

# Christmas on the Riverwalk!



**FEATURING SAN ANTONIO!**

**NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 4TH, 2012**

## Itinerary

### **November 30th, 2012 - Welcome to Texas!**

Today we embark upon our **Christmas in San Antonio** adventure!! We will be met and assisted with our transfer to our hotel located on the famous **Paseo del Rio - Riverwalk**. The Paseo del Rio winds along the banks of the San Antonio River. Here we will find delightful shops and restaurants. This evening, we will enjoy a **Welcome-to-San Antonio dinner** featuring Texas specialties so be sure and bring a big appetite! Overnight: Drury Plaza Riverwalk or Similar (D)

### **December 1st, 2012 - Everything's Bigger in Texas!**

After breakfast, we will be treated to a guided tour of the many historic sights of San Antonio. We will visit the **Mission of San Jose**, the largest and best known of the Texas missions. Founded in 1720, the mission is now fully restored and boasts several unique features, including exquisite carvings and the famous Rose Window, one of the finest pieces of Spanish Colonial ornamentation in the country. After the Mission we continue the sightseeing tour of San Antonio. We will have lunch at a restaurant located on the Riverwalk before we board our private barge for a cruise. Shaded by towering cypresses, oaks and willows and bordered by gardens of flowering ornamental foliage, we cruise one level below the hustle and bustle of the city streets. Our next stop is **El Mercado** (the Market Square), an amazing and exciting experience! You may visit the famous **Mi Tierra**, a 24-hour restaurant and bakery and the century-old pharmacy. There are over 30 shops which make the area a great place to find extraordinary gifts and souvenirs! Or you may choose to just relax and spend some time people watching. The afternoon is at our leisure to further explore this delightful city. This evening we are free to enjoy dinner at any of the area's fine restaurants. Overnight: Drury Plaza Riverwalk or Similar (B/L)

Join us as we experience the Market-  
place. Our tour of the LBJ  
amazing history of San Antonio  
Ranch and Museum will take us  
and the Alamo during the back to a most distinctive and  
holidays! Always beautiful, the demanding period in our  
Riverwalk is even more so bathed country's history. Then, we will go  
in thousands of Christmas lights! even further back in time as we  
You'll enjoy a River Cruise and tour the Alamo and re-live the  
have time to explore on your own! fierce battle that pitted 190 men  
You will visit the beautifully against 5,000! All of this and  
restored Mission of San Jose in much more awaits us as we join  
San Antonio and experience the and step into history in San  
hustle and bustle of its Mexican Antonio and at the Alamo!

### **December 2nd, 2012 - It's a Presidential Day!**

Today features a drive through the hills of Texas, highlighted by our arrival in **Austin**, the capitol of Texas. Our tour of the city includes a visit to the **LBJ Library and Museum**. You will see how LBJ, the 36th President of the United States, wanted the records of his life and his presidency to be viewed by the public. Here we can relive some of the ups and downs of Johnson's life and presidency—from a young Congressman going off to war and the successes of the Great Society programs, to the Vietnam War protests, assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, and riots in American cities in 1968 (a time that LBJ later called "The Nightmare Year"). Take a walk through history in the America 1908-1973 exhibit and experience the presidency with a look at a 1968 presidential limousine and a replica of **LBJ's Oval Office**. Then we depart for **Stonewall**, the **LBJ Ranch**, which was the birthplace of Lyndon Baines Johnson. In addition to the Visitor Center, which features LBJ boyhood memorabilia, and has an attached 1870's dogtrot cabin, an 1840s log cabin just west of the center, and the Sauer-Beckman living history farm of the 1900-1918 era with costumed interpreters doing daily and seasonal activities. Our stop here includes viewing what many still call the Texas White House. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a visit to

**Fredericksburg.** Founded on May 8th, 1846, by German Immigrants under the auspices of the Society for the of German Immigrants in Texas. Fredericksburg today is a beautifully preserved German village. The Historic District features over eighty points of historic interest and significance, with more than a 150 specialty shops lining downtown streets, all decorated in Holiday lights. There is also a wide variety of restaurants to choose from for dinner at your leisure. We return to San Antonio for overnight.

Overnight: Drury Plaza Riverwalk or Similar (B)

**December 3rd, 2012 - Remember the Alamo!**

After breakfast, we will depart for the San Antonio IMAX theatre. Upon arrival we will watch a screening of the IMAX presentation of The Price of Freedom. The giant IMAX screen, along with state-of-the-art sound, will take us back to 1836 and put us in the center of battle, as we relive history's unforgettable 13 days of glory. After the movie, we will be escorted to the **Alamo**, one of the most famous spots in Texas! Here, Davy

Crockett, Colonel William Barrett Travis, Jim Bowie and 186 others died fighting for independence on March 6, 1836, against an army of five thousand. Originally established in 1718 as the city's first mission, the Alamo is located at the heart of San Antonio, inside beautifully landscaped grounds. We will step inside the Alamo and see where the brave defenders fought and died. Our visit to the **Long Barracks Museum** will show us exhibits that tell the story of Texas, its settlement and revolution. Our afternoon is at our leisure - perhaps to purchase those last minute mementos for the folks back home! Tonight's special farewell dinner will be at a typical hill country ranch - a perfect ending to our San Antonio adventure!

Overnight: Drury Plaza Riverwalk or Similar (B/D)

**December 4th, 2012 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!**

After breakfast, we are assisted with our departure for home. Our memories of **San Antonio and this special Christmas** will last a lifetime! (B)

**Inclusions**

- Round trip transportation to your local airport
- Round trip airfare to San Antonio
- 4 nights hotel accommodation
- 4 breakfasts
- 2 dinners, including a Welcome-to-San Antonio dinner
- Admission on a river boat cruise
- All admissions, including the LBJ Library and Museum, LBJ Ranch and the Alamo
- Escorted tour of San Antonio
- Private motor coach throughout the itinerary
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- All Hotel taxes
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags

**TOUR PRICING FOR CHRISTMAS ON THE RIVERWALK**

**\$1,648.00**



*Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and is strongly recommended. (For medical reasons only)*

\$115.00 per person/double occupancy

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

Reservations for "**Christmas on the Riverwalk**" are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to August 21, 2012.

Final Payment is due on or before August 21, 2012.

50% non-refundable on August 22, 2012. 100% non-refundable as of October 1, 2012.

Make checks payable to **State Bank & Trust Co.**

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