



Tour: **Discovering Texas**
Destination: Dallas & Fort Worth, Texas
Itinerary: 6-days / 5-nights
Dates: Year-round

DISCOVERING TEXAS: DALLAS & FT WORTH					
Day	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
1	Travel to Dallas, Texas; transfer to hotel and check-in		Welcome, Safety & Orientation		Dallas Sightseeing Walking Tour Welcome Dinner
2	AT&T Cowboy Stadium - Stadium Tech Tour	Texas Motor Speedway Tour	Southern Methodist University Campus Tour	George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum + Situation Room Experience	Medieval Times Dinner Show
3	Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park				Local Dinner
4	American Airlines CR Smith Museum at DFW <u>OR</u> Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field	JFK Historical Tour & 6th Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza	Comanche Nation Leader Quanah Parker - Lecture by Lance Tahmahkera		Dinner & Bowling
5	The Herd: Stockyards Heritage Historical Walking Tour, Herd Demonstration, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame & Cowtown Cattlepen Maze		Bureau of Engraving & Printing's Western Currency Facility Tour		Farewell Dinner & Fun at Billy Bob's
6	Depart Dallas-Fort Worth area for home				



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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Day 1

Dinner included

Travel to Dallas, Texas arriving in the late afternoon. After check-in, have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation briefing and get settled in.

Dallas... “Dallas, the 'Big D', is Texas' most mythologized city, rich in the stuff of which American legends are woven. For a time, the eponymous TV series Dallas served to define the USA to the world, while the Cowboys and their cheerleaders remain iconic. Unlike many Texan cities, Dallas has avoided the boom-and-bust cycle of the oil industry, to the point where this is one of the country's fastest-growing metropolitan areas. There's money here a-plenty, and conspicuous consumption is very much the norm.” – Lonely Planet



Everything you associate with Texas can be found in **Dallas – Fort Worth**. This is where you come to see the Dallas Cowboys play and the Fort Worth cowboys rope – where big hats, big hair and big horns are the norm. But stereotypes are just the tip of the DFW iceberg: The Metroplex is a hotbed of history, art, sports and family-centric exploits. You're going to love the time you spend in this warm-hearted Texas town. While some are still disappointed that Main Street isn't full of horses, the vast majority of tourists are pleasantly surprised to find a metropolitan city that is bursting with culture and pride. Add in more shopping malls than any other American city, an easy to navigate road network, and plenty of accommodation options, and you've got one of the hidden gems of American travel.

Sample Hotel: Springhill Suites Dallas Central Expressway – Settle in stylish accommodations with an all-suite hotel that seamlessly blends design and functionality offering the modern amenities to stay refreshed and focused. Located in one of the South's most charming cities, SpringHill Suites offers spacious suites with many amenities including free local high-speed wireless Internet access, outdoor swimming pool, a 24-hour fitness center and more. Room amenities include mini-fridges, microwaves, coffee makers, hair dryers and luxury bedding. Breakfasts are taken at the hotel. Students generally sleep 4 to a room sharing 2 queen beds; staff sleep 2 to a room.



After getting settled, we're off for a city tour to learn all about this amazing metropolis!



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Dallas Sightseeing Walking Tour - Discover Dallas' fascinating history, incredible architecture, and unrivaled charm in this 2-mile walk. Our journey starts at the West End Historic District, the oldest part of the city, where we will visit Dealey Plaza, the Old Red Court House, and Founders' Plaza to hear about the city's beginnings and its founder. Further down our route, we will visit the former Dallas Morning News headquarters, the famous Mobile Oil Pegasus and the spectacular Pioneer's Plaza which features larger-than-life bronze sculptures, a re-creation of a Texas cattle drive with Texas longhorn steers being driven by three cowboys astride horses. We will walk through Main Street's incredible architecture and rich history, Tony Tasset's iconic Eyeball, The Adolphus, The Magnolia Building and the original Neiman Marcus. Finally, we will walk the Arts District, the largest of its kind in the USA. There is lots to see and experience in this area, from the city's most important art institutions to the incredible Klyde Warren Park. Put on your walking shoes!

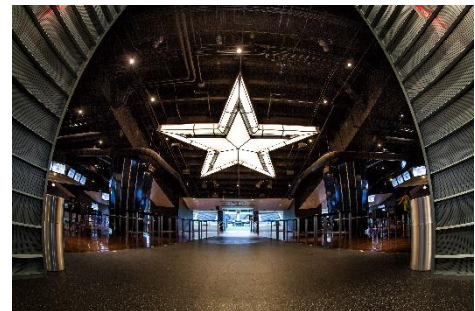
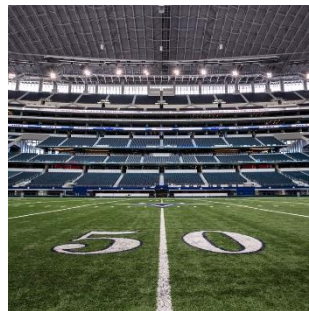
Later this evening, we will have a welcome dinner and then the night is our for exploration.

