

BIG BEND ADVENTURE

6 DAYS (5 Meals)

\$849 PER PERSON

Be overwhelmed at the majestic beauty of the area. It's big, it's awesome, it's Texas! Spend two nights at the Chisos Mountain Lodge right in the very center of Big Bend National Park, the largest National Park in the Continental U.S. You will be surrounded by majestic mountains and woodlands. Marvel at the Santa Elena Canyon carved by the Rio Grande River with walls extending 800 feet into the sky. Visit the Hallie Stillwell Museum, a tribute to a woman who braved the wilds of this rugged area.

DAY 1 - What an adventure! Follow the Rio Grande River going West to **Rio Grande City**, home to Fort Ringold, the first fort west of Fort Brown. After an **included "snack stop,"** it's on to **Roma**, site of the filming of "Viva Zapata". After a lunch stop in **Laredo**, we move inland toward **Carrizo Springs** before turning again toward the Mexican border and **Del Rio**. Settle in for your **overnight** at the **Ramada Inn** in **Del Rio**.

DAY 2 - An **included breakfast** begins a big day of sight-seeing! Just a hop and a skip down the road is the **Seminole Canyon**. Next stop, **Langtry**, supposedly named for Actress Lillie Langtry and known for the antics of **Judge Roy Bean**, who was, in the 1880's, the "**Law West of the Pecos**." Very soon, we arrive in **Fort Davis** and check into our host hotel. Tonight, participate in the **Twilight Program** and **Star Party** at the **McDonald Observatory**. **Overnight** at **Hotel Limpia** in **Fort Davis**. **B, PL**

DAY 3 - Awaken to the cool mountain air. Perhaps take a hike before breakfast. After breakfast, explore the remains of **Fort Davis**. After an **included lunch** it is on to our final destination, the **Big Bend**. Our routing is through **Presidio** and along the **River Road** where prairie verbenas, ocotillo cactus, and prairie daisies brighten our way as we take the scenic drive along the river en route to the **ghost town of Terlinqua**, brought back to life each year by an annual chili cook off, a festive event enticing thousands of visitors to the Big Bend each fall. As we enter the **Chisos Basin**, the sun's rays are at their very best angle to appreciate the majestic, towering rock formations of the **Big Bend**. As the sun sets, sit quietly and watch for the white tail deer. Listen for the canyon wren or the call of the raven. Enjoy a filling meal at the Lodge Restaurant. **Overnight** at the **Chisos Mountain Lodge** in the **Big Bend National Park**. **L**

DAY 4 - The more active traveler may want to take the 1/4 mile self guided **Window View Trail** right at our Lodge. Then a local guide will join us as we explore the Big Bend. Begin our driving tour at **Panther Junction**, park headquarters, where a fifty yard loop trail over level terrain will acquaint you with the many cacti and other common plants of the Chihuahuan Desert. A trip along the **Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive** will give you a good taste of the desert and will lead you to the **Rio Grande River** and **Santa Elena Canyon**, one of the park's most beautiful natural wonders. There are scenic overlooks and exhibits all along the way. Bring plenty of film for your camera. Take a short walk into the canyon to see

where the steep canyon walls meet the Rio Grande. Enjoy an **included picnic lunch** back at **Cottonwood Camp Ground**. Visit **Castolon Historic Compound**, a cavalry encampment during the days of Pancho Villa's border raids. **Overnight** at the **Chisos Mountain Lodge** in the **Big Bend National Park**. **PL**

DAY 5 - Visit the **Hallie Stillwell Museum** as we leave the **Big Bend National Park** area. Now you can truly say, "**I have experienced Big Bend**." Lunch will be a little late today so be prepared with a few snacks in your pocket. Tonight you can sit back and gamble at our overnight stop or just sit with your friends and remember your experiences on the **Big Bend Adventure**. **Overnight** at the **Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino•Hotel** in **Eagle Pass**.

DAY 6 - Why not try your luck.... maybe you will be a winner! Start home at 10:30am. Stop for an **included lunch** in **Laredo**, visit **San Augustine Plaza** with the famous La Posada Hotel on one side and St. Augustine Church next to the hotel. Before long we are back on the road to the Rio Grande Valley. **L**

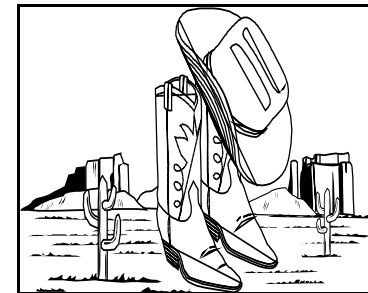
PRICE PER PERSON

Single - \$1,219
Double - \$ 849
Triple - \$ 829

DEPARTURE DATE

February 22, 2018

Departs from **Brownsville** at 6:00a.m.; from **Harlingen** at 6:30a.m.; from **Weslaco** at 7:00a.m.; from **Mission** at 7:30a.m. or from your park with a specified number.



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