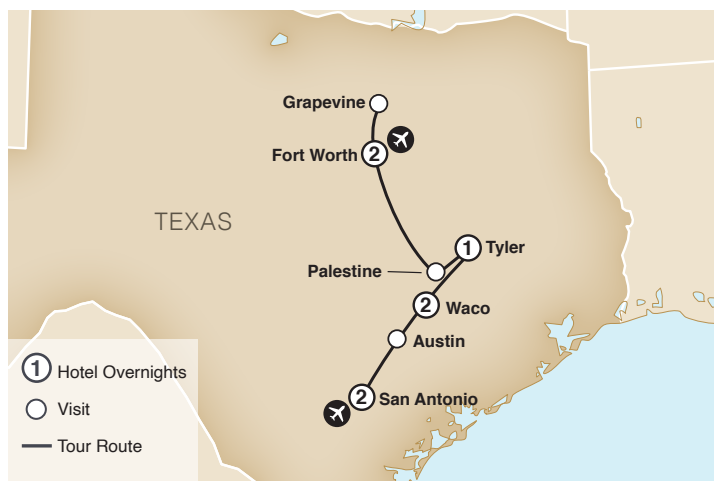




Rivers and Rails of Texas

featuring San Antonio, Austin and Fort Worth

Departure Date: May 18, 2025



DAY 1 Arrive in Texas: Arrive in San Antonio today and transfer to your hotel on the Riverwalk. Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel lobby at 5:00 p.m. for the Drury Inn's Kickback dinner.

DAY 2 San Antonio River Cruise and The Alamo: The history of San Antonio comes alive as a local guide conducts a sightseeing tour of the city with a visit to Mission San Jose, followed by shopping at El Mercado, an authentic Mexican Marketplace.

Then visit The Alamo, the famous fort where Davy Crockett and 185 other "Texans" fought against Mexico. Tour the museum and see the IMAX movie, *Alamo – The Price of Freedom*. Later, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the San Antonio River along the Paseo del Rio (Riverwalk). **Meals: B, D**

DAY 3 Austin's Duck Tour and Texas Forces: Travel to Austin where you climb aboard an Austin "Duck" for a sightseeing tour by land and by water. This narrated amphibious tour includes Austin's downtown area as well as a cruise on scenic Lake Austin. Following an included lunch continue to the Texas Military Forces Museum. Located on Camp Mabry Army Reserve base, it honors Texas military personnel with exhibits dated from their fight for independence through today. Later, continue to Waco. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 4 Magnolia Market at the Silos and Texas Rangers: Today enjoy time at the Magnolia Market at the Silos. Here, the spirit of Chip and Joanna Gaines is alive in the gardens and shops. Have lunch on your own at the "Siloteria" – a collection of food trucks located here. At The Silos Baking Co., numerous sweet treats await. Then a stop is made at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. It preserves the history and inspiring appreciation of the Texas Rangers. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 The Pearce Museum and Winery Visit: At the Pearce Museum, experience the Civil War through letters, diaries and artifacts including a battlefield medical tent. Also see the art of the American West including works by G. Harvey, Howard Terpning and James Muir. This contemporary display of well-known works tells the story of the historic west. Before arriving in Tyler, stop at Kiepersol Estates Winery and Distillery is made for a tasting of their fine products. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 6 Texas State Railroad Dome Car: Travel to Palestine to board the historic Texas State Railroad. Visit the locomotive museum before taking your seat in the Sky High Scenic Dome Car. Enjoy a Champagne toast, freshly-prepared appetizers, soft leather seating and unobstructed birds-eye view of the East Texas Piney Woods region. Later, travel to Fort Worth for a two-night stay. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 7 Grapevine Vintage Railroad and Texas Star Dinner Theater: Climb aboard one of the Grapevine Vintage Railroad's restored Victorian touring coaches for ride through history. Follow the old Cotton Belt Route from Grapevine to the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. Once a major stop on the Chisholm Trail, the Stockyards is home to the daily cattle drive where you will see the "drovers" bring their herd of Texas Longhorns through town. Tonight is an interactive murder mystery at the Texas Star Dinner Theater. Enjoy a delicious meal while the Texas Star's cast take you on a light- hearted trip back to the Wild West. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 8 Travel Home: Depart this morning with a group transfer to Dallas/ Fort Worth International Airport at 9:00 a.m. for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 and 2 Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas

Day 3 and 4 Holiday Inn Express, Waco, Texas

Day 5 Homewood Suites, Tyler, Texas

Days 6 and 7 Sandman Signature Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas

Rooms for the night before the tour are available.

Cost for a room in San Antonio is \$319, tax and breakfast included.

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Tour Highlights

- 13 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend two nights in San Antonio including narrated city tour, The Alamo and river cruise on the Paseo del Rio
- Take a narrated Austin "Duck" tour of downtown and Lake Austin
- Shop at Magnolia Market at the Silos where the spirit of the Gaines' is alive and well
- Visit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame
- Tour the Pearce Museum which commemorates the Civil War
- Ride the Texas State Railroad through the Piney Woods in exclusive Dome Cars with Champagne and appetizers
- Spend two nights in historic Fort Worth
- Ride in restored Victorian coaches on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad
- See the daily cattle drive at the Fort Worth Stockyards
- Farewell dinner with entertainment at the Lone Star Dinner Theater

Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
May 18, 2025	\$3,589	\$1,139

Includes roundtrip airfare from Phoenix Sky Harbor

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$349 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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EASY				ENERGETIC

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