

All Aboard...Exploring East Texas

April 2 - 5, 2019

(4 days - 3 nights)



Tuesday, April 2

Nacogdoches

All aboard our Bilbrey Tours motorcoach as we set out to explore beautiful East Texas. This time of year is sure to envelope us with dogwoods, azaleas, lush greenery and more. As we begin our exploration, we meet our fellow travelers in anticipation of becoming friends by the end of the tour. By late afternoon we arrive in Nacogdoches, TX, our home for the next two nights. Settle into Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas which boasts numerous historic landmarks that interpret the history of Texas as well as the nine flags that have flown over the city.

Wednesday, April 3

Nacogdoches

After a good night's rest, we make our way to the Charles Bright Visitor Center in the downtown district. There we will find information on the town's history and legends – from stories of early settlers to historical artifacts. With the assistance of our step-on guide, we will learn more of the history of “Nac” and certainly of the nine flags that have flown here on our city tour. You will then

enjoy some free time on your own in historic downtown, where you will grab some lunch, do a little shopping or just stroll the red brick streets. This afternoon we take advantage of the season and breathe in the smells of Nacogdoches as we venture through the beautiful gardens the city has to offer. The crown jewel is the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, the largest azalea garden in the state of Texas, with more than 7000 azaleas, 200 camellias and 180 varieties of Japanese Maple. What a spectacular day!

Thursday, April 4

Palestine

This morning we are transported to a simpler, more leisurely time where the distractions of our modern world suddenly disappear as we board Texas State Railroad in Rusk, TX. Breathe deep and relax as you lose yourself on a rail journey through the Piney Woods of East Texas to Palestine, TX. In Palestine, we will visit the Railroad Heritage Center, which opened its doors in March 2018, to see the extensive model trains

Highlights Include:

- 2-nights in Nacogdoches (the oldest city in Texas)
- Texas State Railroad excursion
- Railroad Heritage Center
- Canton First Monday Trade Days
- City Tour of Nacogdoches - garden capitol of Texas
- Largest Azalea garden in Texas (7000+ azaleas)
- NASA Colombia Scientific Balloon Facility

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Price Includes:

- Roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring & Midland**
- 3 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions
- Meals: 3 continental breakfasts,
3 lunches or dinner
- Gratuity for motorcoach driver
- Services of a professional tour escort

Cost :

\$729 per person (2 people per room)

\$899 per person (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due February 12, 2019

Travel Protection Insurance is optional and available at a cost of \$99 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. All insurance payments must be received with or before final payment of tour. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a **medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.**

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be mailed 2 weeks prior to the tour.

on display. We continue our tour with exploration of a different kind; space exploration. The Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility is a NASA facility which launches large (400 ft diameter), unmanned, high altitude (120,000 ft), research balloons for scientific experiments suspended beneath them for NASA centers and Universities from all over the world.

Friday, April 5

Return Home

Pack your bags, but hopefully you have a little space left in your bags for treasures you purchase at our next stop; Canton's First Monday Trade Days. What started more than a century ago as a flea market is now a monthly event drawing as many as 7,500 vendors to the 450 acre shopping oasis. This morning will you have time to talk to collectors and antique dealers, meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items as you shop through the various buildings filled with treasures and sample of jams, sauces, fruits and more. Remember to save room for your lunch before we begin our journey back to west Texas. Sit back, relax and recall the amazing sights, sounds, and smells of your East Texas exploration as we make our way back home.

**Thank you for traveling with
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