

# A Texas Christmas: Grapevine & San Antonio

## Day 1 Grapevine, Texas

- 11 a.m. Upon arriving in Grapevine, make your first stop the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau where your group will enjoy a nostalgic “Hometown Christmas” exhibit and a Christmas-themed Model Railroad display. This is also a fantastic place to take a group picture on the beautifully decorated grand staircase inside.
- 11:30 a.m. Take a short walk to Grapevine Main Station for the Grapevine Observation Tower Tour. Experience a magnificent 360-degree view of the surrounding Grapevine area, which includes the skylines of both Dallas and Fort Worth.
- 12:30 p.m. Enjoy lunch at Harvest Hall, a European-style food hall designed after the grand train stations of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- 1:30 p.m. Free time in Grapevine’s Historic Main Street District to take in all the magnificent Christmas décor and window displays, as well as explore the local shops, galleries, winery-tasting rooms and more.
- While on Main Street, be sure to explore the Grapevine Christmas Market, located in the Cotton Belt Railroad Historic District. Enjoy the Grapevine Christmas Market Official Merchandise Store, Christmas card photo ops, and a carousel. Here you can also visit Vetro Glassblowing Studio & Gallery, where they make beautiful Christmas ornaments and say hello to Santa.
- 3 p.m. Check into your host Grapevine hotel to rest and refresh for the evening.
- 5 p.m. The Grapevine CVB can assist you with group dining and entertainment options including:
- Group-friendly restaurant options
  - Private dinner with entertainment
  - Texas Star Dinner Theater, Murder Mystery show  
(*Thursdays – Sundays*)
  - Historic Palace Theatre featuring live Christmas entertainment or a Classic Christmas movie

**Day 2 Grapevine, Texas**

- 10 a.m. Arrive at Historic Nash Farm, where you will experience a Victorian Christmas the way the early settlers of Grapevine did, including a holiday craft inside the Historic Farmhouse.
- 11:45 a.m. Enjoy lunch at Willhoite's Restaurant, Grapevine's original filling station complete with the original gas pump out front and a Model T Ford suspended above the Texas-sized buffet.
- 12:45 p.m. Depart for Gaylord Texan Resort and spend the afternoon taking in magnificent Christmas decorations and activities, including ICE!, a dazzling display of larger-than-life sculptures, thrilling ice slides and awe-inspiring tunnels all carved from 2 million pounds of ice.
- 3 p.m. Depart for San Antonio to continue your Texas Christmas experience.  
*(Approximately a 4 ½ hour drive)*

**Day 3 San Antonio, Texas**

- 10 a.m. From lighting up the Christmas tree in Alamo Plaza to Cowboy Santa, Christmas at the Alamo, Holiday Movies in the Park, and more, it's not a true San Antonio Christmas without a visit to the Alamo.
- 11a.m. Price of Freedom at the AMC IMAX is a stirring tribute to the 189 Texans, Tejanos and settlers who defended the besieged Alamo for 13 days against the Mexican Army of General Santa Anna.
- 12 p.m. Christmas is about gathering, so why not gather at Rita's on the River for a Tamalada (tamale-making workshop). A tamalada requires collaboration. One person spreads masa, another adds filling, another folds the husks. It creates conversation and shared effort.
- 1:30 p.m. Holiday Cocoa Cruises from Go Rio Cruises. How about a cozy river cruise seeing the lights with holiday music and hot cocoa?
- 3:00 p.m. Time on your own. Enjoy 200,000 sparkling lights illuminate the trees and pathways turning this already scenic spot into a glowing holiday wonderland. It's the perfect place for a stroll, a [Go Rio River Cruise](#), or a festive treat beneath the shimmering canopy at one of the River Walk's many [incredible restaurants](#).

5:00 p.m. Step into a subterranean holiday world at Natural Bridge Caverns' Christmas at the Caverns, an unforgettable family experience where the magic happens both above and below ground.

As twilight falls, wander glowing trails, sip hot cocoa beside campfires, and explore themed activities throughout the night. You'll find a Trail of Lights, a 5,000-sq. ft. Reindeer Roundup Maze, live music, s'mores stations, skating (synthetic ice), visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Caroling in the Caverns, and more.

8:45 p.m. Head to Main Plaza to see the SAGA. This awe-inspiring video art projection shares the story of the land, water, people, battles, and development of San Antonio, the Lone Star State, and United States history. The Saga projection covers 7,000 square feet of light, color and visual narration projected onto the majestic façade of San Fernando Cathedral- the oldest continuously operating cathedral in the United States.

#### **Day 4 San Antonio, Texas**

9:30 a.m. Join a Park Ranger led tour at the San Jose Mission. "Queen of the Missions." Established in 1720, San José y San Miguel de Aguayo is the largest mission in San Antonio.

11:00 a.m. Head to La Villita for shopping and enjoy a traditional Christmas celebration with caroling, snow flurries and ice fishing with Elves, photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, plus seasonal food and drink in the Historic La Villita Arts Village in Downtown San Antonio.

12:00 p.m. Dine in at a Historic Mexican Café called Mi Tierra. The restaurant is famous for its year-round Christmas décor. Twinkling lights hang from the ceiling. Colorful papel picado stretches across the room. Ornaments, garlands and festive displays cover nearly every corner. It's layered, vibrant and intentionally over the top in the best way.

1:30 p.m. Time on your own. A signature event of Holidays on Houston Street, the Market Experience delivers a full weekend of holiday cheer - featuring live performers, family-friendly activities and shopping from some of San Antonio's best local artisans.

2:30 p.m. Head to Garcia Art Glass and make your own ornament. This opportunity for a hands-on experience guided by our talented team so don't hesitate to book as they will get filled up! You will be able to choose your own colors, help

apply the color, heat the piece, shape the piece and blow it into an ornament. Afterwards, stop by the Buckhorn Saloon.

5:00 p.m. Head to Botanical Gardens. Shining brighter and even more breathtaking than ever, you'll find all-new handcrafted lanterns, glowing trails that wind through the Garden's natural beauty and larger-than-life sculptures that transform the night into pure enchantment.

**Day 5**      **Return home or continue your tour**