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ADVENTURES

HIKE. BIKE. RAIL. TRAVEL EWEPHORIA.

Hike.

Big Bend National Park

April & November

TOUR RATING: **EASY/MODERATE**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hikes in three distinct environments: Chihuahuan Desert, Chisos Mountains and the Rio Grande
- A bird-watcher mecca
- Visiting a former Texas military post
- Wildlife sightings including black bears, javelinas, roadrunners and collared lizards.

Often overshadowed by other parks in the West, southwest Texas's Big Bend is a hidden gem of the park system. With landscapes ranging from sea level to mountainous peaks, you will experience a diversity of ecosystems. Our guides will lead you on walks along the Rio Grande, bird watching outings, and high elevation hikes in the Chisos Mountains. We will also step back into the 1880s with a stop at Fort Davis National Historical Site to experience what an Indian War frontier military post would be like and spend time star gazing in some of the darkest skies in the United States.

Questions?

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DAY
1

El Paso to Guadalupe Mountains National Park

This morning we make our way to Guadalupe Mountains National Park where based on weather conditions we will hike a few of the trails around the visitor's center. Enjoy expansive views of West Texas as we drive to the historic town of Fort Davis established in 1854 and also the highest town in Texas at 5,050 feet. This evening we will find a great spot for the group to enjoy the starry skies above. Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

DAY
2

Fort Davis National Historic Site & Big Bend

Fort Davis is also home to a historic Calvary post where the African-American soldiers known as "Buffalo Soldiers" were stationed in the second half of the 1800s to protect emigrants during the western expansion of the United States. Walk the grounds to see get a glimpse of life in the frontier of West Texas. We then head south through the Persimmon Gap to Big Bend National Park and stop at the Panther Junction Visitor Center to get oriented to the park that stretches from the shores of the Rio Grande to the top of Chisos Mountains. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

Big Bend National Park: Rio Grande

Our exploration of the park continues at the Rio Grande Village where will take the opportunity to walk along the canyon walls above the Rio Grande River. We will find a nice spot for a picnic lunch below the cottonwood trees along the river. After lunch we take a short hike into Boquillas Canyon where you can see the homes of our neighbors in Mexico across the river. Keep your eyes peeled today for wildlife including javelinas and a plethora of bird species. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
4

Big Bend National Park: the Chisos Mountains

Today is all about exploring the Chisos Mountains. Your guide will give you a few options for hikes to explore this unique island mountain range where you may see a variety of wildlife including black bear, Big Bend geckos, and Texas horned lizards. After a full day of hiking and a wonderful dinner save some energy to do some star gazing below some of the darkest skies in the country. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
5

Big Bend National Park: Santa Elena Canyon

We descend from the mountains back to the Rio Grande to hike along the massive walls of Santa Elena Canyon. The limestone canyon has been and continues to be carved by the Rio Grande and forms the border between the U.S. and Mexico. In the afternoon depending on how the group feels we will do one more Big Bend hike possibly visiting Mule Ears Peaks or Cattail Falls. Enjoy dinner just outside the park at the Starlight Theatre featuring live music and delicious Texas food. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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6**

Big Bend to Van Horn

After another gorgeous sunrise in the Chisos Mountains we begin our drive north stopping in the quirky art community of Marfa where you can take some time to wander some of the art galleries. We continue north to the small town of Van Horn and the historic El Captain Hotel for a fantastic farewell dinner. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
7**

Departures from El Paso

This morning we make our way back to El Paso for flights home. Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,595 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$795 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Snacks and beverages • Park admission and museum admissions for all included activities • Services of professional trip leader(s) • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portorage service • Black Sheep Adventures reusable water bottle, wool (baaaah) socks, & luggage tags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Alcoholic beverages • Gratuities for your BSA guides

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Lodging

Hotel Limpia - 1 night

Located in the heart of Fort Davis this historic hotel has been in operation since 1912 with period furnishings in each room. Relax in the hotel's gorgeous courtyard garden or in one of the many rocking chairs watching the world pass by on the quiet streets below.

Chisos Mountain Lodge - 4 nights

With one of the best views in Texas this hotel is a perfect spot to base our explorations of the surrounding Big Bend National Park. There are no phones or televisions in the rooms as there is so much to explore right outside your door.

Hotel El Capitan - 1 night

An icon of western Texas this historic hotel was built in 1930 and has the feeling of a Spanish-colonial building. You will be welcomed by a reception area covered in colorful tiles and their on-site restaurant has a delicious menu featuring local ingredients.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to my.travelinsure.com/blacksheepadventures

WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsawaiver/

DISCLAIMER

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