



# MIDLAND, TEXAS *Your Window to the West*

## *"Under the Texas Stars" - 6 Days / 5 Nights Stay*

- Experience the adventures and relaxation of *real* West Texas.
- Enjoy great Texas food, from barbecue and line dancing to steak under the stars.
- Discover the natural beauty of Big Bend National Park.
- Become mystified by the mystery of the Marfa Lights.
- Pamper yourself during your stay at many one-of-a-kind accommodations along the trail.

*This is a one-of-a-kind, highly personalized tour where guests will be greeted with West Texas hospitality. It's all about relaxing experiences where guests will indulge in many unique activities, surrounded by wide-open spaces and Texas sunsets. West Texas is a unique part of the state, and this tour is an exciting sample of its great assets. Midland International Airport, the closest airport to Big Bend National Park, makes this trip a convenient Fly-Drive as well.*

### **Day 1**

Arrive in Midland to a **Red Carpet Welcome Reception** followed by a nature walk and lesson at **Sibley Nature Center**. Enjoy nature trails and examine wildlife habitats at this center for environmental education. Then tour the **Bush Childhood Home** where we will explore the lives and home of two presidents, two governors, and two first ladies. Wind down with a barbecue dinner at The Hog Pit Pub & Grub (where the ribs literally fall off the bone) and line dancing lessons.

### **Day 2**

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel then tour the **Museum of the Southwest** to view exhibits of art and archeology. Then on to the **Haley Library** for a lesson in Texas history. Afterward, tour the **Petroleum Museum** and experience Midland's past through interactive exhibits. We will have a catered lunch, then explore the world's largest collection of antique drilling equipment. We will then tour the **American Airpower Heritage Museum**, including the world's largest collection of aviation nose art from planes flown in World War II. Depart for **Prude Ranch** in Fort Davis, making a pit stop at the **West of the Pecos Museum**. Upon arrival at Prude Ranch, take a hay ride to a steak dinner under the stars.

### **Day 3**

Breakfast at Prude Ranch with optional horseback riding or a hike at **Fort Davis National Historic Site**. Participate in a solar viewing at the **McDonald Observatory**, one of the world's leading centers for astronomical research. We then leave for Marfa to enjoy free time to tour the many art galleries, followed by dinner at Jett's Grill in the Paisano Hotel, where Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean stayed during the filming of *Giant*. After dinner, we will head to Alpine, stopping by the **Marfa Lights Viewing Area** to try to catch a glimpse of the Marfa Mystery Lights. Top the night off with a beverage from the **Historic Holland Hotel's** micro-brewery.



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**Day 4**

Breakfast at the hotel, then depart for **Big Bend National Park**. Start off this magnificent tour with breath-taking views in Santa Elena Canyon. We will have lunch at the Park Headquarters, then tour the Rio Grande Village. Return to the Chisos Basin for an evening Ranger Program. We will spend the night in Big Bend National Park.

**Day 5**

Breakfast in Big Bend, then we will depart for Lajitas, where we will tour the **Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center**, enjoy some free time and lunch. Mid-afternoon, we will take a drive through **Big Bend Ranch State Park** with breath-taking views and arrive at **Cibolo Creek Ranch**. Take in the beautiful surroundings while enjoying a first-class dinner and "cowboy singing" fireside and lectures on the flora and fauna of the region.

**Day 6**

Finish this Texas adventure with one last gourmet breakfast served poolside, then we will return to Midland to end this memorable trip.