

Trains of Texas Rail Adventure

Day 1 – Thursday

- Arrive in Grapevine via DFW International Airport
- Visit **Grapevine Convention & Visitor Bureau**, 636 S. Main St., to take a group picture on the beautiful staircase (which features railroad wheels on the railing), and then view the **Model Rail Display** in the **Grand Gallery**
Contact: Heather Egan, Hegan@GrapevineTexasUSA.com / 817.410.3561
Cost: Complimentary
- Walk across the street to the **Grapevine Main Station**, Grapevine's modern day train station, which includes a 150-foot, 360-degree view tower, providing a great view of Grapevine's round house and turn table for the Grapevine Vintage Railroad. Your tour guide will provide history on how the railroad came to Grapevine.
Contact: Heather Egan, Hegan@GrapevineTexasUSA.com / 817.410.3561
Cost: Complimentary when staying in a Grapevine hotel. Otherwise it's \$3 pp
- Enjoy dinner inside Grapevine Main Station at **Harvest Hall**, a European-style food hall.
 - Meal cards can be pre-purchased if included in tour. Recommended \$30 for dinner. Credit cards are also accepted.
 - Contact: Maggie Holder, MHolder@HarvestHall.com / 817.796.9696
 - Spring and Fall, Hotel Vin, next door, offers complimentary line dance lessons 6:30 – 9 p.m. Or you can schedule line dance lessons (\$350 - \$400 for an instructor) – *contact Heather for additional details*
- Check-in or return to host hotel for the evening.

Day 2 – Friday

- 7:30 a.m. Depart Grapevine for Palestine, Texas, (*approximately a 2 ½ hour drive*)
- 10 a.m. Explore the **Railroad Heritage Center** and relish the romance of the rails as depicted by the Domis Model RR and enjoy the various exhibits that illustrate many facets of railroading.
Contact: 903.393.4014
Cost: \$5 suggested donation
- 10:30 a.m. Board the **Texas State Railroad – Piney Woods Express**
Contact: TexasStateRailroad.net / 855.632.7729
Cost: Tickets range from \$30 to \$85 per person, depending on car.
- 11 a.m. The Piney Woods Express departs.
This excursion takes passengers on a journey through the impressive Piney Woods of East Texas and 135 years of history.
- 12:30 p.m. Arrive at **Rusk Depot** and enjoy lunch on your own.
- 1:40 p.m. Train departs for return trip to Palestine Depot.
- 3 p.m. Estimated return to Palestine Depot.
- 3:20 p.m. Explore the **Historic Palestine Main Street District**.
 - A guided tour may be arranged through the Palestine Visitor Center:
VisitorCenter@palestine-tx.org / 903.723.3014
- 4 :30 p.m. Depart for Grapevine
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner on own in the Historic Main Street District or plan dinner at a group-friendly restaurant. Options:
 - Rock & Brews
 - Tolbert’s Restaurant – full menu, but known for their Texas chili
 - Private dinner with live entertainment (\$65 - \$100 pp)

Day 3 - Saturday

- 9:45 a.m. Depart for the **Lone Star Hi-Railers Model Train Exhibit**, 298 W. Dallas Road
- 10 a.m. Tour the Lone Star Hi-Railers Model Train Exhibit. Located in the historic Grapevine rail yard area, the enormous burgundy and silver baggage car is on static display behind the #771 Baldwin Mikado 282 Steam Engine. Inside you can view a highly detailed diorama with scale models of many of the iconic and historic structures located in Grapevine.
Contact: 214.693.0258
Cost: \$2 pp
- 10:45 a.m. Walk to **Willhoite's Restaurant** on Historic Main Street
- 11 a.m. Lunch at Willhoite's Restaurant, originally a service station, now a popular local restaurant, complete with the original gas pump out front and a Model T Ford stationed on a hydraulic lift above the expansive buffet.
Contact: John Mayfield, willhoites@yahoo.com / 817.481.7511
Cost: Less than \$20 per person all-inclusive
- 12 p.m. Head over to the **Grapevine Cotton Belt Depot** to board the Grapevine Vintage Railroad for your afternoon excursion.
 - While in the Cotton Belt Historic District, it is possible that The Foundry (near where you board the train), may be pouring bronze that day – so good place to drop by.Contact: Kendyl Dearman, KDearman@GrapevineTexasUSA.com / 817.410.3149
Cost: \$26 before group discount (group discounts available)
- 12:40 p.m. **Grapevine Vintage Railroad** departs for the Historic Stockyards. Travel along the rails through six cities in Tarrant County before disembarking in the Historic Stockyards. This ride also offers live entertainment!
- 2:30 p.m. Estimated arrival to the **Historic Stockyards**. Enjoy western shops, museums and saloons.
- 4 p.m. View the live cattle drive on Exchange Avenue.

- 4:45 p.m. Grapevine Vintage Railroad departs the Historic Stockyards to return to Grapevine.
- 7 p.m. Estimated return to Grapevine.
- 7:15 p.m. Walk across the street to the **Texas Star Dinner Theater** for a who-dunnit murder mystery set in 1800's Grapevine.
Contact: Alex Swanson, alex@lagniappeproductions.com / 817.310.5588
Cost: \$66 pp – estimated
- 9:30 p.m. Return to host hotel for the evening.

Day 4 – Sunday

- Depart Grapevine for return journey home, or add-on additional railroad themed activities in the region.