

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF FT. WORTH TRIP TO CENTRAL TEXAS

June 23 - 25, 2020

There may be slight changes to this itinerary sequence and timing due to the date change and the COVID-19 pandemic

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ITINERARY FOR A MEMBERSHIP TRIP TO CENTRAL TEXAS DURING THE BLUEBONNET AND OTHER WILDFLOWERS SEASON.

TUESDAY, June 23, 2020

(11:00 AM – 1:00 PM) “VANISHING LAKE CRUISE”: NATURE BASED TOUR OF LAKE BUCHANAN AND THE COLORADO RIVER INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE REGIONAL AND MIGRATING BIRDS, TEXAS WILDLIFE, THE CASCADING WATERFALLS, AND THE TRAVERTINE FORMATION OF WHITE BLUFF. 443 WATERWAY LANE, BURNET, 78611. (181.0 MI; 3HR. 1MIN. FROM FT WORTH); \$27.95 FOR CRUISE WITH LUNCH INCLUDED FOR GROUP OF 20. 512-756-6986 GROUP PYMT. IN ADVANCE.

(2:00 PM – 3:30 PM) “ENCHANTED ROCK STATE NATURAL AREA”: THE PARK SURROUNDS A HUGE PINK GRANITE MONOLITH RISING 600 FEET INTO THE SKY OFFERING IMPRESSIVE VIEWS FROM THE TOP AND FROM THE TRAIL SURROUNDING THE BASE. 16710 RANCH RD 965; 78624. (45.4 MI; 49 MIN. FROM LAKE BUCHANAN); FEE: \$7.00 PER PERSON. 915-247-3903

(4:30 PM – 6:00 PM) WINE TASTING AT “BECKER’S MAIN ST. TASTING ROOM”: 307 EAST MAIN ST, FREDERICKSBURG, FEE: \$21.65 INCL. TAX FOR 6 WINE-TASTINGS. GROUP PYMT. IN ADVANCE.

(6:30 PM) DINNER IN FREDERICKSBURG: PASTA BELLA RESTAURANT, 103 S LLANO ST; 830-990-9778. ALL PASTAS ARE HOME-MADE. APPROXIMATELY 8 MINUTE WALK FROM BECKER’S TASTING ROOM.

OVERNIGHT STAY IN FREDERICKSBURG IN HOTEL OR B & B OF YOUR CHOICE; RESERVATIONS MADE BY PARTICIPANTS. THE VISITOR’S BUREAU SAID THAT HOTELS FILL FAST DURING HIGH-SEASON. LISTINGS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU:

WEDNESDAY, June 24

(9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) “NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR”: DEDICATED TO ALL WHO SERVED IN THE PACIFIC IN WORLD WAR II. THE MUSEUM INCLUDES THE ADMIRAL NIMITZ GALLERY, THE GEORGE BUSH HALL, THE JAPANESE GARDEN OF PEACE, AND THE PACIFIC COMBAT ZONE RE-CREATION. 340 EAST MAIN ST., FREDERICKSBURG. FEE: \$14.00 SENIORS; \$18.00 ADULTS. 830-997-8600.

(12:00 PM – 1:00 PM) LUNCH IN FREDERICKSBURG: “OLD GERMAN BAKERY” 225 W MAIN ST, FREDERICKSBURG 830-997-9084.

(1:15PM – 3:00PM) “WILDSEED FARMS”: THE NATION’S LARGEST WORKING WILDFLOWER FARM WHICH INCLUDES ½ MILE OF WALKING TRAILS, BUTTERFLY GARDEN, AND GIFT SHOP. ONE THOUSAND ACRES OF WILDFLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLANTED AND ARE DUE TO BLOOM IN LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL. FARM IS IN STONEWALL –HWY 290-- NO FEE. 800-848-0078.

WEDNESDAY, June 24

(3:00PM – 4:00PM) “DEVIL’S BACKBONE”: SCENIC, WINDING HIGHWAY BETWEEN BLANCO AND SAN MARCOS OFFERING GREAT VIEWS OF THE HILL COUNTRY AND BLUEBONNETS VIA RANCH ROAD 1623 FROM STONEWALL TO RANCH RD 12 AT BLANCO TO RANCH RD 32 TO SAN MARCOS. (56.4 MI; 1 HR. 8 MIN.)(4:00PM – 5:00PM) OPTIONAL: “WIMBERLEY GLASSWORKS”: 6469 RR 12, SAN MARCOS, 78666; 512-393-3316.

(6:00PM) DINNER IN SAN MARCOS: “HAY COUNTY BBQ” 1612 INTERSTATE 35; 512-392-6000; ONE OF 50 BEST BBQs IN TX BY TX MONTHLY. OVERNIGHT IN SAN MARCOS OR LULING; PARTICIPANTS MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS.

THURSDAY, June 25

(8:00AM – 9:30AM) OPTIONAL: “PALMETTO STATE PARK “: AN AREA OF PALMS NATIVE TO FLORIDA. THE PARK ALSO HAS MUD VOLCANOES, THERMAL SPRINGS AND BOARDWALKS THROUGH THE OTTINE SWAMP; NOTED FOR 240 SPECIES OF BIRDS RECORDED. THE PARK HAS EIGHT HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS THROUGH WOODLANDS, SWAMPS AND LAKESIDE. 78 PARK ROAD 11 SOUTH, GONZALES, 78269; (SAN MARCOS TO PALMETTO 32.8 MI, 46 MIN.) 830-672-3266. Fee: \$3.00

(11:00AM – 3:00PM) “PAINTED CHURCHES TOUR”: BRIGHT BLUE SKIES, SWIRLING IVY, FLORAL DESIGNS, AND SHIMMERING GOLD —THE INTERIORS ARE A FESTIVAL OF COLORS DATING BACK TO THE 1840S WHEN CZECH AND GERMAN IMMIGRANTS CAME TO TEXAS. THE CHURCHES WERE PAINTED TO EMULATE THE BELOVED CHURCHES THEY HAD LEFT BEHIND. WHILE SOME INTERIORS WERE WHITEWASHED IN THE 1950S, LATER CONGREGATIONS RESTORED THE ORIGINAL DESIGNS USING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS AND STENCILS AS REFERENCES TO RE-CREATE THE DELICATE FLORAL DESIGNS, VINES, AND SPRING FLOWERS. THE TOUR BEGINS AT THE SCHULENBERG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 618 N MAIN ST, SCHULENBURG 78956; (979-743-4514) AND INCLUDES A STOP FOR LUNCH AT THE OAKRIDGE SMOKEHOUSE—PAY FOR ONE’S OWN MEAL; (979-743-3372); DISTANCE FROM SAN MARCOS TO SCHULENBURG: (70.9 MI., 1 HR, 11 MIN) FEE: \$10.00 PER PERSON + GROUP GRATUITY FEE FOR THE GUIDE OF \$50.00

OUR FFW TOUR ENDS AFTER THE PAINTED CHURCHES TOUR IN SCHULENBURG. HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS MAY WANT TO GO ON TO THE SHINER BREWERY, THE TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM, AND THE STANZEL MODEL AIRCRAFT MUSEUM. CHECK DATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION.