

## Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Texas' Hill Country (TourzPlus!)

### OVERVIEW

This is Texas as you never imagined - all things and more that the big, beautiful Lone Star State is famous for. One of the best kept secrets in the country for bicycle tours, and features miles of lightly traveled roads winding through gently rolling limestone hills and river valleys shaded by giant cypress trees. Limestone outcroppings are reminiscent of the Loire Valley or Provence, and might explain why the cultivation of wine grapes is increasingly popular here. Tour historic and beautiful LBJ Ranch by bike, and ride to the legendary country music hamlet of Luckenbach. Enjoy peak wildflower season when stunning Texas Bluebonnets and many other colorful flowers bloom. The trip is centered around a three-night stay in the cowboy chic town of Fredericksburg at a lovely inn that defines rustic elegance.

Learn more about our **TourzPlus™ partner tours** and how they differ from regular ExperiencePlus! bicycle tours.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Great bicycling on quite, scenic roads including the Willow City Loop, LBJ Ranch, Historic Comfort, Texas, San Antonio and its River Walk, Texas Bluebonnets

### TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Style</b>	■ <b>TourzPlus:</b> Learn more about our TourzPlus tours at <a href="https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus">https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus</a>
<b>Includes</b>	7 days, 6 nights accommodation; all breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners; shuttle back to San Antonio, van support
<b>Countries</b>	USA
<b>Begin/End</b>	San Antonio, TX
<b>Arrive/Depart</b>	San Antonio Int'l Airport (SAT)
<b>Total Distance</b>	182-252 miles
<b>Avg. Daily Distance</b>	45-65 miles with options on many days per riding day
<b>Tour Level</b>	▶▶▶▶▶

**Please Note:** We may have small itinerary changes to this trip after you download this PDF document. If you have booked this trip and there are major changes, including changes to towns or activities, we'll email you directly. However, you should always be sure to refer to the ■ **online itinerary** for the most up-to-date trip information including arrival and departure tips before you depart for your trip:

<https://www.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/usa/cycling-texas-hill-country>

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**DATES & PRICES**

**DAILY RIDE SUMMARY**

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			
2	37km / 0m (23mi / 0ft)			
3	72km / 0m (45mi / 0ft)			
4	97km / 0m (60mi / 0ft)			
5	74km / 0m (46mi / 0ft)			
6	74km / 0m (46mi / 0ft)			
7	51km / 0m (32mi / 0ft)			

**Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Texas' Hill Country (TourzPlus!)****San Antonio****DAY 1**

**Highlights** Welcome to San Antonio

Our hotel is within easy walking distance of the shops and restaurants that line the winding canal of the River Walk. Spend your afternoon visiting such famous historic sites as The Alamo, El Mercado, and La Villita - all a short distance from the hotel. Meet your tour leaders and fellow travelers for a late afternoon bike fitting. A private reception and dinner in Las Canarias, the Hotel's four-star restaurant.

**San Antonio****DAY 2**

**Highlights** The Mission Trail

Early morning present perfect conditions for riding the National Park Service's historic Mission Trail. Wind through neighborhoods and along bike paths to visit Spanish missions established in the early to mid-18th Century. The missions lined the trade route from Mexico City to the northern frontier in Texas. Visit the Alamo and though it was ultimately sacked by Mexican fighters, it still serves as the symbol of independence for Texas. We will meet for a meal together at Blue Star Brewing Company, just off the bike path. Return to the hotel after lunch for some good rest and relaxation. This evening you will have a great opportunity to explore the sites in San Antonio - most everything is within easy walking distance from the hotel.

**Distance** 37 km (23 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

**Fredericksburg****DAY 3**

**Highlights** Luckenbach, Guadalupe River

Following breakfast you will have a 45-minute transfer to Sister Creek where your Hill Country ride will begin. Lightly traveled roads through sprawling ranchland and past cypress-lined creeks offer a glorious introduction to this beautiful region of Texas. Following lunch in a small town that straddles the mystical Guadalupe River, wind your way north to Luckenbach whose country music fame was sealed when Jerry Jeff Walker recorded Back to the Basics of Love. A one-of-a-kind place and a must see for anyone visiting the Hill Country. Today's destination is the town of Fredericksburg and a lovely property that is the essence of rustic sophistication, and your home for the next four nights.

**Distance** 72 km (45 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

**Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Texas' Hill Country (TourzPlus!)****Fredericksburg****Highlights** Willow City Loop

Today's is on every cyclist's list when they visit the Hill Country. Wind for miles along roads so lightly traveled you'll feel as though you're riding on a bike path. A rainy year means your path will be ablaze with rich purple hues of Texas bluebonnets, a variety of lupine, and paintbrush. Lunch today is truly a Texas affair - a catered Texas BBQ at Bell Mountain Winery, where you'll also be treated to some locally crafted wines. This afternoon choose to ride more miles, visit the fabulous Museum of the Pacific War, or explore the shops and eateries lining the main street in town.

**DAY 4****Distance** 97 km (60 mi)**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Fredericksburg****Highlights** Enchanted Rock, hiking option

Your day is full of options for cycling, hiking, and exploring all that the charming town of Fredericksburg has to offer. A ride along rolling roads through rural ranchlands is on tap for the morning. Later in the day, we'll offer a shuttle to Enchanted Rock which gives a unique perspective of the Hill Country and is a geologic wonder to behold. If you feel like a less active day Fredericksburg has plenty to offer.

**DAY 5****Distance** 74 km (46 mi)**Meals** Breakfast**Fredericksburg****Highlights** LBJ Ranch

Today's ride leads east to Stonewall and the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park. Nestled among live oak trees along the banks of the Pedernales River is the homestead and ranch of the Johnson family which produced the 36th President of the United States. The property includes a gently rolling, one-way loop past the farmhouse where LBJ was born, livestock barns, and through open grasslands where longhorn cattle roam freely. You can also visit the Texas Whitehouse and walk around LBJ's old Air Force One. We'll share a delicious picnic lunch overlooking the Ranch and the Pedernales River. Dinner this evening will be a grand occasion.

**DAY 6****Distance** 74 km (46 mi)**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Bicycle Tours in USA: Bicycling Texas' Hill Country (TourzPlus!)****San Antonio****DAY 7****Highlights** Comfort

Today's ride takes us to the charming town of Comfort, where much of the downtown area is a National Historic District. The ride follows creeks for much of the route, including a beautiful section along aptly named Cypress Creek, as it rolls steadily downhill through rural ranchland. We'll take time to explore Comfort's antique shops and relax over lunch before you are transferred to the airport in San Antonio.

**Distance** 51 km (32 mi)**Meals** Breakfast