Day 2

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Texas! Today, we'll blend sports with education in some exciting ways! First stop – Cowboy Stadium, home to the Dallas Cowboys Football Team.

AT&T Stadium / Texas Stadium - AT&T Stadium is a retractable roof stadium and serves as the home of the ***Dallas Cowboys of the NFL***. Completed in 2009, it is also the home to the Cotton Bowl Classic and the Big 12 Championship Game. The stadium can also be used for concerts, basketball, soccer, rodeos and motocross and Spartan races. The stadium is sometimes referred to as "Jerry World" after Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. The stadium seats 80,000, making it the fourth largest stadium in the NFL by seating capacity. The maximum capacity of the stadium with standing room is 105,000. The record attendance for an NFL game was set in 2009 with a crowd of 105,121. The stadium also has the world's 29th largest high definition video screen, which hangs from 20-yard line to 20-yard line.



Guided Stadium Tour - AT&T Stadium offers the world's largest lesson plan. While here, we will get a guided tour by an expert to learn about the architecture and the technology and electronics required in this massive facility.

Next, we'll stop by Texas Motor Speedway.

Texas Motor Speedway: Guided Tour – Known as "The Great American Speedway," the 1.5-mile super-speedway plays host to three major series a year showcasing one of the most popular sports in the nation. America's second-largest sports and entertainment facility is home to BIG HOSS—the world's largest HD video board measuring 20,633 square feet, 218-feet wide and about 95-feet high. The stadium, which accommodates



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200,000 fans, features more than ten major racing series, including NASCAR and IndyCar Racing, in addition to year-round tours and championship driving schools. While here, your school will be taking a specialty tour to learn about all the facilities this racetrack offers. On your mark, get set, go!



Next up, we'll head over to Southern Methodist University for a campus visit. If your preference is to tour a different campus, please let us know.

Southern Methodist University Campus Visit - Welcome to SMU and Dallas! Think big, become your best and launch a successful future. The bold, curious and creative nature springs from the optimistic, can-do spirit of Dallas. In both work and fun, this vibrant city's essence is woven into student life, culture and academics. Unleash your potential in a community that uniquely positions you for limitless opportunities. The optimistic outlook of Dallas is at the heart of SMU, and its enterprising spirit has helped shape Dallas into a global gateway for people of all backgrounds who want to change the world.



<p>Top 20%</p>  <p>SMU ranked in the "Best National Universities" in the 2022 edition of <i>U.S. News & World Report's</i> "Best Colleges".</p>	<p>3 out of 4</p> <p>3 out of every 4 undergraduate students receive scholarships and/or financial aid. With plenty of financial aid options available, 72% of students graduate without any student debt at all.</p>	<p>#1</p> <p>The Dallas area was named best big city for jobs by <i>Forbes</i>. SMU integrates internships and experiential learning opportunities outside of the classroom so that you build experience before applying for a job.</p>
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The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum - Complete the campus visit with a walk over to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum for a tour and have your picture taken in the oval office. As the 13th presidential library, the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum promotes an understanding of the American presidency, examines the specific time in history during which President Bush served, and provides access to official records and artifacts from the George W. Bush Administration. This state-of-the-art facility hosts the permanent exhibit, 911 memorial, auditorium, and a Presidential records research center.



The Situation Room Experience - The George W. Bush Presidential Library provides a unique education opportunity for high school and college students. Situation Room Experiences are technically integrated



roleplaying crisis simulations. In these high-intensity, collaborative decision making scenarios, information moves quickly and every individual choice has consequences. Because participant input shapes the experience, no simulation is ever the same. Available for students ages 16+.

The purpose of this study unit is to provide students a real life look into the workings of government during a crisis situation. Students will be immersed in the rapid decision-making process of events that simulate March 30, 1981, Near-Assassination of President Ronald Reagan. The thought provoking questions listed below will foster student critical thinking skills and offer a real-time understanding of historical facts and actions of government:

- **Question of Responsibility**
 - How to interpret the cause of the assassination attempt?
 - Isolated event
 - Opening incident of a coordinated plan
 - What exactly is the cabinet dealing with?
 - Lone gunman
 - Some sort of conspiracy
 - Some major threat to security
 - At what point might the Twenty-fifth Amendment to the Constitution need to be invoked?
- **Question of Authority**
 - Would the Vice President assume emergency powers?
 - Who determines the status of the President and whether the Vice President becomes the acting President?
- **Other Questions of Concern**
 - Who's running the government right now?



