

Big Bend National Park

March 7 - 10, 2018
(4 days - 3 nights)



Wednesday, March 7 **Big Bend National Park**

Our motorcoach will depart with everyone anticipating the beautiful Big Bend National Park and the great outdoors! Our first stop will be in downtown Fort Stockton for an included lunch. Next we will visit the Annie Riggs Museum with displays of archeology, geology and pioneer ranching. By late afternoon we will be entering Big Bend National Park, which was established in 1944 and is known as the Last Frontier of Texas. It is comprised of 801,000 acres of stark contrast making it one of the most diverse National Parks. Rangers will be on hand to answer questions when we stop at Panther Junction Visitor's Center. We continue in the park to the Chisos Mountains Lodge, where we will overnight the next two nights while enjoying the spring scenery.

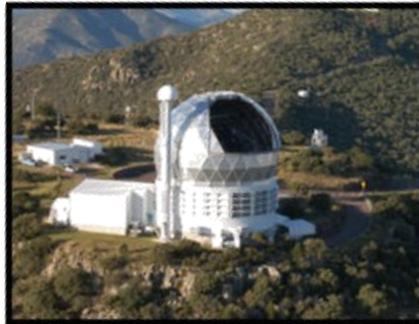
Thursday, March 8 **Big Bend National Park**

Today we have a local guide aboard our motorcoach as we tour Big Bend National Park with photo stops at the Boquillas Canyon Overlook, Sotol Vista Overlook and Santa Elena Canyon. We will take a box lunch to enjoy at the Cottonwood Campgrounds as we continue the tour. The name Big Bend refers to the great U-turn the Rio Grande River makes here in Southwest Texas. Watch for jackrabbits, roadrunners, javelina and other desert wildlife as we drive the winding roads. Travelers find scenic wilderness beauty and peaceful solitude at every turn.

Friday, March 9

Alpine

After two nights in the Big Bend National Park, we depart traveling westward to Terlingua Ghost Town where you will enjoy our stop at the Trading Post. We will turn to the north toward the town of Fort Davis, a famous frontier outpost named after the Secretary of State, Jefferson Davis. Fort Davis was active from 1854-1891 except for the Civil War years. Continuing westward our motorcoach will begin its climb in the Davis Mountains towards the McDonald



Observatory, visited annually by approximately 130,000 people. Rangers will be on hand to answer questions and tell about current research as we view both the 107-inch

Harlan J. Smith Telescope and the newer Hobby-Eberly Telescope. With its 432-inch mirror it is one of the largest in the world.



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Highlights Include:

- Big Bend National Park Tour
- Santa Elena Canyon
- Historic Fort Davis
- Rio Grande River
- Davis Mountains
- Chisos Mountains
- McDonald Observatory
- Sotol Vista Overlook
- Annie Riggs Museum
- Terlingua Ghost Town
- Marfa Lights

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene & San Angelo**
- 3 nights accommodations:
(2) in Big Bend National Park and (1) in Alpine
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions
- Meals: 2 breakfasts and 1 continental breakfast
4 lunches or dinner
- Gratuity for motorcoach driver
- Services of a professional tour escort

Cost per person:

\$899 (2 people per room)

\$1140 (1 person per room)

Ins.

\$99

\$137

\$25 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due January 24, 2018

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Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to tour.

Leaving the observatory we will take the short drive to Alpine, where we overnight. Later this evening we board our motorcoach to drive to Marfa, in hopes of seeing the famed "Marfa Lights". Various explanations have been proposed as to the cause of the mystery lights. These include nighttime mirage effect or other static electrical illumination.

Saturday, March 10

Return Home

This morning we will enjoy some time at the historic Fort Davis. This 523 acre grounds features historically restored buildings, interpretive and historical displays, a book shop and museum. After experiencing the great outdoors, we board our motorcoach to start the journey homeward and hopefully everyone will have a greater appreciation for the beauty and diversity of West Texas. Following a lunch break in Ft. Stockton, we re-route to Abilene.

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