

Island Getaway:

South Padre Island

March 1 - 6, 2024

(6 days - 5 nights)



Highlights Include:

- 3 nights beachfront hotel on South Padre Island
- 1 night Fredericksburg
- King Ranch Tour (Kingsville)
- BBQ Lunch at Camp House
- Port Isabel Lighthouse
- South Padre Island City Tour
- Bay Cruise & Dolphin Watch w/ Shrimp Boil Lunch
- Sea Turtle, Inc
- SPI Birding and Nature Center
- Buckhorn Saloon & Museum
- *Optional fishing excursion

Fri, Mar 1

Kingsville, TX

After those winter days, we are eager to set out for sunshine on our faces and sand between our toes. Today will be an exciting day with passengers boarding in Abilene and San Angelo for our Island Getaway tour to South Texas. Routing through the Hill Country, we break for lunch before continuing on to Kingsville for the night.

Sat, Mar 2

South Padre Island

Today we will make the short drive to Kingsville, home of the legendary King Ranch. Founded by Captain Richard King in 1853, the King Ranch developed the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle and produced the first registered American Quarter Horse. Today, the King Ranch sprawls across 825,000 acres, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. With a guide aboard our motorcoach we will tour the Ranch before visiting the King Ranch Museum featuring guns, antique carriages, vintage cars and saddles from around the world. This afternoon we set our sights on that

beautiful Texas coastal beach, South Padre Island, where we will stay the next three nights.

Sun, Mar 3

South Padre Island

With the help of a local guide, we embark upon a city tour to learn more about the uniqueness of South Padre Island. Crossing over the 2.37 mile Queen Isabell Causeway, we enjoy lunch on our own before visiting the Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site. Some might even chose to take the 75 steps to the top of the 72' tall lighthouse. Making our way back into South Padre Island, we will visit Sea Turtle, Inc., a nonprofit sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center founded in 1977 by Ila Fox Loetscher, "The Turtle Lady of South Padre. Tonight we will feast on a seafood buffet at Louie's Backyard, an island favorite overlooking Laguna Madre Bay.

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Mon, Mar 4

South Padre Island

After enjoying that magnificent sunrise over the Gulf of Mexico from our hotel, we board our boat for a morning cruise. Ready to witness some of nature’s most fascinating animals on our way to the Port of Brownsville. We will see up close the shrimp basin, ship breaker yards and more. While on board, we will enjoy a Shrimp Boil for lunch. Don’t forget to bring your hat, sunscreen and camera to capture the migratory birds overhead, bottlenose dolphins leaping across the waves, and maybe even sharks that silently lurk beneath the waters. Once



back on land, we visit South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center. This 5-story observation tower and birding boardwalk allows you a different perspective on the flora, fauna, and birds at the Rio Grande Valley’s premier destination for birdwatching. Make sure you meet Big Padre and visit the Butterfly Garden. Soak in those last minutes of sunshine at our hotel resort before 6:32 pm sunset. **** For anyone interested in trying their hand at bay or deep sea fishing, arrangements can be made for you to leave the group today and venture out on a fishing excursion.****

Tue, Mar 5

Fredericksburg, TX

With the sand and waves behind us, we arrive in San Antonio in time for lunch at the Buckhorn Saloon & Museum. The saloon is where Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders. After lunch you will have time to enjoy the exotic animal collection as well as visit the Texas Ranger Museum. This world-class exhibit allows us to see priceless historic artifacts that span more than a century of Ranger history. We will overnight in Fredericksburg.

Wed, March 6

Return Home

We will enjoy a morning in Fredericksburg, settled in 1846 and feel the authentic German soul. We will enjoy the German cuisine for lunch before we make our way back to west Texas with a little sand in our shoes and a seashell or two in our hands. One thing is for sure,

our Island Getaway is the perfect way to kick off spring.

**Thank you for traveling with
Bilbrey Tours!**

Price Includes:

- Round-trip transportation from Abilene and San Angelo
- 5 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions as per itinerary
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 continental breakfasts, 5 lunches or dinners
- Gratuity for driver and services of a tour escort
- ****Optional excursions available at additional cost:**

Half-Day Bay Fishing	\$35/pp
Full-Day Deep Sea Fishing	\$130/pp

Cost per person:

\$1529 (2 people per room)

\$2029 (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due January 9, 2024

Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours through TripAssure. Bilbrey Tours encourages the purchase of a Travel Protection Plan to help protect your investment, your belongings and most importantly you! Bilbrey Tours makes the Tour & Cruise Travel Protection Plans easily available. For complete details and to purchase a plan, follow this link:

<https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=BILB3262TX>

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. and TripAssure when the problem causing the need to cancel arises.

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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