

HARVARD

ALUMNI TRAVELS



THE GREAT AMERICAN TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY APRIL 5–9, 2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AUSTIN, TEXAS

Fly independently to Austin, Texas, and transfer to your hotel overlooking Lady Bird Lake with close access to downtown Austin.

Gather this evening for an orientation and welcome dinner.

Overnight *Hyatt Regency Hotel* (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 AUSTIN / BOERNE

This morning immerse yourself in the spectacular beauty and elegance of the University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

The center, founded in 1982 with the assistance of Texas' beloved former first lady, has a display of wildflowers, plants, and trees that grow in Texas, with an emphasis on Hill Country flora. Enjoy a lecture about the architecture of the center and Lady Bird Johnson's role in conserving Texas wildflowers.

After touring the center, head out to the Texas Hill Country along highways lined with stunning springtime bluebonnets and other wildflowers that stretch for miles.

Gather for welcome cocktails and dinner at our Hill Country accommodations and eclipse site.

Overnight *Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort* (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 BOERNE / SAN ANTONIO

Depart for an authentic Texas Ranch tucked away in the corner of Bulverde, Texas to provide a true taste of Texas and its Western heritage.

Attend a rodeo demonstration with the grand entry of Texas Longhorns as well as barrel racing and an award-winning Texas Drill team performing on horses. Enjoy a catered Texas barbecue lunch with a full bar.

After lunch, head to San Antonio and a city tour of its landmarks and cultural hotspots. Take a VIP tour of the Alamo to see the UNESCO World Heritage site and learn of the heroic battle of 1836 for Texas' independence from Mexico.

After touring the Alamo, embark on a privately chartered river barge along San Antonio's famous Riverwalk.

Finally, experience firsthand some of San Antonio's Hispanic heritage and the flavors of old Mexico at El Mercado. After exploring Mexican artifacts, jewelry, and other crafts, gather for dinner at a local restaurant before we head back to Boerne to prepare for the eclipse.

Overnight *Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort* (B, L, D)

MONDAY, APRIL 8 BOERNE / TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

This morning our study leader will walk us through the rare total eclipse we will be seeing.

Enjoy a buffet lunch at our private eclipse site.

The partial eclipse will begin around 12:41 pm and culminate with the beginning of the Full or Total Solar Eclipse at 1:32.47 pm.

Once the celestial excitement abates, imbibe in a celebratory glass of champagne followed by a festive farewell dinner.

Overnight *Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort* (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 BOERNE / AUSTIN

This morning after breakfast transfer to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport for flights home.

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