

Painted Churches of Schulenburg

April 1 - 3, 2024
(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.

Ammannsville (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 Methodius 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.

Riverwalk - Listed as the #1 attraction in Texas, enjoy time to explore the winding pathways and bridges that flank the river which runs through downtown San Antonio

San Antonio City Tour—learn more about the city filled with rich colonial heritage dating back to the 18th-century

SAS Shoe Factory Outlet - take advantage of purchasing shoes and more at discounted prices at this family-owned Texas company. You will enjoy looking at the antique and classic automobiles as well as other items on display at San Antonio Shoemakers' (SAS) hallmark location.

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

Cost per person:

\$789 (2 people per room)

\$1049 (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due February 13, 2024

Travel Insurance

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Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 4 ACTIVE

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