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SEPTEMBER 19 – 26, 2019

**\$1239 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY; \$1599 SINGLE; \$1169 TRIPLE (RATES ARE PER PERSON)**

**14 MEALS/MOTOR COACH/HOTELS/ALL ADMISSIONS/TOUR HOSTESS/7 NIGHTS/8 DAYS**

*Oklahoma City National Memorial; George W. Bush Presidential Library; Dallas World Aquarium; Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Gardens; JFK 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza; Reunion Tower; Dallas Trolley Tour; Magnolia & The Silos; Texas Ranger Museum; Baylor University; Shopping, Trolley & Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco; Swenson House; Llano Winery; Buddy Holly Museum; Cadillac Ranch & Wichita Toy Train Museum.*

**MEALS= L THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 – COUNTRY INN & SUITES, SALINA KS**

TODAY IS A TRAVEL DAY BUT WE WILL BREAK IT UP WITH STOPS EVERY HOUR AND A HALF OR SO. LUNCH IS INCLUDED TODAY BUT DINNER ON YOUR OWN WILL BE NEARBY.

**MEALS= BL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 – COUNTRY INN & SUITES, NORMAN OK**

THIS MORNING WE WILL VISIT THE WICHITA TOY TRAIN MUSEUM. IT'S NOT THE LARGEST OF MUSEUMS OR THE MOST ALL-ENCOMPASSING. BUT IT IS A FUN PLACE TO FIND YOUR INNER CHILD. THE HO SCALE LAYOUT FILLS THE ROOM AND HAS A GREAT TRACK DESIGN. A QUICK BITE AND OFF TO THE OKLAHOMA NATIONAL MEMORIAL. THE MEMORIAL MUSEUM IS AN INTERACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE THAT TAKES YOU ON A CHRONOLOGICAL SELF-GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE STORY OF APRIL 19, 1995, AND THE DAYS, WEEKS AND YEARS THAT FOLLOWED THE BOMBING OF OKLAHOMA CITY'S ALFRED P. MURRAH FEDERAL BUILDING. THE STORY TRACKS THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF LOSS, RESILIENCE, JUSTICE AND HOPE.

**MEALS= BL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES, MESQUITE TX**

OFF TO THE BIG D TODAY! WE WILL ENJOY AN INCLUSIVE LUNCH BEFORE TOURING THE GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY. LET'S EXPLORE THE RESEARCH, OFFICIAL RECORDS, PERSONAL PAPERS, AND ARTIFACTS OF PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH. THIS AFTERNOON WE WILL JUMP RIGHT INTO THE DEEP END AT THE DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM. WATCH THE FEEDING OF OTTERS, PENGUINS AND CARIBBEAN CREATURES. YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS IN THE CANOPY OF A SOUTH AMERICAN RAINFOREST FILLED WITH RARE AND INDIGENOUS PLANTS AND ANIMALS. THE PATH LEADS PAST MONKEYS, GIANT RIVER OTTERS, MANY SPECIES OF TOUCANS AND ORINOCO CROCODILES. THE RIVER EXHIBIT ALLOWS FOR AN UNDERWATER GLIMPSE OF ANTILLEAN MANATEES, HUGE TURTLES AND ARAPAIMA. THE AQUARIUM PORTION CONTAINS 85,000 GALLONS OF SALTWATER, INCLUDING A 22,000 GALLON WALK-THROUGH TUNNEL.

**MEALS= BL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 – FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES, MESQUITE TX**

SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY IT WILL BE AT THE 66-ACRE DALLAS ARBORETUM IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S PREMIER GARDENS, AND CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST COLORFUL. LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE DEEMED THIS URBAN OASIS TO BE THE CROWNING JEWEL OF DALLAS. AUTUMN AT THE ARBORETUM INCLUDES THE NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PUMPKIN VILLAGE FEATURING PUMPKIN HOUSES AND CREATIVE DISPLAYS UTILIZING MORE THAN 90,000 PUMPKINS, GOURDS AND SQUASH ALONG WITH HAY BALES AND CORNSTALKS. THEMED "PUMPKINS, SQUASH AND GOURDS, OH MY!" THIS AFTERNOON, A TRIBUTE TO AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL PLAZA AND THE 6TH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DEALY PLAZA. THE EXHIBITS EXPLORE THE LIFE, ASSASSINATION AND LEGACY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF 1960S HISTORY AND CULTURE. OUR DAY CONTINUES AS WE ASCEND 470 FEET OVER THE SKYLINE OF DALLAS AT REUNION TOWER. FROM 470 FEET UP YOU'LL EXPERIENCE BREATHTAKING 360-DEGREE PANORAMIC VIEWS, HIGH-DEFINITION ZOOM CAMERAS, INTERACTIVE TOUCH SCREENS, TELESCOPES, A FREE DIGITAL PHOTO AND AN INDOOR/OUTDOOR OBSERVATION DECK THAT LETS YOU SEE FOR MILES IN ANY DIRECTION. ONE LAST SPIN AROUND DALLAS WE WILL END OUR DAY WITH BIG 'D' TROLLEY FUN TOUR!

