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Spend a fortnight experiencing the sights, sounds and flavors of the Southwestern United States. Discover mountains and ancient caverns; high plains and pure white sand dunes. Along the way you can witness a cattle drive, take a horseback ride, visit the hometown of a rock-and-roll pioneer and explore some of the oldest settlements in the region. Throughout your journey, savor the best authentic local cuisines the areas have to offer while sipping delectable local wines.



## DAY 1 – GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

It's easy to get to Grapevine from **DFW International Airport**. The average wait time at customs is less than 20 minutes.

With 20 hotels within minutes of DFW Airport—most offering complimentary airport transportation—you can be kicking off your

holiday on **Grapevine's Historic Main Street District** within an hour of landing. Main Street boasts more than 80 shops, galleries, winery tasting rooms and local bistros to explore. Plus, enjoy complimentary live music seven nights a week!



## DAY 2 – GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

Start your morning with coffee at one of Grapevine's many local Main Street cafés.

Take in the 360-degree view of Grapevine and surrounding areas from the **Grapevine Observation Tower**. This includes the Dallas and Fort Worth skylines, DFW Airport, AT&T Stadium and beautiful Lake Grapevine from 45-meters up.

Enjoy a three-hour walking tour highlighting the history of Grapevine while also getting a taste of some of Grapevine's local cuisine with **Grapevine Food Tours**.

Explore the many galleries and art studios along Main Street and possibly discover your inner artist by creating a unique piece of art with a local artisan.

Visit the **Settlement to City Museum**. This collection of historic buildings brings to life the story of how Grapevine started as a settlement in 1844, to a farming community, to the thriving tourism destination it is today.

Texas is the 5th largest producer of wine in the United States, known for bold reds and crisp white wines. Find your favorite Texas wine at one of the winery tasting rooms along **Grapevine's Urban Wine Trail** (all walkable in the Historic Main Street District).

This evening, enjoy dinner and entertainment in the Historic Main Street District. The walkable Main Street offers a wide variety of local restaurants and complimentary live music every evening.





## DAY 3 – GRAPEVINE & FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Enjoy breakfast at one of Grapevine's popular breakfast diners, including **Old West Café**, **Main Street Bistro & Bakery**, **Waffle Way** or **Lone Star Café**.

Experience life on the Grape Vine Prairie during the 19th century at **Historic Nash Farm**. This living history museum is meticulously preserved and is still in operation today just as it was in the 1860s when it was first established.

Board the **Grapevine Vintage Railroad** and embark on a nostalgic journey along the

rails to the Historic Stockyards. Explore the western shops, saloons and museums while also experiencing the live cattle drive!

This evening, immerse yourself in a hilarious Wild West whodunit at the **Texas Star Dinner Theater** on Historic Main Street. Enjoy a delicious three-course meal while trying to solve the mystery with a cast of colorful characters.

*\*Friday & Saturday evenings only.*

*\*Grapevine Vintage Railroad operates on Saturdays & Sundays.*

*\*\*TEXRail offers transportation daily, also from Grapevine.*



## DAY 4 – GRAPEVINE & GRAHAM, TEXAS

This morning, step into the mind-bending world of **Meow Wolf: The Real Unreal**. This immersive art experience is full of interactive art installations you can explore at your own pace.

Depart Grapevine for **Wildcatter Ranch** located in Graham, Texas (approximately one-and-a-half hours west of Grapevine.)

After checking in at the ranch, immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of the Texas Hill Country. Explore scenic hiking trails winding through rolling hills. You can also unwind at one of the many porches or relax by the pool while taking in panoramic views.

Dinner can be enjoyed at their on-site steakhouse offering breathtaking views of the land surrounding Wildcatter Ranch.





## DAY 5 – GRAHAM, TEXAS – WILDCATTER RANCH

Enjoy cowboy-sized biscuits and a great breakfast at the steakhouse.

Experience a horseback trail ride across the 1,500-acre ranch (must be eight years or older.) This is a walking pace and enjoyable for all levels of riders.

Take your pick from other ranch activities such as jeep tours, skeet shooting clay pigeons with an instructor, wildlife watching, archery and more!

This evening, explore the small town of **Graham, Texas**, 15-minutes from Wildcatter Ranch. This charming town boasts the largest downtown square in America! Explore shops and restaurants on the square, ending the night at **The Middle Sister** with an upscale craft cocktail experience and live music.



## DAY 6 – GRAHAM & LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Enjoy breakfast and those savory cowboy biscuits at the ranch before departing for Lubbock (approximately 3.5 hours west of Wildcatter Ranch.)

