

# TRI-STATE TRAVEL



## **SOUTH PADRE ISLAND WINTER ESCAPE FEBRUARY 11-27, 2019**

Boarding in Galena & Moline, Illinois and Davenport & Dubuque, Iowa

**Please call us at 1-800-779-4869 to make reservations**

**Tour Includes:** Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Luggage Handling for One Suitcase not to exceed 50 lbs, 29 Meals, Attractions per the Itinerary, Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions and Meals.

**Not Included:** Travel Protection Plan, Additional Meals/Attractions, Full Time Tour Director, Gratuity to Tri-State Travel Motorcoach Driver or Items of a Personal Nature

**Tour Cost Per Person:** \$2749.00 per person – 2 to a room      \$3739.00 per person - Single

### **DAY #1 - February 11, 2019**

Departing Hometown, USA we make our way to Sikeston, MO for our first overnight stay.

### **Day #2 - February 12, 2019**

Travel from Sikeston, MO to Dallas, TX. A tour of Dealey Plaza and the Sixth Floor Museum which remembers that tragic day in 1963 when President John F Kennedy was assassinated. **(B)**

### **Day #3 - February 13, 2019**

Travel from Dallas to South Padre Island where we will check in at local beachside resort, LaQuinta Inn & Suites. After we unpack a trip to the local supermarket awaits for some grocery shopping to stock up food for the next two weeks. After we drop off our groceries our first included evening meal of the trip will be at Gabriella's Italian Grill and Pizzeria. **(B,D)**

### **Day #4 - February 14, 2019**

Today is a free day of leisure. Enjoy the amenities of the hotel, or the sand and splash in the gulf. Bask in the sun! Play cards with your traveling friends! **(B)**

### **Day #5 - February 15, 2019**

This morning we will visit South Padre Islands Farmers Market. We will then visit the South Padre Conventions Centre's Gardens and the Whaling Wall and enjoy lunch at Senor Donkey. Following lunch, it is off to the South Padre Island Birding Center where we will tour their aviary then back to the resort for a little rest and relaxation before dinner. Dinner this evening is at Blackbeard's. **(B,L,D)**

### **Day #6 - February 16, 2019**

Today is a free day at your leisure. Enjoy the amenities of the hotel, nearby sandy beach or visit the local park and recreation center. For those of you needing additional groceries a supermarket shuttle will be made today. **(B)**

**Day #7 - February 17, 2019**

After breakfast we begin our day with a visit to Sea Turtle, Inc. This sea turtle sanctuary rescues, rehabilitates and releases injured sea turtles. Lunch will be at Parrot Eyes Restaurant. After lunch we will have sandcastle lessons with a master sandcastle artist where we will learn the tools of the trade and build our own works of art. This evening we embark on an Osprey Dinner Cruise. Here we will watch the sun set over the Gulf and enjoy a delicious dinner. **(B,L,D)**

**Day #8 - February 18, 2019**

We begin our day with a tour of the UT Rio Grande Valley Coastal Studies Lab where students work to better understand the coastal habitats and issues affecting those along the shore (the cost of admission is \$5.00 per person). The tour will be led by a docent who works in the lab and will explain the importance of their work. We will return to the resort for lunch and the rest of the day is as your leisure. **(B)**

**Day #9 - February 19, 2019**

This morning we cross the Laguna Madres and visit the city of Port Isabel. The first stop on our journey is the Port Isabel Lighthouse. Of the 16 lighthouses originally constructed along the Texas coast, Port Isabel is the only one open to the public. We will enjoy lunch at Pirates Landing where we will savor the views of the Laguna Madre and shores of South Padre. This afternoon we will look at sunken treasure at the Treasure of the Gulf and the Port Isabel Museum. Our afternoon ends as we board the Black Dragon Pirate Ship for a show and cruise. Dinner tonight will be at Pier 19 in South Padre. **(B,L,D)**

**Day #10 - February 20, 2019**

Today is at your leisure. Enjoy the sunshine, beach and resort amenities. For those needing food and supplies we have arranged a transfer to your local grocery store. **(B)**

**Day #11 - February 21, 2019**

We head north today to Corpus Christi. Our first stop is King Ranch. This ranch today covers over 825,000 acres. A guided tour of the property has been arranged and a hosted lunch. Our next stop is at the USS Lexington, it was commissioned in 1943 and served the United States Navy longer and set more records than any other aircraft carrier. Tonight dinner reservations have been made at Brewster Street Icehouse. **(B,L,D)**

**Day #12 - February 22, 2019**

This morning finds us at the World Birding Center. Birders across the nation know Bentsen as a treasure trove of "Valley Specialties" or tropical birds found nowhere else in the United States. Lunch is on your own. This afternoon we are off to the National Butterfly Center where more than 200 species have been seen. Dinner tonight will be at Saltgrass Steakhouse. **(B,D)**

**Day #13 - February 23, 2019**

Our plans today include a tour of the Sabal Palm Sanctuary. It is home to native species of plants and animals that reach the northernmost limit of their Mexican range and do not occur elsewhere in the United States. This sanctuary harbors one of the most beautiful and critical ecosystems of South Texas and Northern Mexico. We will enjoy a guided tour of the facility and property. Lunch is included at The

Vermillion. After lunch we will visit the Stillman House, one of the oldest houses in Brownsville and the Old City Cemetery Center for tours of Brownsville's past. Our last stop before departing Brownsville will be the Palo Alto Battlefield. Here U.S. and Mexican troops clashed on the prairie of Palo Alto. The battle was the first in a two-year long war that changed the map of North America. Dinner will be on your own at a local restaurant. **(B,L)**

**Day #14 - February 24, 2019**

Enjoy the beach and the sunshine....it is a day of leisure. **(B)**

**Day #15 - February 25, 2019**

Time to pack our bags and begin our journey home. Our overnight accommodations are in the Dallas area. Dinner is planned this evening. **(B,D)**

**Day #16 - February 26, 2019**

It is a travel day with our overnight accommodations in Sikeston, MO. **(B,D)**

**Day #17 - February 27, 2019**

We return home today with our sun tans and warm thoughts of the lovely days we spent during our South Padre Island Winter Escape. **(B)**