

7-Day Thanksgiving San Antonio

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1 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

We board our deluxe motorcoach to begin our tour to San Antonio traveling south through Tuscaloosa. After lunch we continue south into Mississippi and Louisiana arriving in New Orleans for overnight. **L**

2 TOUR NEW ORLEANS / LUNCH MULATE'S BREAUX BRIDGE / HOUSTON, TEXAS

A local guide will show us the sights of this historic city as we proceed to historic Esplanade Avenue and St. Louis Cemetery # 3, one of New Orleans' oldest and most intriguing cemeteries. We follow the route of the streetcar line down majestic St. Charles Avenue past Tulane and Loyola Universities and beautifully restored mansions. We continue to Breaux Bridge for lunch (included) at Mulate's—a legendary restaurant recognized throughout the world as the King of Cajun cuisine. Our destination for today is Houston, Texas for overnight. **L**

3 & 4 SAN ANTONIO THANKSGIVING / HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

This morning we have a short drive to San Antonio for a guided tour of this historic city. We will learn about its history as we visit the Alamo and Hemisfair Plaza. The San Antonio River flows through the heart of the city where you'll see the beautiful flower gardens, sidewalk cafes and much more. We will have free time in the afternoon for shopping in the many speciality shops and the fabulous new Rivercenter. Accommodations await us for the next two nights in San Antonio. Dinner is included both days, a delightful Thanksgiving Day Dinner in one of the local restaurants and dinner at Little Rhein Steak House. **D D**

5 MARSHALL'S WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS

This morning we leave San Antonio and continue through Austin, Waco and Tyler enroute to Marshall, Texas for overnight. We will enjoy a delicious dinner at one of Marshall's many restaurants. Picture this: Marshall's square, every tree, every bush, decorated with tiny white lights; a gigantic Christmas tree decorated in tiny white lights; businesses around the square participating in the picture-perfect Christmas by decorating. A spectacle that would rival any other Christmas lighting scene in this area. More than 3,000,000 (390 miles) lights will greet more than 800,000 visitors. More than 125,000 lights decorate the festival's "jewel", the Historic Courthouse Museum. There are more than 25 "light art" panels around the city. Each panel was designed and constructed by volunteers, and each panel is a work of holiday art made up entirely of lights. Each light has been hand-tied onto a chicken wire frame and up to 1,200 lights go into each panel. The uptown square has more than 260,000 lights on it, with more than 30,000 lights on the trees and lamp posts which circle the courthouse museum. The alternating red-and-white lights create a "Circle of Peace". The 45-foot-tall Christmas tree on the square is decorated with more than 9,000 lights, which are tied to a computer; the computer alternates the light strands so that a patriotic salute in red, white and blue is the result. The unique manger scene located on the square was created by artisans at Marshall Pottery and Old World Store. It is a must-see attraction. **D**

6 NATCHITOCHEES / JACKSON

It's a short drive to the town of Natchitoches, Louisiana the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase Territory. We will visit the historic district. After lunch we will cross into Mississippi and drive to Jackson, Mississippi for our last overnight stop. **L**

7 HOMEWARD BOUND

It is now time to bid farewell to our traveling friends and return home to share our memories with family and friends, ending our delightful visit to San Antonio at this special Thanksgiving Holiday Season with Knoxville Tours. **D**

5 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

Price Per Person:

Single \$1595 Twin \$1125 Triple \$1075

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