



# BIG BEND & RIO GRANDE

Big Bend National Park is a majestic beauty filled with dramatic wilderness, towering peaks and a fascinating native history. This week we'll explore the unique treasures of South Texas and experience its wide open skies.

**APRIL 18 - 24, 2023**

**Departs** Wichita, OKC, Tulsa

**Activity Level**

**\$1749 Double**     **\$1539 Quad**  
**\$1599 Triple**     **\$2229 Single**

\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person  
Optional Travel Protection Available  
Final Payment Due 45 days before departure

**Cancellation Policy B**

### Included Meals:

- 6 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 4 Dinners

**Day 1 // Fort Worth, TX** Our first day in the Lone-Star state will include a trip to the Fort Worth stockyards. This evening, visit the "John Wayne: An American Experience" exhibit for dinner and an intimate look at the life of the larger-than-life American icon.

**Day 2 // Austin, TX** Our second day will be jam-packed with excitement with a visit to the world-famous Texas staple, Buc-ees Convenience Store. Then explore **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** and enjoy a relaxing lunch as a group. In the afternoon, take a tour of the Texas State Capitol followed up with an evening cruise aboard the Lone Star Riverboat. Austin is home to North America's largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats which will be visible from the riverboat after the sun goes down!

**Day 3 // Fredericksburg, TX** This morning, visit the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park to hear the story of our 36th President, beginning with his ancestors and ending with his final resting place on his beloved LBJ Ranch. The President spent a lot of time on the ranch, even during his presidency, so much so, that the press started referring to his home as the Texas White House. Visit his boyhood home as well, just down the road from the ranch. Stop for dinner in charming Fredericksburg at a local spot highlighting its German heritage. Then, dive into history with a visit to the **National Museum of the Pacific War**. Dedicated to those who served, the interactive exhibits pay tribute to World War II as well as Japanese and American culture of the time.

**Day 4 // Big Bend National Park, TX** Stop and see the awe-inspiring Caverns of Sonora on your way towards Big Bend National park. Even a Texan would be hard-pressed to exaggerate the beauty of these caverns. Big Bend National Park is located in far west Texas along the Rio Grande. It is the largest National Park in the Continental U.S. with 800,000 acres containing three distinctly different habitats: river, desert and mountains. Explore the vast wilderness, beautiful views and temple like canyons this afternoon. Then, settle in for the night at Chisos Mountain Lodge, located in the heart of Big Bend National Park. Skies as dark as coal will leave us in awe during this relaxing stay.

**Day 5 // Big Bend National Park, TX** Today, a park guide joins us for a tour of Big Bend, giving us insight into the land and its wild history. Visit an abandoned calvary post, acquaint yourself with the local foliage and take in the scenic views of Santa Elena Canyon carved by the Rio Grande River.

**Day 6 // Lubbock, TX** Descend from the mountains today as our adventure nears its finale. Stop to stretch our legs and pay tribute to an American hero at the **Chris Kyle: American Sniper Memorial** in his hometown of Odessa.

**Day 7 // Home** Travel home after a wild and wonderful week in the Lone Star state, stopping for lunch along the way.

