Coutts/Sweetgrass border, we'll head to Great Falls, where your adventure truly begins.

Upon arrival, unwind at our Wine and Cheese reception before enjoying a delicious Welcome Dinner. This evening is the perfect opportunity to meet and connect with your fellow like-minded travellers, as well as your Tour Director and Bus Driver. Learn more about the exciting adventure ahead and get ready for the unforgettable days to come!

Overnight: Holiday Inn Great Falls MT

Day 2 – Mon Mar 08 *Scenic Stops & Western Comforts: Great Falls, MT to Casper, WY*

Meals Included: Breakfast

Today, we journey southeast towards Casper, Wyoming, with picturesque photo stops at Judith Gap and Rimrock View near Billings, MT. These scenic vistas offer a perfect opportunity to capture the beauty of the West before continuing our travels to Casper, WY at the Ramkota Hotel. Enjoy an evening of leisure, whether you choose to savour a meal at the hotel's restaurant and lounge, or head next door to a classic Steakhouse for a hearty dinner. Afterward, unwind with a swim in the pool or relax in the inviting courtyard.

Overnight: Ramkota Hotel Casper WY

Day 3 – Tue Mar 09 *Cattle Trails & Natural Wonders: Casper, WY to North Platte, NE*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Lunch

In Ogallala, famously known as the “town too tough for Texans,” we'll enjoy an included lunch at Front Street Steakhouse, part of the Cowboy Museum—a captivating recreation of an 1880s Old West main street that brings the cattle trail era to life. We'll also visit the Petrified Wood Gallery, home to Native American artifacts and exquisite carvings made from ancient petrified wood gathered from around the globe. A short drive takes us to North Platte, where we'll check in for a two-night stay at the Fairfield Inn. Conveniently located near a variety of dining options, you'll have plenty of ways to unwind and enjoy your evening.

Overnight: Fairfield Inn and Suites

Day 4 – Wed Mar 10 *A Day of Legacy, Nature & History: North Platte, NE*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Lunch

Our day in North Platte is filled with history, nature, and unique local charm. We begin at Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park, stepping back in time to explore the life and legacy of William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody at his beloved Scout's Rest Ranch. Next, we embark on a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife experience as we join local naturalists to witness over 400,000 Sandhill Cranes performing their breathtaking mating dances across the fields. At the Lincoln County Historical Museum, we'll discover the inspiring stories of the North Platte World War II Canteen, enjoy a meal inspired by the era, and explore the exhibits at our own pace. We'll then take in sweeping views from the Golden Spike Tower, overlooking Bailey Yard—the largest classification rail yard in the world. To cap off the day, we visit the Fort Cody Trading Post, where you'll find one-of-a-kind Nebraska souvenirs to commemorate your journey.

Overnight: Fairfield Inn and Suites

Day 5 – Thurs Mar 11 *From Pioneers to Prairie: North Platte, NE to Wichita, KS*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Our journey continues eastward into Nebraska, where we'll stop at The Archway, an immersive exhibit that brings to life the stories of the pioneers who helped shape America. From the Oregon Trail to the rise of 1950s diners and drive-ins, this engaging experience spans decades of American history, with plenty of time to explore the massive gift shop. We then travel south to Wichita, Kansas, where you'll check in to your hotel situated along the scenic Arkansas River. After settling in, enjoy a relaxing evening Kickback—featuring hot food and cold drinks—the perfect way to unwind after a day rich with discovery.

Day 6 – Thurs Mar 11 *Pioneers & Progress: Wichita, KS to Oklahoma City, OK*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Lunch

Begin your day with a visit to the Keeper of the Plains, a striking 44-foot sculpture located at the confluence of the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers, honoring the region's rich Native American heritage. Then, travel to Oklahoma City to explore the renowned National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, the nation's premier institution celebrating Western history, art, and culture—including an impressive collection of John Wayne memorabilia. Continue to the powerful Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, a heartfelt tribute to the victims of the 1995 Murrah Federal Building bombing, where impactful video and audio exhibits offer a deeply moving experience. End the day with check-in at the Hyatt Place Bricktown, ideally located near the Bricktown Canal, where you can enjoy a relaxing stroll or hop aboard a charming water taxi through this lively, historic district.

