FREDRICKSBURG, TX, HISTORICAL TOUR



# Rose Hill Manor

The Hill Country's Finest Bed & Breakfast Fredericksburg, TX SCENIC DRIVES IN THE HILL COUNTRY **2 Day Guide** 



## The Hill Country Experience 2-Day Scenic Drive Travel Guide

#### DAY 1 - STATE PARKS AND APPLE ICE CREAM

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Begin your day with a chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in the main dining room. After breakfast, enjoy a stroll around Rose Hill Manor to embrace the scenery of Rose Hill Manor.

#### 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Begin your scenic Texas Hill Country journey on one of Patti's favorite routes from <u>Fredericksburg to</u> <u>Medina to Lost Maples State Park</u>. It's a 73.8-mile (1.5 hour) paved scenic drive along the upper Guadalupe River and over a divide to the narrow canyon of the Lost Maples State Natural Area. Several points of interest include the Lost Maples State Natural Area, Kerrville-Schreiner State Park, Cowboy Artists of America Museum, Schreiner Mansion/Hill Country Museum, Stonehenge II, Medina (the Apple Capital of Texas), and several hiking trails.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Have lunch in Medina at the **Patio Cafe at Love Creek Orchards**. Listed in Texas Monthly Magazine's Top 40 Best Small Town Restaurants in Texas for the SPJ Burger and the apple ice cream.

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Continue your afternoon admiring the Hill Country vistas and pulling-over to photograph the scenery. Visit the Lost Maples State Natural Area to see three national champion big trees: the bigtooth maple, the Texas ash, and the chokecherry. Take a break from driving and stretch your legs with a hike to experience the breaktaking views, nature, and wildlife.

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

If you are hungry, return to Fredericksburg for dinner at <u>The Nest</u> or drive to Johnson City to experience <u>Bryans on 290</u>. Or, simply enjoy the sunset and stars from your deck.

#### DAY 2 - WINDING ROADS AND BARBECUE

6:00 am - 9:30 am

Catch the sun rise from your deck while sipping on a cup of fresh coffee. Then make your way to the main house at 8 am for a 3-course chef-prepared hot breakfast.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Discover "take-your-breath-away" natural beauty on the scenic <u>Willow City Loop</u>! It's a 13 mile Texas Hill Country narrow two-lane ranch road winding through deep canyons with views of picturesque ranches, rolling pastures, and grazing cattle. In the spring, Willow City Loop transforms into a wildflower wonderland accented with Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, Phlox, Coreopsis, Mexican Poppies, Sunflowers, and Firewheels. During peak season, try to visit the loop during the week.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

When you get hungry, head to **Cooper's BBQ** in Llano for a Texas barbecue feast. Don't let the line scare you because you won't want to miss Texas' best melt-in-your-mouth brisket, smoked chicken, sausage, and beef ribs. Pair your tray of meat with a side of pinto beans, potato salad, and a glass of sweet tea. Don't forget to save room for peach cobbler too!

#### 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

After lunch, continue your journey south on Texas Highway 16 to **Enchanted Rock State Park** on Ranch Road 965. Take a break from driving and enjoy a scenic hike on one of the eight trails in the park. The Enchanted Rock Summit Trail offers 360° views of the park and the Texas Hill Country from the 1823 ft. summit of Enchanted Rock.

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

In the afternoon, experience a wine tasting at <u>Pedernales Cellars</u> and relax with a glass of wine on the tree covered deck overlooking breathtaking views of the Pedernales River Valley. Pedernales Cellars is a family-owned boutique winery specializing in fine, hand-crafted Texas wines including awardwinning Tempranillos and Voigniers.

6:00 pm - 10: 00 pm

If you are hungry, dine in Fredericksburg at the **<u>Cabernet Grill</u>**. Or, return to your luxurious accommodations and enjoy the sunset and starry sky from your deck.

### DAY 3 - RELAX

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Savor your chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in Rose Hill Manor's dining room or in your room.

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Purchase Hummingbird Farms Lavender bath and body products or Comphy linens at Rose Hill Manor to create the luxury bed & breakfast feeling at home. Return home rested with treasured memories of your Rose Hill Manor retreat.

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