Upon your arrival in **Lubbock**, stop and stretch your legs at **Prairie Dog Town** in Mackenzie Park. Prairie Dog Town became the site of a protected colony of black-tailed prairie dogs in 1935. If you look closely you will also be able to spot a burrowing owl, who prefers the top of the prairie dog's tunnels as their habitat.

For lunch, check out **Spanky's**, **Caprock Café** or **Buns Over Texas**. You can't go wrong with a burger from one of these local favorites.

A can't-miss Lubbock experience is the **Buddy Holly Historic Tour**. You will get to visit several significant Buddy Holly landmarks, including the Buddy Holly Center, which houses a permanent exhibition dedicated to Buddy's life and music. While there, tour the childhood home of The Crickets drummer, J.I. Allison, where hits such as "That'll Be The Day" were created.





## DAY 7 – LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Start your morning off right with breakfast at **Cast Iron Grill**, where pie for breakfast is a must, or check out **The Farmhouse** where you can try the Chicken Fried Steak Breakfast or other sweet options.

Lubbock has a rich agricultural history that you can explore this morning at several museums including:

- **American Windmill Museum** – This Lubbock attraction houses more than 170 rare and fully restored windmills. In fact, this is the largest windmill collection in the world.
- **Fibermax Center for Discovery** – Here you'll find unique and interactive exhibits displaying machinery, tractors and artifacts dating back to the pioneering years of agriculture.

After refueling with lunch, explore the **Texas High Plains wine region**. Did you know the Lubbock region grows 85% of Texas wine grapes? From bold reds to crisp whites, Lubbock and the High Plains have wines to satisfy any palate. Stop by any of Lubbock's six award-winning wineries for a tour and tasting.

Enjoy one last tasting at **McPherson Cellars** in the **Depot Entertainment District** then enjoy dinner at **La Diosa Cellars** or **Triple J Chophouse**. You can also take in some live entertainment at **The Blue Light**, **The Cactus Theater** or any of the other vibrant Depot Entertainment District venues.





## DAY 8 – LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Start your day with a coffee at **Monomyth** on Broadway before heading over to **Texas Tech University** for a morning stroll through campus to view Texas Tech’s Public Art Collection. Since 1998, more than 100 pieces have been added to Tech’s multiple campuses. On the main campus, you can view more than 80 individual pieces.

While you are on campus, head over to the **National Ranching Heritage Center** and soak in the history of ranching in North America. This story is told through the preservation of 49 authentic structures dating back from the late 1700s through the 1950s.

Refuel with lunch and take in the unique shopping Lubbock has to offer. **Kingsgate Center, Canyon West, The West End** and **South Plains Mall** are a few of our favorite places.

Visit the **Silent Wings Museum**, where the story of the U.S. Glider program and its unique role in World War II is told.

Wrap up your day with some live entertainment.

- Summer weekend evenings enjoy dinner and a show at **Lubbock Moonlight Musicals**.
- Wednesday - Sunday head out to **Cook’s Garage** for a dinner under the neon lights and live music from a local artist.

For a more active dinner, swing by **GolfSuites**, with 60 climate-controlled tee boxes where golfers and non-golfers alike can have fun playing a variety of simulated golf games while enjoying delicious food and drinks.





## DAY 9 – LUBBOCK, TEXAS & CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

Depart Lubbock for Carlsbad, New Mexico (approximately three hours west of Lubbock)

Located in the Chihuahuan Desert, **Carlsbad** is home to the **Living Desert Zoo & Gardens**, **Sitting Bull Falls**, **Brantley Lake State Park** and multiple hiking opportunities. The Pecos River also flows through the heart of town!

Walk, hike or tour **Carlsbad Caverns National Park**. Secretly tucked below the

desert terrain are more than 119 known caves! In the summer, you might even catch a glimpse of Mexican free-tailed bats!

Next, explore **Carlsbad's Main Street and Riverwalk**. Stroll down tree-lined streets with numerous public parks and recreation areas, including a municipal beach and greenway along Lake Carlsbad, which originated as an oasis called "The Pearl on the Pecos."







## DAY 10 – CARLSBAD & ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

Start your day with breakfast at **Blue House Bakery and Café** in Carlsbad, then enjoy a drive to Alamogordo (approximately a three-and-a-half-hour drive.)

**Alamogordo** is located at the base of the Sacramento Mountains in the high desert. It is known as the center of all the best New Mexico has to offer such as friendly people, revitalized business climate, 287 days of sunshine and amazing outdoor adventures!

