Presidential Pathways Phase Two

April 7 - 17, 2015

PRESIDENTIAL SITES

- * Mamie Eisenhower Home
- * Dwight Eisenhower Birthplace
- * Dwight Eisenhower Boyhood Home
- * Dwight Eisenhower Pres. Library, Museum, & Final Resting Place
- * George W Bush Boyhood Home & Sites in Midland
- * George W Bush Pres. Library & Museum
- * George H W Bush Pres. Library & Museum
- * LBJ Pres. Library & Museum
- *LBJ Boyhood Home, Birthplace & School
- * LBJ Ranch & Texas White House
- *6th Floor Kennedy Museum

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Height of Springtime In Texas

Beautiful Hill Country of Texas

Three Major University Campuses: Southern Methodist, Texas A&M, and University of Texas





OOR MUSEUM

In our second phase of the Presidential Pathways we will explore and celebrate four past Presidents and two First Ladies. We will also visit a significant, historical, tragic happening of a fifth President. Our travels take us to birthplaces, boyhood homes, and Presidential Libraries of very important Presidents, each with his own identity.

Our very first stop of interest will be the birthplace of First Lady Mamie Doud Eisenhower in Boone, Iowa. Mamie adjusted readily and joined her husband in moving 28 times before their retirement. Mamie and Dwight were married on July 1, 1916. We will learn more about the gracious hostess, who carefully guarded her privacy. In 1980 her birthplace in Boone was dedicated as a historical site. One of the East-West streets in Boone is now called Mamie Eisenhower Ave.

Our first Presidential visit will be that of our 34th President, who served our nation from 1953-1961, Dwight David Eisenhower. Abilene initiated and built the magnificent Eisenhower Presidential Center, a five building complex. We start our tour at the Visitors Center and watch a screening of a film that reviews the life of President Eisenhower. You will then take a self-guided tour to the adjacent Museum including five major galleries. Next door to the Museum stands Eisenhower's boyhood home. His Mother lived in this house until her death in 1946. It contains many original furnishings. Across the park is his Presidential Library established to preserve his many important papers. He is buried in The Place of Meditation along with his wife and son. In Denison, Texas we will visit Eisenhower's birthplace. The historic site encompasses almost ten acres of the neighborhood where Eisenhower had lived. His birthplace is the center of the site.

Moving on and continuing down the Presidential Pathways we will stop at the Dallas County Administration Building (formally the Texas School Depository). We will visit the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza. We all are very aware of what happened here. The museum examines the life and death of President John Kennedy. It is located at the spot from where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot and killed Kennedy. The museum exhibitions area uses historic films, photographs, artifacts and interpretive displays to document the events of the assassination, the reports by the government investigations that followed, and the historical legacy of this national tragedy. This museum was opened on Presidents Day, February 20, 1989.

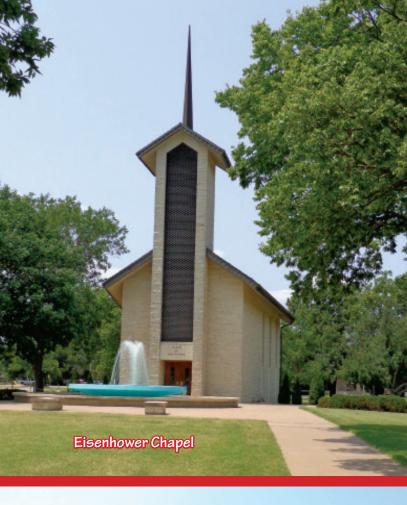
Our 43rd President, who served us from 2001-2009, George W. Bush, will be our next President to explore. His Library housed on the campus of The Southern Methodist University, was just completed in 2013. George W. Bush was only the second President to follow in his Father's footsteps to become President. Seriously tested after only nine months in office by the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York and Virginia, Bush responds to the threat decisively and in doing so clearly demonstrated his leadership abilities. Our travels on this pathway will also take us to Midland Texas to the childhood home of George W. Bush. This plain and unimposing house in Midland was the home of three very special people, each of whom would become President as well as President and First Lady of the United States. Opened in 2006 on West Ohio Avenue, its mission was to represent the character of the state, the town, and the people who lived there and to be a place where visitors may learn of the world in which this very special family lived and began its journey to achieve the American Dream.

Next on our journey the route takes us to the 41st President's Library of George H. W. Bush in College Station, Texas. He served our nation from 1989-1993. He was from a family of sustenance and wealth who believed in public service as a way of life and accepted responsibility to their fellow citizens as a matter of natural course. He also served in World War Two as the nation's youngest commissioned pilot and flew 58 combat missions in the Pacific. He ran as Ronald Regan's Vice President and in 1988 was elected as President. The George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is located on the campus of A&M University. It is one of three libraries located on a college campus. The Museum has a 21,000 sq. foot edifice where we will enter a majestic fifty foot high rotundra constructed of Texas limestone, marble and granite, and enjoy a movie on the life of the former President. You will be able to continue on a self-guided tour that takes you past many exhibits including an Avenger Torpedo Bomber that hangs from the ceiling. In 2002 the museum dedicated the Barbara Bush Botanical Garden, a four acre garden of roses located to the rear of the museum. The Museum was dedicated November 6, 1997. It is a classroom, the first of its kind in the Presidential Libraries network. It also houses the replica of the oval office and a traveling White House in miniature.

