



Presented by First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club



San Antonio Christmas

December 13-17, 2023

Featuring a riverboat cruise through thousands of luminaria decorating the Riverwalk, visit to Fredericksburg in the Texas Hill Country, the Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens, the Institute of Texas Culture, San Fernando Cathedral and the Alamo!

San Antonio is famous for its Riverwalk, and there is no better time to see it than when the luminarias line the San Antonio River for the holidays. We stay on the Riverwalk to give you the best location to enjoy this magical wonderland. Plus, we will explore the highlights of the area, such as the Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens, located in an abandoned rock quarry and the incomparable Villa Finale!

Wednesday, December 13 – Texas here we come!

We will depart Waterloo and Columbia on our private airport shuttle for Lambert Airport for our flight to San Antonio!

We will collect our bags and kick off our tour with a drive to Fredericksburg, Texas, famous for its blend of German and Texan styles. Our first stop is at [Wildseed Farms](#), the nation's largest working wildflower farm. The farm also sells seeds, wonderful garden and home goods, and now has a lovely winery and tasting room added onto the garden center. You can even taste their jams, salsa and other goodies or enjoy some homemade peach ice cream! Then we head into [Fredericksburg](#), where German and Texan cultures combine. Enjoy a choice of German and American style restaurants for lunch on your own while walking among the quaint shops and boutiques. Fredericksburg is one of the Lone Star State's most charming towns & the Hill Country's unofficial capital of food & wine. ***Did you know that the mariachi band originated from the German Oom Pah Pah Bands?***

We check into our hotel, the [Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio Riverwalk](#). It's our home for all 3 nights, so settle in and enjoy the cocktails and heavy appetizers each night, or venture out and try some of the wonderful restaurants in the area. **(Hot Apps and Cocktails)**

Thursday, December 14 – San Antonio Claims to Fame

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before our guided tour of this amazing city. We start in the **King William Historic District**, a sprawling 25 blocks of downtown San Antonio that made the list of the prettiest neighborhoods in America last year. The first historic district in Texas, many of the 19th century residences have been beautifully maintained, either as private residences or locally owned businesses or museums. We will get the chance to tour one of these homes, [Villa Finale: Museum & Gardens](#). The Norton–Polk–Mathis House, also known as *Villa Finale*, was built by local merchant Russel C. Norton. Construction began in 1876. After experiencing a flood in the neighborhood in 1921, then a transformation into a boarding house, it was purchased by Walter Nold Mathis in 1967 and lovingly restored. The house was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1971. Our next stop is the [San Fernando Cathedral](#), with the original section dating back to the 1730s. The dome of the cathedral is the geographical center of San Antonio, and the cathedral features



amazing stained-glass windows and stone carved Stations of the Cross. Our final stop on the tour is the **San Antonio Shoe Company**, featuring vintage western buildings and a peek into the factory to see how these American made shoes come together. Next is the festive **Mexican Market** for lunch on your own and maybe a bit of shopping if you feel inclined. Enjoy the sights and flavors of old Mexico at Historic Market Square, a favorite of locals and tourists for generations. Explore over 100 locally owned shops and stalls, all at a festive indoor mall famously described as the largest Mexican market outside Mexico. Enjoy Drury's **Happy Hour! (B, Hot Apps and Cocktails)**

Friday, December 15 – Lunch at Tower of the Americas

After breakfast at the hotel, we explore some of the area's gems, starting with the [Mission San Jose](#). One of the best preserved missions, the Mission San Jose was founded in 1720, and the oldest church dates to 1768. Learn about how the missions impacted the region, as well as the Tejano population that arose. Next we head to the [Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens](#). Set in an abandoned stone quarry, you will be transported to the *Land of the Rising Sun*, as you walk along the paths, bridges and gazebos, taking in the water features, flowers, and statues. Our last stop before lunch is the [Institute of Texan Cultures](#). This Smithsonian Affiliate museum is located in an 182,000 square-foot complex and features 65,000 square-feet of interactive exhibits and displays, with sections on how the many waves of settlers and native people have influenced the state. Our included lunch today is at the top of the [Tower of the Americas](#). This revolving restaurant provides amazing views of the city while you dine on an incredible buffet.