This afternoon, you have a choice of three different adventures:

- **White Sands National Park** - Take in the incredible glistening white dunes of the largest gypsum field in the world - 275 square-miles!

- **Pistachioland** - Visit McGinn Family farm - home to 12,300 pistachio trees and 7,500 grape vines. Here you can taste New Mexico through award-winning wines, pistachio candies, flavored pistachios and pistachio ice cream.
- **New Mexico Museum of Space History** - Did you know that New Mexico's Tularosa Basin was the cradle of America's space program? Check out an authentic "moon rock" and explore the International Space Hall of Fame which boasts rare replicas of the first man-made satellites, the Sputnik and Explorer.

This evening, experience **D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro** for dinner, located in America's oldest wine-producing region! The collaborative menu features epicurean-paired foods, which can be enjoyed inside or on the patio.





## DAY 11 – ALAMOGORDO & LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

This morning, take the short drive from Alamogordo to Las Cruces, New Mexico (approximately a one-hour drive.)

Las Cruces is a welcoming destination located at the crossroads of Interstate 10 and 25 offering a vibrant culture, bold flavors, expansive outdoor recreation, revitalized downtown and a thriving space industry

Upon arrival, enjoy breakfast at **The Bean at Josefina's**.

The city's revitalized Main Street, **Mesilla**, is home to seven blocks of Las Cruces' nationally recognized farmers and crafts market, unique shops and local eateries. A few highlights include **Amador** for live music, **Icebox Brewery**, **Rad Retrocade** (arcade bar), **Little Road Creek Brewery & Distillery** and **Spotted Dog Brewery**.

Before dinner, visit the **Farm and Ranch Museum** and see the amazing story of 4,000 years of food growing in the region. This is showcased through interactive exhibits, demonstrations, oral histories and other educational programs.

For dinner, choose between historic **La Posta**, established in 1939, and taste traditional Mexican food or try local farm-to-table dining at **FARMesilla**, or **Double Eagle Restaurant** - the crown jewel of Old Mesilla.



## DAY 12 – LAS CRUCES & ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

This morning your journey across New Mexico continues toward Albuquerque. On the way, stop for lunch in **Hatch** for **Sparky's** World Famous Green Chile Cheeseburger. You can also taste great BBQ and hear live music. (approximately a 45-minute drive from Las Cruces.)

Arrive in **Albuquerque**, the heart of New Mexico, known for Route 66 and being the hot air ballooning capital of the world. (approximately a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Hatch.)





Stroll **Old Town Albuquerque**, a nationally designated historic site founded in 1706. This area is home to more than 150 independent restaurants and boutiques alongside world-class museums.

This evening, enjoy a dinner of authentic New Mexican cuisine at **El Pinto** or field-to-fork fine dining at **Campo at Los Poblanos** lavender farm. You can also explore an array

of options at one of Route 66's first motels, **El Vado**.

After dinner, explore one of America's most stunning urban peaks while riding the **Sandia Peak Tram**. Reaching the 3,163-meter crest of the Sandia Mountains, an 11,000-square-mile panoramic view awaits you. Ride up and see the stunning views of Albuquerque in just 15 minutes!



## DAY 13 – ALBUQUERQUE & SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Depart Albuquerque for Santa Fe and enjoy breakfast at **Café Pasqual's**, just a block from Santa Fe's plaza. Enjoy their festive, bright and colorful dining room with a mural by Leovigildo Martinez and hundred-year old Mexican hand-painted tiled walls.

Santa Fe offers many different areas to explore following breakfast, including the **Santa Fe Plaza**, **Canyon Road** or the **Railyard District**.

For lunch, head to **Tia Sofia's** to experience the "birthplace of the burrito."

This afternoon, feel free to explore one, or a combination of, a variety of museums including **Meow Wolf** (the original location, similar to the one in Grapevine – multiple locations across the USA, each with a different story), **Georgia O'Keeffe Museum** or the **Institute of American Indian Arts**.

For dinner tonight, enjoy the rooftop of **Coyote Café** with its creative menu and wide range of amazing Modern Southwestern Cuisine or Sazon, a unique interpretation of contemporary and traditional Mexican dishes by Chef Fernando Olea, Best Chef of the Southwest 2022 James Beard Award Winner.





## DAY 14 – CONTINUE TOUR OR DEPARTURE

Continue your tour from  
Santa Fe, or return to  
Albuquerque International  
Sunport for your departure.  
*(approximately one-hour drive.)*

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