

Painted Churches of Schulenburg

April 30 - May 2, 2019

(3 days - 2 nights)



Highlights Include:

Painted Churches, located in rural Fayette County, were built by experts at the artistry and handiwork of 19th century Europe. All 4 churches contain ornate altars, intricately painted columns, elevated ceiling and arches covered with complex designs and beautiful stained

glass windows. The churches appear unassuming as you approach them but upon entering the front doors, prepare to have your breath taken away by the beauty found inside.

High Hill (St. Mary's Catholic Church) is listed in the "National Register of Historical Places". Construction of the present church began in 1905 with 18 stained glass windows from the previous church placed in the new church. The highest point of the spire is about 175 feet. The interior is a well-crafted example of Gothic Revival style and displays not only late Victorian features but also the European background of the German and Czech settlers.

Ammansville (St. John's Catholic Church) was dedicated on December 22, 1919. Constructed in Gothic Revival and listed in the "National Register of Historic Places", the interior features stenciling, infill, freehand and marbling techniques. Early settlers said the painting was done by a European drifter. The windows, depicting Saints are inscribed in Czech.

Praha (St. Mary's Catholic Church) was dedicated in 1895 under the title Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its interior freehand symbols and floral patterns were painted by Gottfried Flury. Well-known for his painting of church murals and frescoes, he painted the ceiling in 1895 and no part of it has needed to be retouched since.

Dubina (Sts. Cyril and Methodious Church), built in 1912, is decorated with frescoes and stenciling, an artistry common in Germany in the 1800's.

- **2 nights in a San Antonio Riverwalk hotel** -Stroll the Riverwalk and enjoy shopping, dining and people watching.
- **Painted Churches** - Driving tour of Fayette County with a local guide aboard our motorcoach, sharing the history. Photo opportunities inside the churches.
- **El Mercado** - San Antonio's historic Mexican Market
- **Tower of the Americas**, the 750-foot-tall tower provides us a spectacular view of the Alamo City while enjoying our lunch and the panorama from the revolving restaurant.
- **Institute of Texan Cultures** shares the rich cultural tapestry that makes Texas what it is today.
- **SAS Shoe Factory Outlet** - purchase shoes and more at discounted prices. You will enjoy looking at the antique and classic automobiles as well as other items on display.

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from: **Abilene and San Angelo**
- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Meals: 2 continental breakfasts
3 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

\$589 per person (2 people per room)

\$739 per person (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final due March 19, 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.

Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 4 ACTIVE

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

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