This afternoon we head to the most iconic of attractions in San Antonio – [The Alamo](#)! The most visited tourist site in Texas, our visit will help distinguish between the history of this amazing mission and the popular myths and legends that surround the site.



Stroll back to the hotel on your own or return via coach. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy. Stroll along the banks of the [Riverwalk](#), indulge in the free cocktails and snacks at the hotel, or try one of the great restaurants nearby! Tonight we enjoy our **private riverboat ride** after dark through the thousands of luminarias that line the Riverwalk! **(B, L, Hot Apps and Cocktails)**

Saturday, December 16 – FREE TIME!

Today is a completely free day! Maybe you will explore the network of pedestrian paths that follow the Riverwalk to discover restaurants, bars, shops, galleries and museums or you might revisit sites

from our previous tours. There will be lots of action and activity on Saturday night. **(B)**

Sunday, December 17

We depart this morning for the airport for our direct flight home. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

The itinerary is subject to change, for the good!

Double Occupancy—\$1,662

Single Occupancy—\$2,229

Triple & Quad Occupancy - \$1,452

Pricing is per person

Tour price includes:

- Round trip air transportation on Southwest Airlines (Currently non-stop and direct!)
- Airport Shuttle from Monroe County and motorcoach transportation in Texas
- Stay 4 nights at the Drury Hotel on the Riverwalk – only unpack once!
- Private riverboat cruise through the luminaria lined banks **Subject to change based on boat availability*
- 5 Meals (4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch), plus Hot Apps and Cocktails every evening at the Drury 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.!
- Tours of the King Williams Historic District, Villa Finale, San Fernando Cathedral, The Alamo, Mission San Jose, Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens, and SAS shoes
- Admission to the Institute of Texan Cultures
- Visit to Wildseed Farm and the Texas Hill Country town of Fredericksburg
- All other Activities as indicated
- Bank Escort and 2 Professional Tour Directors
- All gratuities including meals, step-on guides, drivers and directors
- Trip Protection

Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers, increase in travel protection premium and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure.

***Single Deposit - \$691, *Double Deposit - \$657 & Triple/Quad Deposit - \$624 per person** (paid by check or authorize a debit from an FNB account) and Booking Form are required to secure your reservation. Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please include any dietary, walking restrictions & accommodation requests on the booking form. ***Deposit amount now includes the non-refundable travel protection premium.**

Final payment is due no later than **October 1, 2023** and no refunds will be given after that time. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after the final payment is received, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request a refund.

If you have **purchased TSA Pre-Check or Global Entry** and have a Known Traveler Number, please provide the name associated with TSA Precheck and your number to add to your reservation. Please also provide your **Southwest Rapid Rewards** number, if you have one, at time of booking.

Note: REAL ID enforcement does not begin until May 7, 2025. If you do not have a REAL ID driver's license, which must be requested at the time you renew your license or you will not automatically receive a REAL ID compliant license, then you must use a passport, passport card, military ID or other forms that the TSA says are approved forms of ID.



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Booking Forms & Procedures



Return this form to the nearest banking center or mail to FNB, PO Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298 with deposit and necessary documents to secure your reservation. Questions – Call Darcy at (618) 504-2363.

