

Texas Coastal Wonders!

Spotlighting Rockport and Corpus Christi

March 3 - 6, 2027

(4 days - 3 nights)



Wednesday, March 3

Today will be an exciting day with passengers boarding for our tour to South Texas. Routing through the Hill Country, we will continue to the area of Rockport and Fulton, a Premier Texas Coast Destination! Our hotel for the next three nights is situated on the waterfront at the entrance to Fulton Harbor in Rockport. Located on Aransas Bay, it offers magnificent views of both the bay and the Texas Gulf Coast.

Thursday, March 4

This morning we will make the short drive to Corpus Christi, a city with a population of more than 258,000. The Port of Corpus Christi is the fifth largest port in the United States and cotton was once King of the port, but has taken a back seat to petroleum products, which account for 87% of the cargo. Next YOU decided between a visit to the Texas State Aquarium OR the USS Lexington. The Texas State Aquarium's living displays including sharks, endangered sea turtles, and river otters, are designed to give the sensation of gradually immersing deeper and deeper into Gulf waters. Located on the Corpus Christi beach, the aquarium is dedicated to the aquatic inhabitants and habitats of the Gulf of Mexico. Perhaps you would rather spend your time next door at the USS Lexington, nicknamed "The Blue Ghost", is an Essex-class aircraft carrier built during World War II for the United States Navy. Originally intended to be named Cabot, word arrived during construction that USS Lexington had

Highlights Include:

- 3 nights at Lighthouse Inn (Rockport) with beautiful sunset views overlooking the Bay
- Whooping Crane Boat Excursion
- Fulton Mansion
- Choice of Texas State Aquarium OR USS Lexington
- Goose Island's Big Tree
- Corpus Christi City Tour
- Free time Downtown Rockport
- "The Coming King" Sculpture Garden—Kerrville

been lost in the Battle of the Coral Sea. This WWII vintage aircraft carrier delights visitors of all ages. Next we make our way to Port Aransas for lunch before exploring Goose Island, located on the Lamar Peninsula to see one of the most famous Live Oaks in the world; estimated to be 1100 years old. This evening enjoy time in Rockport with the perfect of the sunset over the bay.

Friday, March 5

From November to the end of March over 265 Whooping Cranes call the Aransas Wildlife Refuge home. This Aransas-Wood Buffalo flock is the world's only wild migrating flock of Whooping Cranes. Aboard our boat, with our experienced captain we will learn about Aransas, its wildlife and its history. Traveling via boat will get passengers to the beautiful back bays, rookery, and barrier islands. With only a 2- ft draft and quiet environmentally friendly Honda power we will be able to get closer for viewing and photographing wildlife. Today we will also have some free time for browsing and shopping in downtown Rockport, enjoy the scenic views at the

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hotel. Additionally, an optional tour is available for those individuals wanting to tour the Fulton Mansion, completed in 1877. The ornate four-story house was the first in South Texas to feature systems such as indoor plumbing, gas lighting, and centralized heating. Purchased by Texas Parks and Wildlife in 1976, the house was restored to its original splendor and opened to the public in 1983. Originally named "Oakhurst" by George Ware and Harriet Smith Fulton, the mansion exemplifies classic French Second Empire architectural styling.

Saturday, March 6

This morning we say our goodbyes to Aransas Bay and the peaceful sounds of the water to begin our journey to West Texas. After routing through San Antonio, we will stop for lunch in Kerrville. However, before leaving Kerrville, you will be for one more incredible experience as we stop at the Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden. This the 24.5 acre garden park is built with the sole purpose of sharing the glory of Jesus Christ. Over 120,000 people a year visit this unique spiritual garden. We will then make our final stretch back home. From beautiful sunsets and rich maritime history to coastal cuisine and unforgettable Whooping Cranes, this tour provided us with the perfect blend of relaxation, history, and seaside adventure along the Texas coast.

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



Price Includes:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from:
Abilene and San Angelo
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost per person:

\$1425 (2 people per room)

\$1720 (1 person per room)

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due January 15, 2027

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:

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Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 **3** 4 ACTIVE

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

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