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- How much do you tell the outside world?
 - International ramifications
 - Illusion of normality
- **Question of National Security and Defense**
 - Should the alert status of our forces be raised?
 - How to mitigate interagency conflicts between the FBI and Security Service?

This evening, we're in for an amazingly fun night!

Dinner at Medieval Times – Travel through the mists of time to a forgotten age and a tale of devotion, courage and love—at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. Imagine the pageantry and excitement that would have been yours as a guest of the king ten centuries ago. See the electrifying show featuring heroic knights on spirited horses displaying the astounding athletic feats and thrilling swordplay that have become hallmarks of this unique entertainment experience. Enjoy a “hands-on” feast as the dynamic performance unfolds before you. A sweeping musical score and brilliant lights provide a fabulous backdrop for this fantastic experience that blurs the boundary between fairy tale and spectacle!



Day 3

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Dallas! Today is a day for fun as we board our coach and head to Arlington.

Six Flags Over Texas – Amusement Park - At Six Flags Over Texas, there's a lot to 'WOW!' about. Like, pulse-pounding coasters, never-before-seen culinary creations, new attractions every season and world renowned entertainment that will get you on your feet – to name a few! Satisfy your need for speed, laugh 'til it hurts, chow down on some righteous eats! Go higher and faster, hang out and hold on tight! Then do it again!



This evening, we'll have dinner and then free time for relaxation. Perhaps a quiz or contest, or a pool night!



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Day 4

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Rise and shine Texas! This morning will be spent learning about aviation. Teachers have a choice between 2 options:

American Airlines CR Smith Museum Tour - The American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum is located on the campus of the American Airlines Flight Academy, which is situated at the southern end of DFW Airport and in close proximity to the world headquarters of American Airlines. During your "flight", your class will learn about the science and technology behind how airplanes fly, about the history of the largest airline in the world, and about the men and women responsible for helping passengers get safely to their destinations. Pilots and flight attendants are perhaps the most well-known careers related to the airline, but a visit to the Museum will reveal to your students an array of careers, interests, and skills necessary to care for people on life's journey and to maintain the airline's operations. From aircraft mechanics to ramp agents, from revenue managers to social media services, crew schedulers, and meteorologists, the airline operations rely on a large diversity of dedicated and passionate professionals.



Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field - The Frontiers of Flight Museum is an aerospace museum where students can experience the stories of aviation and space flight – from the Wright Flyer to the one-of-a-kind Flying Pancake; the Apollo VII spacecraft, 13 historical galleries, and over 35,000 artifacts. The Frontiers of Flight Museum is the perfect place to explore the history and progress of aviation as mankind continues to pursue going higher, faster and farther. [VIDEO](#)

Frontiers of Flight Master Class - While here, students will participate in a specialized Master Class: Emergency Mars Mission - Students form NASA mission control teams to plan a colonizing operation to Mars. Tasks include selecting launch dates, rocket type, and diverse crew members. Their mission is then tested against rigorous scenarios to determine the rate of success and survival.

In the afternoon, we'll step back in time to 1963 to learn the facts about the nation's beloved President John F. Kennedy and his death here in Dallas.

JFK Assassination Historical Walking Tour - This tour delves into one of the most intriguing mysteries of our time: the world-changing assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We explore the facts and examine the incredible coincidences that culminated in the event that shocked the world. During our journey, your guide will revisit the events leading up to November 22nd, 1963 and beyond to provide perspective and new insight into this tragic, very human drama. This tour will visit the many places associated with the assassination and then the last stop will be at the Texas Theater where the "alleged murderer" was captured. At the end of the walk, you will head to the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. Collect your headsets and enjoy a self-guided tour.



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Next – its off to learn about Native American culture in Texas.

Quanah Parker: A Lecture by Lance Tahmahkera – Join the Dallas Historical Society as they look back upon the time of the great Comanche. Born and raised in Fort Worth, Lance Tahmahkera is the Great-Great Grandson of Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker. With his parents staying close to the Comanche traditions and culture, much of his youth was spent at pow-wows learning family stories about ancestors and the tribal ways. He’s been asked to share those stories with us. The stories shared vary from the origins of the tribe, life on the plains and reservation, Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker to current day events. Also shared are children stories that were passed down through the family.



After our full day, we will head off to **The Main Event for a dinner, bowling and fun!**

Day 5

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Dallas! It’s time to “Cowboy Up!” Today starts with a visit to the famed Fort Worth Stockyards.