Our last Presidential site to visit is that of Lyndon Baines Johnson, our 36th president serving us from 1963-1969. He was the eighth V. P. to become President. He was prepared to take this role as Kennedy had already entrusted him with many political responsibilities. Johnson achieved remarkable success in the areas of Civil Rights, education, and the environment. The state of Texas and the Federal government memorializes the home life and legacy of a famous American. The scope of the efforts reflect the bigger than life statue of both Johnson and the vast Texas hill country that he loved. The National Historic Park consists of two distinct areas, 14 miles apart. The Johnson settlement and LBJ Ranch in Stonewall. The visitor center serving both the State Park and LBJ Ranch. We will find displays of memorabilia from Johnson's Presidential years, plus interactive displays about the land and the people that shaped him. We will tour the LBJ Ranch, the Texas White House, and Johnson's Boyhood Home. Fourteen miles to the east we will find that the property has been restored to its original appearance. Exhibits abound and we will also have a chance to view two films, one of Lady Bird and the other of Lyndon B. We will visit the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum in Austin, Texas. There are three different floors with many impressive displays!

This is in essence the 2nd part of The President Pathways. We will engage in many other activities, as well as enjoying many great meals together. This will be a very educational tour, as well as getting up close and personal with many of our Presidents, their life, and their families that have been a part of our lives.

Hope you can join us on this incredible Presidential Pathways tour!





Presidential Library



Day 1 - Home to LaVista, NE

- Mamie Eisenhower Home Boone, IA
- Dinner Summer Kitchen

Included Meals: Dinner Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 2 - LaVista to Abilene, KS

- Dwight D Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum, Abilene, KS
 - * Visitors Center
 - * Eisenhower Boyhood Home
 - * Eisenhower Museum
 - * Eisenhower Pres Library
 - * Eisenhower Buriel Site
- Abilene Heritage Center
- Dinner Brookville Hotel

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 3 - Abilene to Denison, TX

- Travel Day
- Lunch POPS On Route 66
- Dinner Cotton Patch

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 4 - Denison to DeSoto, TX

- Dwight Eisenhower Birthplace, Denison
- Lunch Café 43 at Bush Library
- George W. Bush Pres Library & Museum, Dallas
- 6th Floor Museum (Kennedy Site), Dallas

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 5 - DeSoto to College Station to Austin, TX

- Lunch College Station
- George H W Bush Pres Library & Museum, College Station Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Manager's Reception at Drury) Hotel: Drury Inn (2 Nights)

Day 6 - Austin

- Lyndon B Johnson Pres Library & Museum, Austin
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- Lunch Wild Flower Center
- Texas State Capitol
- Texas Governor's Mansion

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Manager's Reception at Drury)

Day 7 - Austin to Fredericksburg, TX

- Johnson National Park Center Johnson City
 - * Lyndon B Johnson Boyhood Home
 - * Johnson Settlement
- Lunch at Pecan Street Brewing in Historic Johnson City
- LBJ State Park near Stonewall, TX
 - * LBJ Visitors Center
 - * LBJ Birthplace
 - * LBJ Boyhood School
 - * Johnson Family Cemetary
 - * Driving tour of LBJ Ranch
 - * Texas White House Tour
- National Museum of Pacific War
- Charming German village of Fredericksburg
- Dinner Auslander Biergarten

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Hotel: Hampton Inn









Day 8 - Fredericksburg to Big Spring, TX

- George W Bush Boyhood Home Tour Midland
 - * Unique Home of 2 Presidents, 2 Governors & a First Lady
- George Bush Schools and other homes in Midland
- Dinner Saltgrass Steakhouse

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 9 - Midland to Bethany, OK

- Travel Day
- Dinner Swadley's BBQ

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 10 - Bethany to Kansas City, MO

- Murrah Federal Bldg. Memorial, Oklahoma City
- Travel
- Dinner Corner Café

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Drury Inn – Blue Springs, MO



Day 11 - Kansas City to Home

- Travel Day
- Return home enriched from the pathways of our former Presidents! **Included Meals: Breakfast**

"Sit back and relax! Your driver & tour director will take care of everything. Enjoy the ride (smile face)!"

Willy & Mary Jane, Shakopee

2015 Dates & Prices		
DATES:	April 7 - 17, 2015 (11 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,299 Double \$2,149 Triple	\$2,999 Single \$1,999 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	21 Meals & 2 Manager's Receptions, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit p/p at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$149 Double p/p	\$184 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$35 R&J Travel Bucks Earned on this tour	
Tour Pace:	Moderate to Extensive Walking (own pace)	