

Post-Fam Tours

Where the West Lives On Cowboys and Culture



Western heritage comes alive on the Texas Frontier. Cowboys, Indians, pioneer families and hopeful and hardy trailblazers sought new beginnings when they bravely settled on this land west of the Brazos River. Throughout its history, the people in this area have served special roles in wars, industry, recreation and invention. Places like Thurber, Abilene, Buffalo Gap, Albany and Graham tell the stories and legacies left by those courageous frontier folk.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Visit the town of Thurber, once the largest town between Fort Worth and El Paso
- Discover how Thurber went from boom town to ghost town at the W. K. Gordon Center
- "Fort Worth may be where the West begins, but Abilene is where it's in full gallop... this is one of the last places where true West flavor truly resides." Texas Highways magazine
- Visit Buffalo Gap Historic Village, preserving the heritage of the Texas frontier
- Tour Buffalo Gap Fine Arts Center, offering an important role in American culture
- Enjoy dinner at Perini Ranch, a "truly Texas" rustic restaurant as well as an actual working ranch

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- Tour Frontier Texas!, where you will meet – at least figuratively – some of the real people who lived and died on the Texas frontier between 1780 and 1880
- Visit the Grace Museum, a beautifully restored 1909 hotel housing three museums; the Abilene Historical Museum; Children's Museum and the Art Museum
- Enjoy the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, featuring art exhibits from children's books
- Discover why the 12th Armored Division became one of the most feared fighting machines of WWII at the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum
- Tour the Paramount Theatre, a fully restored 1930's theatre offering magnificent architecture
- Visit the Center for Contemporary Arts, home to over 75 artist members and ten working studios
- Dine at Cypress Street Station, offering excellent cuisine and delectable desserts
- Visit Albany, "Home of the Hereford"
- Tour the Old Jail Art Center, the first permanent jail in the county seat, now housing a variety of exhibits from Chinese tomb figures to pre-Columbian art
- Prepare for your very own "Hands on Cowboy Experience" at the Wildcatter Ranch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Experience "America's Largest Downtown Square" in Graham



Wildcatter Ranch



Downtown Abilene



Dolphin Watching



Downtown
Corpus Christi



U.S.S. Lexington

Boots, Boats and Birds Corpus Christi The South Texas Riviera



Corpus Christi, also referred to as the "Sparkling City by the Sea," is one of Texas' most popular year 'round vacation destinations. With semi-mild climate and the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Corpus Christi is an outdoor paradise. Corpus Christi has it all, from beautiful beaches, great attractions and over 8,000 hotel rooms making Corpus Christi a vast wonderland of sea, sun and fun.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Enjoy Lunch at Landry's overlooking Corpus Christi Bay
- Take in the "Sparkling City by the Sea" on your personal guided tour
- Experience the warm hospitality of Corpus Christi at a welcome reception arranged just for you
- Savor dinner while overlooking the beautiful Corpus Christi Bay

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- Enjoy breakfast at the local favorite, Beauty and the Bistro Café
- Visit Port Aransas, the Deep Sea Fishing Capital of Texas
- Cruising and "Dolphin Watching" aboard a coast guard approved boat around the bay
- Visit Port Aransas' Birding Center, known internationally for birding
- Enjoy lunch in the quaint village atmosphere of Port Aransas while watching the fishing and sport boats
- Tour the U.S.S. Lexington and find out how it got the nickname "The Blue Ghost"
- Take a behind the scenes tour of the Texas State Aquarium
- Visit the Art Museum of South Texas, located on Corpus Christi Bay
- Explore the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and Natural History including a tour of Christopher Columbus' ships
- Enjoy a fun-filled evening with premier dining and entertainment
- Boot scootin' at the locals' favorite country and western nightclub

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Enjoy breakfast at the Glass Pavilion Restaurant with a beautiful view of Corpus Christi Bay



Official Post-Fam Registration Form

- ★ Please make copies of this form and complete one for each person registering for a tour
- ★ Tours are open to all ABA Marketplace registered delegates
- ★ Maximum of two people per company per tour
- ★ Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Tour space is limited*
- ★ All tours will run regardless of number of participants
- ★ FAM arrival and departure details will be discussed with each participant on a one-on-one basis
- ★ Confirmations will be sent to FAM tour participants upon receipt of registration form and registration fee
- ★ Choice preferences not guaranteed

Sign me up!

PLEASE CHECK OFF YOUR CHOICE

----- Post FAM #1 Cowboys and Culture

----- Post FAM #2 South Texas Riviera

Fees

\$75 per Motorcoach or Tour Operator delegates & guest, refundable upon completion of FAM tour.

\$150 per travel industry delegate. Non-refundable.

No cancellations or refunds will be given after a reservation confirmation is sent to attendee by the FAM tour committee.

Please Bill Me

Pay online at www.grapevinetexasusa.com

Name _____
 Title _____ Company _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____
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 Please list any special needs you may have _____

Please complete

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Nonsmoking Room One Bed Two Beds 1st Floor Preference Handicapped Accessible
 Dietary Restrictions (please specify) _____

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2006

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