Overnight: Hyatt Place Bricktown

Day 7 – Sat Mar 13 *Trailblazing to Texas, a Day of Heritage & Scenic Views: Oklahoma City, OK to Arlington, TX*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Our Lone Star adventure begins in Grapevine's vibrant Artisan District, where European-style dining meets Texas charm at Harvest Hall. Take in sweeping 360-degree views from the 12-story Observation Tower, offering panoramic vistas of the Dallas and Fort Worth skylines and Lake Grapevine. Step into classic Americana at the restored Grand Train Station before continuing to the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District—125 acres dedicated to preserving the spirit of the American West. Watch the Longhorn Cattle Drive and see the skilled Fort Worth Herd Drovers bring cowboy traditions to life, with free time to explore the district's shops, saloons, and historic streets.

Overnight: Drury Plaza Arlington

Day 8 – Sun Mar 14 *A Day of History, Culture, and Western Tradition: Dallas/Fort Worth, TX*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Start your day with a locally guided city tour of Dallas, highlighting key landmarks and rich historical insights into this dynamic Texas city. A major highlight is the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, where powerful exhibits and artifacts chronicle the life, legacy, and lasting impact of President John F. Kennedy. In the afternoon, explore the George W. Bush Presidential Library, where you'll step inside a full-scale replica of the Oval Office, experience a recreation of the White House Situation Room, and engage with interactive exhibits that provide a behind-the-scenes look at pivotal moments of his presidency and lifelong humanitarian efforts

Overnight: Drury Plaza Arlington

Day 9 – Mon Mar 15 *Journey to the Stars & Shores: Arlington, TX to Galveston, TX*

Meals Included: Breakfast

We're off to Houston, for an out-of-this-world experience at Space Center Houston. Discover the birthplace of America's space exploration through cutting-edge exhibits and iconic artifacts from the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs—a must-see for space enthusiasts. From there, we head to Galveston Island, a scenic coastal paradise, where we'll check in for a two-night stay at our beachfront hotel. Spend your evening relaxing by the shore or exploring the island's unique charm—the choice is yours.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Resort Galveston on the beach

Day 10 – Tue Mar 16 *A Day of Coastal Relaxation & Adventure: Galveston, TX*

Meals Included: Breakfast

From our beachfront hotel, today is all about relaxation and discovery as you enjoy Galveston Island at your own pace. Hop aboard the charming Galveston Island Trolley, which travels along the scenic Seawall and connects you to downtown, where you can explore shops, enjoy local dining, or visit one of the island's fascinating museums. For a bit of adventure, consider booking a dolphin tour and experience the thrill of seeing these playful creatures in their natural habitat. Prefer a slower pace? Spend the day soaking up the sun on the beach, lounging by the pool, or losing yourself in a good book while the sound of the waves and fresh sea breeze provide the perfect coastal escape.

Day 11 – Tue Mar 16 *From Coast to Culture: Galveston, TX to San Antonio's Riverwalk*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Today, we leave Galveston behind and travel to the culturally rich city of San Antonio. After a scenic drive, we'll arrive and begin with a guided tour of The Alamo, where you'll explore the dramatic history of this iconic site and its role in the fight for Texas independence. From there, we'll check in for a two-night stay along the beautiful San Antonio Riverwalk, often called "the little Venice of Texas." The remainder of the afternoon and evening is yours to enjoy at your own pace—take a relaxing stroll along the river, browse the shops and galleries, or enjoy dinner at one of the many waterside restaurants.

Overnight: Drury Plaza Riverwalk

Day 12 – Thurs Mar 18 *Cultural Sights & Riverwalk Nights: San Antonio, TX*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Start your day with a locally guided city tour of San Antonio, where you'll uncover the rich history, diverse culture, and iconic landmarks that define this vibrant city. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to revisit The Alamo, explore the colorful Mexican markets, or simply take in the lively local atmosphere. You'll also have the opportunity to use your prepaid voucher for a narrated River Walk boat tour at your leisure—a relaxing and scenic way to see the city from a different perspective. Spend the rest of your afternoon exploring at your own pace or returning to favorite spots from the day before. As evening falls, enjoy a stroll along the River Walk, where festive lights, the sounds of mariachi music, and the energy of San Antonio's nightlife create the perfect end to your day.