The Herd: Stockyards Western Experience - The Texas Longhorn and the American cowboy are two of the most enduring symbols of the Old West. They’re a big reason why Fort Worth earned the nickname "Cowtown." And they formed the core of the great cattle drives of the late nineteenth century. Now, the romance and mystique of cowboys and cattle drives returns to Fort Worth with The Herd - Texas Longhorns driven by genuine Texas cowhands - offering an unforgettable glimpse into the past. You'll hear the jingle of spurs, the cattle bawling, and the rhythm of the hoofbeats. As the Herd passes, a bygone era comes to life before your eyes every day. The “Western Experience Tour” allows groups to experiences the **Fort Worth Herd Demonstration, Historical Walking Tour, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame** and the **Cowtown Cattlepen Maze**.



Next we’ll visit the Bureau of Engraving & Printing's Western Currency Facility.



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Bureau of Engraving & Printing - See billions of dollars and learn about the production and history of U.S. currency. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Tour and Visitor Center includes two floors of interactive exhibits and displays, a 45-minute, self-guided tour overlooking the currency production floor, and an educational movie. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's mission is to develop and produce United States currency notes, trusted worldwide.



As its primary function, the BEP prints billions of dollars - referred to as Federal Reserve notes - each year for delivery to the [Federal Reserve System](#). The Federal Reserve operates as the nation's central bank and serves to ensure that adequate amounts of currency and coin are in circulation. The BEP does not produce coins - all U.S. coinage is minted by the [United States Mint](#). The BEP also advises other federal agencies on document security matters. In addition, the BEP processes claims for the redemption of mutilated currency. The BEP's research and development efforts focus on the continued use of automation in the production process and counterfeit deterrent technologies for use in security documents, especially United States currency.

This evening, we will have our farewell dinner and then free time to explore any last interests.



Billy Bob's Texas – Get ready for fun! On our last night we'll have dinner and some boot scootin' fun at the world famous Billy Bob's. Home to countless movie productions, a "hands-on" music memorabilia wall, a mechanical bull and a great dance floor, Billy Bob's is the perfect way to wrap up our week of fun! (This will be an early evening experience.)

Day 6

Breakfast (dependent upon departure times)

Rise and shine Texas! After breakfast, it's off to the airport or coach-ride home. We're hoping that you are inspired and taking home wonderful memories that will last a lifetime! If you would like to add in any last-minute stops, simply enquire with your Ambassador who will make sure you are set up for success.



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If you are arriving early, departing late, or want to add on extra days,
check-out some of these Texas activities!

[Crow Collection of Asian Art](#)
[Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden](#)
[Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum](#)
[Dallas Mavericks Professional Basketball](#)
[Dallas Mavericks' Hoop Camps](#)
[Dallas Museum of Art](#)
[Dallas Stars Professional Hockey](#)
[Dallas World Aquarium](#)
[Dallas Zoo / Fort Worth Zoo](#)
[FC Dallas Professional Soccer](#)
[Fort Worth Botanic Garden](#)
[National Soccer Hall of Fame](#)
[National VideoGame Museum](#)
[Perot Museum of Nature & Science](#)
[Reunion Tower Geo-Deck](#)
[Summit Rock Climbing](#)
[Texas Discovery Gardens](#)
[Topgolf Dallas](#)
[Trinity Forest Adventure Park](#)
[Whoa Zone](#)



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Minimum Booking Numbers: 20 students

What's Included:

- Round-trip flights or motorcoach transfers
- 5-nights' accommodation
- Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on departure (dependent upon departure time)
- Transportation for programmed activities & airport transfers
- Dallas Sightseeing Walking Tour
- AT&T Stadium Tour / Cowboy Stadium
- Texas Motor Speedway – Racing & Physics Tour
- Southern Methodist University Campus Tour
- George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum
- Situational Room Student Experience
- Medieval Times Dinner Theatre
- Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park
- American Airlines Museum Tour **OR** Frontiers of Flight Museum
- JFK Historical Walking Tour & 6th Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
- Comanche Nation Leader Quanah Parker, a Lecture by Lance Tahmahkera
- Bowling Night at the Main Event
- The Fort Worth Herd Private Tour: Stockyards Heritage Historical Walking Tour, Herd Demonstration, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame & Cowtown Cattlepen Maze
- Bureau of Engraving & Printing's Western Currency Facility
- Billy Bob's Texas
- Personal Tour Director
- 24-hour emergency cover

What's Not Included:

- Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
- Transfers to/from home airport
- Luggage fees if not included with airline ticketing
- Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary
- Lunches and other meals/snacks not shown in itinerary
- Cost of visas, full or collective passports
- Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown in Itinerary
- Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation charges, purchases billed to room, etc.
- Any gratuities – drivers, hotel services, dive instructors, boat captain and hand tips, ambassador

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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