

Exploring East Texas

Including 91st Tyler Rose Festival

October 16 - 19, 2024

(4 days - 3 nights)



Highlights Include:

- 3 nights in Tyler
- 91st Annual Tyler Rose Festival
- Tyler Rose Museum
- Rose Festival Queen's Coronation
- American Freedom Museum
- Railroad Heritage Museum
- NASA's Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility
- Southfork Ranch (fictional tv home of J.R. Ewing)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Tyler

With a little fall in the air, we set out to explore beautiful East Texas. This time of year is sure to envelope us with cooler temperatures and changing colors and the smell of roses. Roses experience two blooming seasons for repeat flowering roses hence the timing of the Tyler Rose Festival. As we begin our exploration, we meet our fellow travelers in anticipation of becoming friends by the end of the tour. By afternoon we arrive in Tyler, our home for the next three nights.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Tyler

After a good night's rest, 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. While in Palestine, we will also visit the Railroad Heritage Center, which opened its doors in March 2018, to see the extensive model trains on display worth more than \$250,000.

Friday, Oct. 18

Tyler

This morning we are off to smell the roses! The world-famous Rose Garden features 14 acres, thousands of rose bushes, and more than 300 varieties of roses & 600 beds. Located on site is also the Tyler Rose Museum; preserves and displays the story of Tyler's rose growing industry and pageantry of the Texas Rose Festival. We will next visit the Roseland Plantation for a real treat; high tea! Originally a 3,300 acre cotton plantation, the Roseland is a true hidden gem of east Texas. Family owned by Tim and Carolyn West, you are welcomed with open arms. After tea, we return to Tyler to attend the 91st Tyler Rose Festival Queen's Coronation.

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This impressive theatrical experience that boasts a unique theme with gorgeous gowns, incredible staging and an intriguing story that makes this a must-see event every year.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Return Home

Leaving the pageantry and wonders of East Texas behind we make our way to Parker, TX to visit another kind of royalty; tv royalty. We will visit JR Ewing's Southfork Ranch; made famous by the Ewing family on the television hit show, *Dallas*. We will take a guided tour of the "Worlds Most Famous Ranch before enjoying lunch served up from Miss Ellie's recipes. After lunch, 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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Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring, and Midland**
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Meals: 3 breakfasts and 4 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions as per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost per person:

\$1189 (2 people per room)

\$1379 (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due August 15, 2024

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