Overnight: Drury Plaza Riverwalk

Day 13 – Fri Mar 19 *A New Horizon: San Antonio, TX to Carlsbad, NM*

Meals Included: Breakfast

Our first night in New Mexico brings us to Carlsbad, a captivating region in the American Southwest steeped in the history of the Old West, Native American heritage, and Spanish colonial influence. This area played a key role in the story of westward expansion and served as a vital passage for early pioneers journeying north.

In the days ahead, we'll continue to immerse ourselves in the enduring spirit of the Southwest—taking in the rugged landscapes that shaped pioneer life, discovering the rich traditions of Native cultures, and exploring the lasting impact of Spanish history that still echoes through the region today.

Day 14 – Sat Mar 20 *Aliens, Cowboys, and Spanish Spirits: Carlsbad, NM to Santa Fe, NM*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Today takes us a bit off the beaten path as we visit Roswell, New Mexico, home to the famed International UFO Museum and Research Center. Known worldwide for its connection to the alleged 1947 UFO crash, this quirky and intriguing stop offers a unique look into one of the most iconic and enduring mysteries of the American Southwest.

From there, we continue to the enchanting city of Santa Fe, where Spanish colonial charm seamlessly blends with Native American heritage. We'll check in to the Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe, located just steps from the historic Santa Fe Plaza. You'll have ample time to explore this vibrant area, from the Loretto Chapel and its "miraculous staircase" to the winding, adobe-lined streets that radiate the city's timeless beauty. Stroll past colorful markets, art galleries, eclectic shops, and historic churches, all of which reflect the rich cultural tapestry and artistic spirit that make Santa Fe truly unforgettable.

Day 15 – Sun Mar 21 *Spanish Charms and Red Rocks: Santa Fe, NM to Colorado Springs, CO*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Take a final morning stroll through Santa Fe, soaking in its rich culture, adobe charm, and artistic flair before we continue our journey north to Colorado Springs. Upon arrival, we'll dive into the natural beauty of the renowned Garden of the Gods, where a guided tour will highlight the park's towering red rock formations and spectacular panoramic views—an unforgettable encounter with nature's artistry.

We'll then check in for a relaxing two-night stay at the Drury Hotel, where comfort meets convenience. This evening, unwind with the hotel's signature Kickback, featuring hot food and refreshing drinks—the perfect way to end a day filled with discovery and wonder.

Day 16 – Mon Mar 22 *Thrilling Peaks, to Ancient Streets, and Dwellings: Colorado Springs & Manitou Springs, CO*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Evening Kickback

Today, get ready for a thrilling train ride aboard the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, taking you to the summit of Pikes Peak, where breathtaking panoramic views of Colorado Springs and the surrounding Rocky Mountain landscapes await. After descending, we'll make our way to the charming town of Manitou Springs, known for its vibrant atmosphere and natural mineral springs. Enjoy time to browse quaint shops, stroll the picturesque streets, and visit the remarkable Manitou Cliff Dwellings—an incredible opportunity to step back in time and explore the ancient cliffside homes of the Ancestral Puebloans, carefully preserved and nestled in the red rock formations.

Day 17 – Tue Mar 23 *Ranches, Rocks, and Trolley Tracks: Colorado Springs, CO to Cheyenne, WY*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Lunch

Today, before leaving Colorado, we'll visit the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheatre, a world-renowned outdoor concert venue nestled among towering red sandstone formations that have hosted legendary artists across all genres. Crossing into Wyoming, we'll stop at Terry Bison Ranch for a 45-minute fully narrated train tour, where you'll learn about the ranch's fascinating history and get up close to the famous bison herd as well as other intriguing animals like ostriches and hogs. After the tour, enjoy a hearty Dirty Dan McGee Burger and fries, the perfect way to recharge before continuing on. To end the day, we'll board the 90-minute narrated Cheyenne Street Trolley, touring this historic city while discovering its unique landmarks, rich culture, and colorful history.

