

# TEXnewMEX TUUR

## Culture, Art, History and the Paranormal

**Come with us to West Texas where Judge Roy Bean was “the only law west of the Pecos”; and to southern New Mexico to visit an old-style Mexican Plaza, and the research center for the spaceship landing in Roswell! The highlight will be Big Bend National Park, where we will stay in the only lodging within the park. On the way we will be looking for the mysterious “Marfa Lights” which have appeared to many since 1883, and see the mural art and the galleries of the tri-county area near Fort Davis.**

### ITINERARY

**Saturday, October 8-** 7:45 AM Be at UUCT for 8AM departure

Lunch in Las Cruces

New Mexico Museum of Space History\*\*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_Mexico\\_Museum\\_of\\_Space\\_History](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Mexico_Museum_of_Space_History)

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on the Mescalero Apache Reservation\*\*

The **St. Joseph Apache Mission Church** is a historic church at 626 Mission Trail in [Mescalero, New Mexico](#). It was added to the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 2005.<sup>[1]</sup>

The church was built between 1920 and 1939 upon the stone floor of a prehistoric Jornada Mogollon-culture ruin, estimated to date from 200 to 1400 A.D. It was designed in Late Gothic Revival style by noted Philadelphia architect, William Stanton. ( 6417’alt)

La Quinta Inn – Roswell (3573’alt)

Dinner at Peppers

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> :**

9AM meet at bus to go to the International UFO Museum and Research Center\*\*

Time on your own to visit other museums and galleries

Roswell Museum & Art Center

Spaceport Roswell#

Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art

Miniatures and Curious Collections

Walker Aviation Museum

McBride Museum

Historical Society for southeast NM

Pecos Flavors Wine

3 or 4 PM Meet to drive to Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge and take Tour Road.\*\*

Refuge Trails:

The Refuge is open every day from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. The tour road is open daily. Trails are open all year from dawn to dusk. Restroom facilities are available on the wildlife drive.

Dine at restaurants in Roswell chosen by participants

La Quinta Inn-Roswell

## **Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at bus to drive to Hueco Tanks, Texas\*\* (4000' alt)

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks>

Lunch

Excursion on Indigenous Peoples' Day-TBA

La Quinta Inn - El Paso (3740' alt)

## **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

8AM Departure for the long drive to Ft Davis, broken by a refreshment stop in Van Horn (4042' alt)

Lunch at Indian Lodge restaurant

Tour of the historic fort in the afternoon\*\*

Wander around Ft Davis town and shops (4892' alt)

Dinner at The Drug Store in Ft. Davis

Star Party at McDonald Observatory \*\* 6790' alt)

Stay in Quarter Circle 7 Hotel – Alpine (4475' alt)

## **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lazy morning walking around Alpine, visiting shops and seeing the town famous for its murals.

Lunch in Alpine at Old Gringos

Drive to Marfa and visit International Women's Foundation at Bldg 98\*\* (4685' alt)

Visit other galleries on your own in the afternoon.

Ann Marie Nafziger Studio

Arber & Son Editions

Art Blackburn

AYN Foundation

Ballroom Marfa

Blackwell School Alliance

Chinati Foundation

Exhibitions 2D

Greasewood Gallery

Hacienda del Arcon

Marfa Holocaust and Historic Model Ship

Museum

And many more.

Dinner in Paisano Hotel tonight at 6 or 6:30 PM\*\*

This is the Grande Dame hotel which harbored Liz Taylor, Rock Hudson and James Dean in 1956 during the filming of GIANT, the first blockbuster movie about ranching in Texas.

8:30 or so, visit viewing place for Marfa Lights\*\*

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/marfa-lights>

Quarter Circle 7 Hotel

### **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

9AM drive to picnic at Rio Grande Village through Big Bend National Park\*\*(1800-7852'alt)

(Make sure your Park Pass is handy!)

Drive to Lodge and check in. Time for hiking or photography

Possible Ranger program

Dinner and overnight at Chisos Mountains Lodge (5400'alt)

### **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast early and take bags to the bus

Time for hiking, photography, hanging out

11AM Departure for Alpine and lunch

2PM Drive to Van Horn, with break at Chela's

Drive to Las Cruces, NM (3900'alt)

Check into La Quinta Inn - Mesilla Valley(3881'alt)

Dinner

### **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

9AM After breakfast leave for Las Cruces Street Market (3900'alt)

11:30 Lunch-possibly at Santorini, Mediterranean food

Visit Weaving for Justice shop, where crafts from the Mayas in Guatemala and weavings from the descendants of the Olmecs in Chiapas are sold to benefit the indigenous makers of these crafts.

<http://weaving-for-justice.org>

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum

<https://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org>

6:30 PM Farewell dinner at Lescombes

<https://lescombeswinery.com/locations/las-cruces/>

La Quinta Inn - Mesilla Valley

### **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

9AM Stroll through Mesilla Plaza with free time

11:45 Lunch at La Posta

<https://www.lapostademesilla.com>

1PM or so, drive back to Tucson, arriving sometime between 4:30 and 6 PM

\*\* indicates the price is included in the tour

(1000'alt) indicates altitude

Price per person sharing a double room is \$1625. Deposit of \$700 should be sent with your registration form, which will be sent to you on request. Contact Julia Mehrer at [Perujourney@icloud.com](mailto:Perujourney@icloud.com).

