

# History, Heritage & the Great Outdoors



In the center of the Texas Hill Country is the town of Fredericksburg, settled by German immigrants in 1846. With a population of 12,000, Fredericksburg has a charming small-town feel and abundant opportunities to relish the beauty and amenities of Hill Country life.

## DAY 1:

### Welcome to Downtown Fredericksburg

- Historic Main Street in our walkable downtown offers some 150 shops, art galleries, museums, bakeries and restaurants.
- A must stop on Main Street is the **National Museum of the Pacific War**, featuring a comprehensive history of World War II in the Pacific and East Asia. You'll find large screen multi-media presentations, major artifacts from both sides of the war and animated maps. The museum encompasses the George H.W. Bush Gallery, the Admiral Nimitz Museum, the Pacific Combat Zone, the Plaza of the Presidents, the Memorial Walkway, the Japanese Garden of Peace and the Nimitz Education and Research Center.
- Near downtown, take a self-guided walk around the **Fort Martin Scott Historic Site**, a pre-Civil War (1848) military outpost, to learn about life at one of the first frontier Army posts in Texas. Next door at the **Texas Rangers Heritage Center**, view the Ranger Ring of Honor and a monumental bronze sculpture entitled "The Legend, The Lore, The Law."

## DAY 2:

### Enchanted Rock and a President's Ranch

- **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area** is described as the second largest batholith in the U.S. The exposed pink granite dome is estimated to be one billion years old. Native American presence at the site dates back 11,000 years. The views of the Texas Hill Country from the summit at 425 feet take your breath away.
- Trace the life of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the U.S., who was born in Gillespie County. Start at the **LBJ National Historical Park** visitor information center and the boyhood home in Johnson City, then explore a real Texas working ranch at the LBJ Ranch and Texas White House near Stonewall.
- At the **LBJ State Park and Historic Site** adjacent to the ranch, you can see Texas Longhorns and a small herd of American bison. The **Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm** recreates the lifestyle of early German settlers in the Texas Hill Country in the early 1900s.

## DAY 3:

### Wildflowers, Wine and Music

- Head east to the **Wildseed Farms**, the largest working wildflower farm in the U.S. Acres of wildflowers will be in various states of growth during a visit – some fields may be freshly planted, some in bloom, and some ready for harvest. Find lots of great shopping here as well.
- You are in **Texas Wine Country**, with over 40 wineries located in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County. Texas is now the fifth largest wine-producing state in the country. Most wineries are open daily for tastings and tours.
- End your day in **Luckenbach Texas**, established in 1849 as a trading post and made internationally famous by country western performers Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. Live Texas music can be heard daily in the bar or under the old oak trees, with weekend dances and concerts in the historic dance hall.