Tour Name San Antonio Christmas		Tour Dates 12/13-17,2023	
PERSONAL INFORMATION – Travelers in same household			
Traveler #1 Name (as it appears on valid ID)			
Name preferred on tour		Birthdate	
Address		City	State Zip
Email Address		Home phone	Cell phone
Correspondence Preference		Mail	Email Text
Traveler # 2 Name (as it appears on valid ID)			
Name preferred on tour		Birthdate	
Email Address		Home phone	Cell phone
Correspondence Preference		Mail	Email Text
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL TRIPS			
Emergency Information Form		Copy of ID, Driver's License or Passport (whichever you will use at airport)	
REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR TOURS WITH DOMESTIC FLIGHTS			
Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards #			
TSA Known Traveler OR Global Entry OR Other Trusted Traveler Number			
<p>Real ID - Please be aware that Illinois residents who fly domestically, the federal government has extended the deadline to May 7, 2025 that will require you to use a valid U.S. Passport <u>or</u> obtain a REAL ID from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.</p>			
PAYMENT OPTIONS			
Debit FNB		Check Enclosed (payable to First National Bank of Waterloo)	
<p>I authorize FNB Waterloo to debit my account ending in ____ immediately for listed deposit(s). Remaining balance will be debited on final payment due date listed in the brochure unless other arrangements have been made. x _____ Please sign</p>			
MOTORCOACH/SHUTTLE PICK UP			
Preferred Pick up location		Waterloo	Columbia
Motor coach seating preference		Front due to medical	Close to the front
ACCOMMODATIONS			
Room Occupancy		Double	Single Triple/Quad
Roommate(s)			
Bed Preference		Location Requests	
1 bed	2 beds	Close to Elevator	First Floor Room Quiet Area
I am healthy and able to travel at this time			Yes No
Signature			Date
<p>BANK USE ONLY: Deposit: Date _____ Method _____ Amount _____ Balance Due _____ Final Payment: Date _____ Method _____ Amount _____</p>			

Classic 55 Club Travel General Information



Travel Protection:

First National Bank of Waterloo has always believed the importance of Trip Protection Plans. Tour price represents cost with a trip protection.

Final Payment:

Final payments are due 45 - 60 days prior to departure depending on the trip, please consult the trip brochure to review specific tour details.

Methods of Payment:

We accept cash, check or debit from a First National Bank of Waterloo account. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

Cancellations:

Our cancellation fees vary according to the type of tour. Your deposit is refundable up to the final payment due date unless previously noted. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after final payment, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request refund.

Tour Inclusions:

Classic 55 Club tour cost includes all attractions, lodging, motor coach transportation, meals as noted and gratuities for all included for any events or services that are provided. If the trip includes airfare the cost of the ticket is included unless otherwise noted. Some airlines charge for checked baggage, which is not included in the tour price unless noted.

Motor Coach Pick Up Locations:

All pick up points allow parking for your vehicle. Please park in the specified area of the parking lot as to not disrupt usual business. Neither First National Bank of Waterloo nor the parking lot owners assume responsibility for incidents occurring to parked cars.

The motor coach usually originates from the Waterloo VFW, 406 Veteran's Drive. Please park in the rocked area of the VFW parking lot. Columbia pick up is at the Schnuck's Marketplace, 1000 Columbia Center, park towards the road, near the Post Office. The motor coach will pull up to the sidewalk of the post office. Please bring your luggage to the motor coach to be loaded.

Seating on the motor coach:

At this time, seating is assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. We are currently not filling the motor coach to capacity. Special seating requests are honored on the basis of medical need and availability.

Single Travelers requesting roommates:

If you would like to travel with The Classic 55 Club, but do not have a roommate for a specific trip, let the coordinator know when you complete the reservation process and they can provide you with the names of other travelers of the same sex who are also looking for a roommate. If there is mutual agreement to room together, you will be charged the double rate. Of course, if you prefer to travel individually, you can still register for single occupancy.

Trip Registration after Final Payment:

Often times there is room for additional travels after the final payment date. Feel free to contact the coordinator to see if you can be added to a tour that isn't sold out. Please be aware that additional charges may apply when booking after the final payment date. We are happy to advise you of such changes before you finalize your reservation.

Pictures:

By signing up for and participating in our tour, you are agreeing to have any pictures taken on tour published by First National Bank of Waterloo, printed or online (social media & our website). If you do not wish to have your picture used by us, please notify us prior to traveling.

Keep this document for your records