



# Big Bend Country & National Park

Thursday, April 3 - Wednesday, April 9, 2014

**Attention Travelers from San Antonio's Del Webb Hill Country Retreat.**

Our luxury motor coach will pick you up the morning of April 3 and return you the evening of April 9th. Specific time TBD.

**Attention Wimberley Travelers**

Our bus will depart from Brookshire Brothers parking lot at 9am. We will return to the same location the evening of April 9th.

**Attention Houston Travelers**

We suggest that you make plans to stay at a Wimberley motel or B&B the night before departure and the night after our return to Wimberley. It will be easier to be on the bus and ready for departure in the morning. We'll be happy to suggest several reasonable overnight accommodations at your request. We'll safely park our vehicles at no extra charge in the Wimberley Brookshire Brothers parking lot which is police-patrolled 24/7 at our request. We've done this for our trips over the past 10 years and have never experienced any problem with this arrangement. You may choose to carpool to Wimberley. However, if you should choose to drive in to Wimberley early on April 3rd, allow yourselves PLENTY of time to arrive from the Houston area. Thursday is a work day and you will need to plan for driving in heavy Houston traffic in the morning to get to Wimberley.



## DAY 1 : Thursday, April 3 - Wimberley to Ft. Davis

Leave from Wimberley Brookshire Brothers Parking lot for Ft. Davis State Park. Lunch on your own at the Hitching Post Steak House. Arrive at the historic Indian Lodge Resort, constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps and featuring the original interiors and furnishings resembling a Southwestern Native-American-style, multilevel pueblo village. Indian Lodge was voted the #1 accommodation in Texas by readers of Texas Highways magazine. Welcome dinner at the Indian Lodge restaurant. Our group will gather for a relaxing get together under the Big Sky this evening.

**Hotel:** Indian Lodge

**Meals:** (D) Overnight: Ft. Davis





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## DAY 2: Friday, April 4 Ft Davis Area

Hotel Breakfast. Tour historic Fort Davis, an Indian Wars frontier military post 1854 to 1891. Lunch in town. Visit Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center (a desert botanical garden, 1400 sq. ft. cactus and succulent greenhouse, and interpretive exhibits). McDonald Observatory at night for TWILIGHT and STARGAZING PARTY. Observe the stars through high powered telescopes. Dinner on your own at the StarDate Café at the observatory.

**Hotel:** Indian Lodge

**Meals:** (B) **Overnight:** Ft. Davis

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## DAY 3 : Saturday, April 5 Ft Davis, Terlingua, Lajitas

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll drive south along a road with great open views to Presidio. Lunch at the El Patio Mexican restaurant in Presidio. Next it's on to FM 170, the River Road, rated the most scenic drive in all of Texas. On our way to Lajitas, we'll visit 1) Fort Leaton 2) The Goblin 3) The Hoodoos 4) Closed Canyon 5) Big Hill 6) Contrabando Movie Set. Check in to the Lajitas Resort hotel. Dinner at Terlingua's famous Starlight Theatre restaurant. Enjoy an after-dinner beer or iced tea or just visit with the locals on The Porch, the heartbeat of the Ghost town. Storytelling, Tall Tales and Lies expected and welcome! Would someone please bring a guitar? Back to Lajitas for a good night's sleep.

**Hotel:** Lajitas Resort

**Meals:** (B,L,D) **Overnight:** Lajitas

\*Itineraries are subject to change: We pledge to make every effort to operate our tour as stated in our detailed brochures. However, we need to be flexible enough to take advantage of the best value and safest opportunities that come along so that TravelPhile Tours may provide you with the best and safest possible tour. Therefore, we reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary or substitute private guided tours, hotels and/or conveyances as decided necessary.



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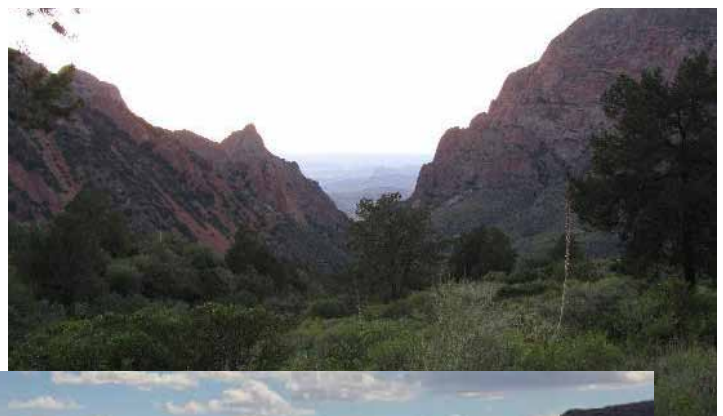
**DAY 4** : Sunday, April 6

