

## 9 Day Tour Depart from Dallas

**Departure Day: Saturday (Starting 1/20/2018, All year)**

**Tour Code: APD9N**

### **Price List:**

<b>1st &amp; 2nd Person</b>	<b>3rd Person</b>	<b>4th Person</b>	<b>Single</b>
\$1038/person	\$654	\$654	\$1557

### **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
3. Guests will have a chance to see NBA games.
4. Learn the spirit of “Cowboy culture”, enjoy the world famous “Rodeo”, have a taste of “Texas Steak”.
5. Visit Rice University, University of Texas at Austin
6. Texas State house and military museum; Gulf of Mexico Dolphins Cruise, NASA Space Center
7. Visit the most want Bayou Rum Distillery from Pirate of Caribbean, take an amazing ride to the top of Louisiana State Capitol the tallest capitol in the U.S.
8. French Quarter Custom Carriage Tours, chance to fully enjoy the most distinct and sought-after Cajun Food in the nation.
9. Oak Alley Plantation, Swamp Tour, Mardi Gras World, Garden District, National World War II Museum and Mississippi Steamed Jazz Cruise, fully discover is amazing city New Orleans.

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

### **Airport Pick-up Information:**

<b>Starting Day: ( Airport Pick-up )</b>	<b>Airport Drop-off Information</b>	<b>End Day</b>
Saturday	IAH/HOU airport after 22:00; MSY airport after 16:00	Sunday

1. Free Airport Pick-up IAH and HOU ( George Bush Intercontinental Airport and William P. Hobby Airport ) 9:00AM-10:00PM;
2. Paid Pick-up: Available 24hrs, \$100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, \$20 extra per guest starts from the 3<sup>rd</sup> guest.
3. You may choose to drop off in MSY or optional stay for Extra night in Houston Airport Hotel.

### **Day 1 Hometown – Dallas**

Please choose DFW (Dallas Fort Worth Intercontinental Airport) or DAL (Dallas Love Field Airport) when you book your flight. Our professional tour guide will meet guests at the baggage claim area for the domestic flight, or at the Passenger Waiting Area for the international flight. Hotel check-in time would be after 3pm, guests arrive before 3pm may secure their luggage to the front desk. You may rest in the lobby or shopping around mall or stores nearby. Our tour guides will have the room keys, terms and conditions for the tour, breakfast voucher (if needed) ready for you. (You may enjoy Stockyards Championship Rodeo on your own expense if you arrive the hotel by 6:30PM)

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

### **Day 2: 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 3 : 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. After we pass by Hope Outdoor Gallery, we will head to San Antonio. At night, 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.

**Hotel: Best Western Plus Fiesta San Antonio/Wyndham or equivalent**

#### **Day 4: 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 L ópez 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 5: Houston**

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**

#### **Day6: 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 L ópez 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 7: Houston-Bayou Rum-Baton Rouge-French Quarter New Orleans**

We will depart in the morning and start the tour! Our first stop will be the **Bayou Rum Distillery**, the largest privately-owned rum distillery in the USA, utilizing traditional methods with state-of-the-art technology for all four steps: fermentation, distillation, maturation, and bottling. Cheers to our Captain Jack Sparrow with his favorite drink in the world. We will continue our visit in **Baton Rouge**, capital of the U.S. state of Louisiana and its second-largest city. The **Louisiana State Capitol** is the tallest capitol in the U.S., The Observation Deck on the 27<sup>th</sup> floor overlooks the city of Baton Rouge at a height of 450 feet. The views of the gardens are spectacular. 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 Caf éDe 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. Let your appetite take the lead on a memorable food tour through New Orleans that allows you to discover the vivid history of the French Quarter. See for yourself why New Orleans' Cajun cuisine the most distinct and sought-after food in the nation, and don't forget to grab a **Caf éDe Monde** with you. You may also take the **Carriage Tour** to explore French Quarter.

**Hotel: Wingate by Wyndham Slidell/New Orleans East Area or equivalent**

### **Day8: Oak Alley Plantation-Swamp Tour-Mardi Gras World-Garden District-French**

#### **Quarter**

Enjoy your breakfast before we start the tour! There are plenty of tours in New Orleans, but only the **Mardi Gras World** tour offers a real, behind-the scene look at how Mardi Gras is made. The secret mask of Mardi Gras will be taking off with an all-access tour, leading us through the massive studio where these magnificent floats are built from the ground up. Immerse yourself in all the faded grandeur and antebellum atmosphere of New Orleans' fabled **Garden District**. See the filming locations of Hollywood movies like Interview with a Vampire and Double Jeopardy, and hear an entertaining tale or two about New Orleans' most noteworthy deceased residents. 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.

**Hotel: Wingate by Wyndham Slidell/New Orleans East Area or equivalent**

**Day 9: WWII Museum-Mississippi Steamboat Cruise-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. Return to Houston after the tour. You can choose flight departs after 4 pm. from MSI (Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport) or IAH/HOU after 10 pm.

**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.)

Attraction Admission List	Adult	Senior (65+)	Children
<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)

<b>Reunion Tower</b>	\$17	\$14	\$8(4-12yr)
<b>Fort Worth</b>			
<b>Cowboy Hall of Fame</b>	\$6	\$5(60+)	\$3(5-12)
<b>Stockyard Championship Rodeo</b>	\$23.50	\$17.50	\$13.50(3-12)
<b>San Antonio</b>			
<b>Night Tour (Including Riverwalk Cruise)</b>	\$35	\$35	\$25(2-11yr)
<b>Tower Of Americas</b>	\$12	\$10	\$9 (4-12yr )
<b>Buckhorn Saloon&amp; Texas Ranger Museum</b>	\$22	\$22	\$17(3-12yr)
<b>New Orleans</b>			
<b>Oak Alley Plantation</b>	\$22	\$22	\$8(13-18yr) \$5(6-12yr)
<b>Mardi Gras World</b>	\$20	\$16	\$13
<b>Swamp Tour</b>	\$27	\$27	\$16(4-12yr)
<b>National World War II Museum</b>	\$26	\$22.50	\$16.50(under 12yr)
<b>Jazz Steamboat Mississippi (Including Lunch)</b>	\$44	\$44	\$22(6-12yr) \$9(2-5yr)
<b>Royal Carriages French Quarter</b>	\$20	\$20	\$20

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