

A South Texas Adventure

April 15 - 24, 2020



Tour Highlights:

Visit the famous avian migrant traps along the central & southern Texas Coast during the peak period of the Gulf of Mexico spring migration.

Easily explore the distinctive sub-tropical habitats of the Rio Grande Valley in wonderful parks & refuges

Observe unique avifauna and other wildlife that exists nowhere else in the U.S.

Enjoy a full day nature tour of the world famous King Ranch.

Travel as a small group in a spacious and comfortable van with experienced nature & bird guides.

Itinerary:

- **Day 1:** Arrive at Corpus Christi, Texas enjoy a group welcome dinner.
- **Day 2:** Explore Mustang, Padre Islands and Corpus Christi.
- **Days 3 - 5:** South Padre Island, Laguna Atascosa, Sabal Palms and surrounds.
- **Days 6 - 8:** Rio Grande Valley refuges and hotspots.
- **Day 9:** Full Day nature tour of the King Ranch.
- **Day 10:** Bird and depart from Corpus Christi, Texas.



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Transportation: 15 passenger van with back seat removed for luggage, etc.

Group size: Maximum of 8 persons.

Estimated Expedition fees for this 9 night / 10 day trip:

\$2,900.00 per person USD based on double occupancy

Single Supplement of \$750.00

What's included?

Expedition fee includes all transportation, guide service, park fees, lodging and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) from dinner on Day 1 to drop off by noon in Corpus Christi on Day 10. For those who book through Golden Gate Audubon Society's Big Trips Committee an administrative fee will be sent to GGAS.

What is not included?

Participants will be responsible for their own air or ground transportation to and from Corpus Christi. Plan to arrive in time for a group dinner on Day 1. Departure from the hotel to the airport on Day 10 will be provided by the hotel or by Nature Trip (airport drop-off by noon). All meals and beverages are included with the exception of alcoholic beverages. Participants will also be responsible for travel insurance (if desired), personal laundry and any other personal items not included on the "What's included" list above.

Trip Packet: a complete packet of information for this tour including conditions for participation will be sent to each registrant on receipt of their booking. The information contained herein will give a sense of what to expect if you join this trip.

Lodging: Whenever practical we select lodging that is immediately adjacent to natural features. Otherwise we stay at highly rated standard hotels. All rooms will have ensuite bathrooms with hot water; most have laundry facilities and internet access.

Meals: Breakfasts will be provided throughout the tour by hotels and lodges and vary from basic continental style to more elaborate multi-course meals. Lunches and dinners will be taken at local restaurants with an emphasis on regional cuisines: Mexican, Tex-Mex, Seafood and Steakhouses. Some lunches will be picnic style.

Guide Service: Your guides for this trip, Eddie Bartley & Noreen Weeden, have been leading Nature Trip tours since 2004 in California & 2005 in Texas. Guides from Texas will also be employed during this expedition for areas where their local expertise is unique such as King Ranch.



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