## Lajitas to Big Bend National Park

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the Barton Warnock Environmental Center for an introduction to the history, geology, flora and fauna of the region. Then on to Terlingua for a tour of the town's graveyard and mining ruins. Lunch in Study Butte and then on to Big Bend National Park visitor center in the Chisos Mountain Basin. While there, browse the store, go to The Window overlook for photo opportunities and take a short trail for viewing the vistas of the park. We will then proceed to the Chisos Mountain Lodge the only lodge inside Big Bend National Park for check in. Dinner at the Chisos Mountain Lodge. Evening free under the stars. **NOTE: Big Bend is one the most unique environments for those who love birding.**

**Hotel:** Chisos Mountain Lodge

**Meals:** (B) **Overnight:** Big Bend National Park



## DAY 5 : Monday, April 7 Big Bend National Park

Breakfast at the lodge. We will then visit the Santa Elena Canyon. Hike the trail if you like! On the road back, we will stop by the Sotol Vista and Mule Ears Peak overlooks. Then on to historic Castolon where we will have a bag lunch and ice cream desert. From there we will go to Langford Hot Springs, view the cliff swallows and pictographs, then head to the Boquillas overlook. The last stop will be at Rio Grand Village, home of many species of birds, then back to the Chisos Mountain Lodge and dinner.

**Hotel:** Chisos Mountain Lodge

**Meals:** (B,L) **Overnight:** Big Bend National Park

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**DAY 6** : Tuesday, April 8

## Big Bend, Marfa & Alpine

Breakfast at the lodge and depart for Alpine. Lunch at La Trattoria Italian restaurant. Board coach for Marfa. Explore galleries, art exhibits and the famous El Paisano Hotel, a national historic landmark and headquarters for the cast and crew for the movie "Giant." Walk where Jimmy Dean, Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson walked. Depart for the Holland, an historic hotel built in 1928, featuring individually furnished guest rooms all inspired by the warm colors and artifacts found in Texas, Mexico, and the Big Bend area appointed with luxury amenities and expected conveniences. Dinner at the famous original Reata Alpine Steak House.

**Hotel:** The Holland Hotel

**Meals:** (B)

**Overnight:** Alpine

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## DAY 7 : Wednesday, April 9 Alpine to Wimberley

Return to Wimberley via U.S. 90 where we will visit Judge Roy Bean's Jersey Lilly Saloon in Langtry and the famed Pecos River Bridge, one of the highest in Texas. Lunch in Del Rio. Travelers from San Antonio will be returned to Hill Country Retreat. Others can remain overnight in Wimberley departing Thursday.

NOTE: bring along binoculars, camera, extra batteries and memory cards/film, hat/sunscreen, and sturdy shoes for this trip.

**Meals:** (B) **Overnight:** Wimberley



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**PRICE IS PER PERSON** (cash discount)  
\$1600 **Double** \$1900 **Single**

**Deposit of \$800.00 Due January 10, 2014**

**Final Payment Due February 14, 2014**

**(No Refunds after Final Payment Date)**

### Price Includes

- Round-trip luxury motorcoach transportation from Wimberley, Texas
- U.S. History adjunct professor Cynthia Marion and her artist husband Larry Fick will be your tour escorts and guides
- 6 nights lodging in hard-to-book historic hotels
- 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners (inclusive of tax and gratuity)
- Minimum of 10 Private tours
- Entrance fees to all parks
- Twilight & Stargazing Party Night at McDonald Observatory
- Sodas, water, beer, wine and snacks on bus

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Please mail this SIGNED form with your deposit

PASSENGER #1:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I plan to take out travel insurance upon deposit or before January 10, 2014 whichever comes first  
(I understand if travel insurance is not purchased before January 10, 2014 pre-existing conditions are not covered)

\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the refund policy. For questions, please call Cynthia at 214.497.4074

DIET RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF HOTEL BED (check one): KING \_\_\_\_\_ QUEEN \_\_\_\_\_ TWO BEDS REQUIRED - QUEEN/DOUBLE/SINGLE (depending on hotel) \_\_\_\_\_

Single occupied rooms will either have a king, queen, double or single bed depending on the hotel

DRINKS ON BUS: SOFT DRINK (diet/regular) \_\_\_\_\_ BEER (lite/regular) \_\_\_\_\_ WATER \_\_\_\_\_ WINE \_\_\_\_\_ (white wine only/bus restrictions)

I do not drink beer \_\_\_\_\_ I do not drink wine \_\_\_\_\_ I do not drink soft drinks \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER PREFERENCES: (example: I prefer a room on lower floor) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGN HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER #2: (Sharing room with Passenger #1)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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