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### MEALS= B MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 – HAMPTON INN & SUITES, WACO TX

DON'T MISS THE BAKERY THIS MORNING AT MAGNOLIA MARKET AT THE SILOS, COMMONLY CALLED MAGNOLIA MARKET, A SHOPPING COMPLEX THAT ENCOMPASSES TWO CITY BLOCKS IN DOWNTOWN WACO, TEXAS. IT IS MARKED BY TWO 120' HIGH SILOS, BUILT IN 1950 AS PART OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY COTTON OIL COMPANY. THE GROUNDS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN OCTOBER, 2015. THE COMPLEX IS OWNED BY CHIP AND JOANNA GAINES, TV PERSONALITIES BEST KNOWN FOR HGTV'S FIXER UPPER TV SERIES. YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO RIDE THE FREE SILO DISTRICT TROLLEY. CHECK OUT THE MANY SHOPS AND BOUTIQUES, THE FOOD TRUCKS AND THE DR. PEPPER MUSEUM IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WACO. AFTER ENJOYING THE DAY ON YOUR OWN WE WILL GATHER TO TOUR THE TEXAS RANGERS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM AS WELL AS TAKE A WALKING TOUR AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY.

### MEALS= BLD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 – BEST WESTERN WINDSOR INN, LUBBOCK TX

VARIETY IS THE WORD OF THE DAY! WE WILL VISIT THE HISTORIC SWENSON HOUSE. WHEN YOU STEP INTO THE SWENSON HOUSE, YOU ARE IN ARE GREETED WITH AN ELEGANT GRAND STAIRCASE THAT ASCENDS, THREE QUARTERS OF THE WAY UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR, BEFORE SPLITTING OFF IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, FOR THE FINAL STEPS. BEAUTIFUL DEEP WOOD GRAINS, EXPANSIVE RUGS WITH RICH TONES, ANTIQUE WALLPAPERS & LIGHTING FINISHES REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TIMES, KEEP YOUR EYES FEASTING ON THIS AMAZING HOME BUILT IN 1910. WE ARE HEADED NORTH NOW AS WE MAKE OUR WAY TOWARDS HOME BUT THIS AFTERNOON WE WILL STOP AT "OUR FAVORITE WINERY!" YEARS AGO WE DROPPED IN WITH 20 PEOPLE AND LEFT WITH 24 CASES OF WINE. YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THE WINE TASTING AT THE LLANO WINERY! WE WILL SETTLE FOR THE NIGHT IN LUBBOCK AFTER A CATERED DINNER FROM THE COPPER CABOOSE.

### MEALS= BL? WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 – HOTEL TO BE DETERMINED IN LAMAR CO

REMEMBER PEGGY SUE OR THAT'LL BE THE DAY AND ONCE YOU START SINGING MAYBE BABY YOU JUST CAN'T STOP! WE HAVE TO STOP AT THE BUDDY HOLLY MUSEUM. WHAT A GREAT TIME THAT WAS TO BE ALIVE! THE CENTER COLLECTS, PRESERVES AND INTERPRETS ARTIFACTS RELEVANT TO LUBBOCK'S MOST FAMOUS NATIVE SON, BUDDY HOLLY, AS WELL AS TO OTHER PERFORMING ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS OF WEST TEXAS. FROM HERE WE HAVE TO SEE ANOTHER WONDER OF TEXAS! STANDING ALONG ROUTE 66 WEST OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, CADILLAC RANCH WAS INVENTED AND BUILT BY A GROUP OF ART-HIPPIES IMPORTED FROM SAN FRANCISCO. THEY CALLED THEMSELVES THE ANT FARM, AND THEIR SILENT PARTNER WAS AMARILLO BILLIONAIRE STANLEY MARSH 3. BRING YOUR CAN OF SPRAY PAINT AND LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THIS LITTLE SPOT OF TEXAS FOLKLORE. WELL IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES UNTIL SOMEONE GETS PAINTED TIME TO HEAD TO LAMAR AND CALL IT A NIGHT! OH YEA, WE WILL FEED YOU LUNCH TODAY AND MAYBE DINNER 😊

### MEALS= BL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 – HOME SWEET HOME!

ONE LAST ATTRACTION BEFORE WE HEAD HOME, WE WILL STOP AT OLD BENT'S FORT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. PLEASE BRING YOUR NATIONAL PARKS PASSES FOR THIS ONE. BENT'S FORT FEATURES A RECONSTRUCTED 1840S ADOBE FUR TRADING POST ON THE MOUNTAIN BRANCH OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL WHERE TRADERS, TRAPPERS, TRAVELERS, AND THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES CAME TOGETHER IN PEACEFUL TERMS FOR TRADE. TODAY, LIVING HISTORIANS RECREATE THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SMELLS OF THE PAST WITH GUIDED TOURS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. AS WE HEAD HOME WE WILL MAKE COMFORT STOPS AS WELL AS OUR LAST INCLUSIVE GROUP MEAL. HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER WITH GREAT MEMORIES AND STORIES TO SHARE.

Rate Includes: Motor Coach, Tour Hostess, All Admissions, 14 Meals, Hotels, and All Meal Gratuities.

\*Driver, Tour Guide and Event Guide Gratuities have not been included in the rate on this trip.