Day 18 – Wed Mar 24 *Trails of the Pioneers and the Path to Prosperity: Cheyenne, WY to Sheridan, WY*

Meals Included: Breakfast

We'll make a brief stop in Casper to visit the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, where we'll step back in time to explore the stories of pioneers who traveled the Oregon Trail, including Mormon emigrants journeying toward Utah. Their tales of faith, perseverance, and community form vital chapters in the story of westward expansion. Continuing on to Sheridan, we'll visit the stunning Kendrick Mansion, a remarkable example of early 20th-century Flemish Revival architecture. Built by John Kendrick—a penniless Texas orphan who rose to fortune through cattle ranching and real estate—the mansion, known as "Trail End," offers an intimate glimpse into the Kendrick family's world through personal items, period furnishings, and captivating displays that reveal a rich and colorful facet of Wyoming's history.

Day 19 – Thurs Mar 25 *From Battlefields to Cattle Trails: Sheridan, WY. to Great Falls, MT*

Meals Included: Breakfast , Farewell Dinner

Begin the day with a visit to Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana, a site of profound Native American significance where General Custer met his famous defeat. From there, we'll continue north to Great Falls, known as the "Electric City" for its pioneering hydroelectric power from the Missouri River's falls, and deeply connected to the region's rich ranching heritage that stretches across the surrounding plains. Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel and come together for a farewell dinner—a special moment to share stories, reflect on the unforgettable experiences of the journey, and celebrate the friendships formed. Tomorrow, we'll cross back into Canada, but tonight we'll savor our last evening together and toast to the memories we've made.

Day 20 – Fri Mar 26 *Journey's Close, Reflecting on Trails and Legacy: Great Falls, MT to Home*

Meals Included: Breakfast

This journey through trails and western tales has been a truly enriching adventure. Like all great cowboy stories, it comes to its own 'Trail's End' as we cross the border back into Canada. Along the way, we've reflected on the pioneering spirit of those ancestors who carved paths through these rugged lands. Though the world today looks very different, their legacies continue to shape the landscapes and lives we know—reminding us that their enduring spirit still rides strong.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach
- Services of an experienced Pro Tours Tour Director & Professional Driver
- Services of local Step-on Guides
- Onboard entertainment
- Meals Included: 19 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 2 Dinners, 8 Evening Kickbacks
- 19 nights accommodation
- 2 Nights Great Falls, MT - Holiday Inn
- 1 Night Casper, WY - Ramkota Casper
- 2 Night North Platte, NE - Fairfield Inn
- 1 Night Wichita, KS - Drury Plaza Broadview Riverfront
- 1 Night Oklahoma city, OK - Hyatt Place Bricktown
- 2 Nights Arlington, TX - Drury Arlington
- 2 Nights Galveston, TX - Holiday Inn Resort Galveston on the beach
- 2 Nights San Antonio, TX - Drury Plaza - Riverwalk
- 1 Night Carlsbad, NM - TBA
- 1 Night Santa Fe, NM - Drury Plaza Hotel
- 2 Nights Colorado Springs, CO - Drury Inn and Suites
- 1 Night Cheyenne, WY - TBA
- 1 Night Sheridan, WY - TBA
- Welcome Dinner Great Falls
- Cowboy museum and lunch in Ogallala (Town too tough for Texans)
- Petrified wood gallery
- Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park
- Lincoln County Historical Museum
- North Platte World War II Canteen exhibit and lunch
- Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center
- Fort Cody Trading Post
- Archway, Oregon trail exhibit
- Oklahoma City National Memorial
- National Cowboy & Heritage Museum
- Glockenspiel and Observation tower in Grapevine
- Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District
- Dallas City Tour
- Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza (Texas School Book Depository)
- Bush Presidential Library
- Johnson Space Center Houston
- Free day Galveston Island Beachfront
- River Walk San Antonio
- City Tour of San Antonio
- The Alamo
- Narrated River Boat Tour
- Roswell - International UFO Museum and Research Center
- Free time - Santa Fe Plaza
- Garden of the Gods parkway guided tour
- Pikes Peak railway
- Manitou Springs CO
- Manitou Cliff Dwellings
- Red Rocks Amphitheatre
- Terry Bison Ranch train ride and Dirty Dan McGees Burger fry-
- Cheyenne Street Trolley
- National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
- Kendrick Mansion - Trails End
- Little Bighorn Battlefield and monument
- Farewell Dinner
- Miles of Smiles!

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals not specified
- Gratuity for your Tour Director
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