



Rose Hill Manor

The Hill Country's Finest Bed & Breakfast
Fredericksburg, TX

SCENIC DRIVES & WINERIES
IN THE HILL COUNTRY

5 Day Guide



The Hill Country Experience

5-Day Scenic Drives & Wineries

Travel Guide

DAY 1

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 [Fredericksburg to Medina to Lost Maples State Park](#). 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 - 5:30 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 breathtaking views, nature, and wildlife.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Return to Fredericksburg for dinner at the [Cabernet Grill](#).

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Relax in your luxurious accommodations and enjoy the sunset and starry sky from your deck.

DAY 2

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 [Willow City Loop](#)! 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 wild-flower 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 - 5:30 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.

6:00 pm

Head into Johnson City for dinner at [Bryans on 290](#). After dinner, enjoy the sunset and starry skies from your deck at Rose Hill Manor.

DAY 3

8:00 am –11:00 am

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

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Begin your scenic drive along Highway 290 to Ranch Road 1376 to Luckenbach. Stop in Luckenbach and visit the store which was a post office from 1850 to 1971. Continue south on Ranch Road 1376 to Sisterdale.

In Sisterdale, you can go kayaking or tubing along the Guadalupe River. [The Sisterdale General Store](#) provides kayak and tube rentals and pick up & drop off service on one of the most beautiful stretches of the Guadalupe River. They also offer guided kayak fishing trips too. Or you can stop by [Sisters Creek Vineyards](#) to enjoy a glass of Sister Creek's Muscat Canelli Reserve, a sweet and slightly carbonated wine with a crisp, citrus flavor. Sister Creek Vineyards is located across from the Sisterdale General Store.

From Sisterdale, continue on 1376 (Sisterdale Road) to US-87 N to Boerne.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Enjoy lunch at the [Dodging Duck Brewhaus](#) across from River Road Park. They offer an eclectic menu of international and local cuisines to pair with their craft brewed beers.

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Spend the afternoon strolling down Boerne's Haupstrasse (Main Street in German) through the charming historic district. Visit fine art galleries such as [Carriage House Gallery](#) and [Texas Treasures Fine Art Gallery](#). Search for the perfect vintage collectable at [Johns Road Antique Mall](#). Shop at the quaint boutiques in historic buildings filled with clothing, jewelry, gifts, specialty foods, and home accessories. Stop over at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Hauptstausse and admire the Hill Country limestone exterior with fossilized seashells.

Experience a taste of Texas wines at [Singing Waters Vineyards](#), [Newsom Vineyards](#), and [Bending Branch Winery](#) located in the Boerne and Comfort area.

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Take the scenic route on Sisterdale Road and Ranch 1376 to Luckenbach Road to 290 back to Stonewall.

6:00 pm

Stop and listen to music at the [Luckenbach](#) pub and grab some dinner at the food trucks there.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

After dinner, enjoy the sunset and starry skies from your deck at Rose Hill Manor.

DAY 4

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.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spend the morning visiting [Fischer & Wieser's Das Peach Haus](#) in Fredericksburg. The 60-acre farm is home to Fischer & Wieser's award-winning products such as the Original Roasted Raspberry Chipotle Sauce to Mom's Garlic & Basil Pasta Sauce. What began as a roadside market for fresh Fredericksburg peaches now serves as a showroom for hundreds of products gracing grocery shelves today. You can stroll through West Texas pine trees, tour the peach orchard, and sip on Oberhof Wines.

During mid-May to mid-June, visit the pop-up peach stands along highway 290 and taste Stonewall's famous peaches! Three to four miles north of Hwy. 290, orchards are visible for more than a mile.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Eat lunch at [The Woerner Cafe](#) for handmade breads, savory quiches, stuffed croissants, pizzas and more.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Stop by [Chocolates El Rey's Tasting Room](#) in Stonewall to pick up chocolates for your afternoon wine tour. Chocolate lovers can sample Chocolates El Rey's award-winning gourmet chocolates and confections made by their artisan chocolatier partners. Chocolates El Rey is located on 46 S Ranch Road 1623, Stonewall TX 78671 at the corner of HWY 290 and RR 1623.

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Explore the local wineries, breweries, and distilleries with [Cellar Rat Wine Tours](#). Here are a few suggestions to help design your tour:

[Becker Vineyard](#) - The winery, located in a 19th century German stone barn reproduction, is surrounded by lavender fields. Becker Vineyard's hand-crafted, Bordeaux, Burgundian and Rhone-styled award winning wines are featured in Wine Spectator, Food & Wine, the Fine Living Channel and served in The White House.

[Garrison Brother's Bourbon Distillery](#) - "Sit and Sip" Tour is a guided walk of the ranch-distillery with detailed information about bourbon whiskey and the history of Garrison Brothers.

[Hye Meadow Winery](#) - A family winery on 62 oak-shaded acres nestled between Fredericksburg and Johnson City. Relax and taste artistically crafted wines ranging from hearty reds to delicate whites in the tasting room, which blends modern style with scenic Hill Country views.

[Pedernales Brewing Company](#) - Local microbrewery with a beer tasting room featuring Classic and German-style beers such as the Lobo "Leader of the Pack" label with Lobo Texas Lager, Lobo Lito and Lobo Negro; and the Pedernales Classic label offering an IPA and a Hefe-Weizen.

For a complete list of wineries in the Fredericksburg area, visit www.wineroad290.com.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Drive the back roads of RR1623 and enjoy some really good BBQ at [Old 300 BBQ](#) on the square in Blanco.

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

After dinner, enjoy the sunset and starry skies from your deck at Rose Hill Manor. Or, spend the evening in Fredericksburg at one of the many live music venues or at the legendary Luckenbach, Texas.

DAY 5

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

Explore the emerging art scene in and around Johnson City. Johnson City offers several unique galleries featuring handmade crafts, paintings, photography, and sculptures from local artists.

Visit [Texcetera](#) for local crafts, pottery, and jewelry. At [Echo](#), find vintage furniture, wearable art, and paintings. [Urban Ranch](#) and [Rustik by Choice](#) offer an array of antiques and handcrafted furniture for one-of-a-kind treasures. For photography, visit the [A. Smith Gallery](#) that exhibits the work of both amateur and professional photographers.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Break for lunch at the [East Main Grill](#) in The Old Lumber Yard complex in Johnson City. Or, return to the [Hye Market](#), housed in one of the Hill Country's best-preserved old post office/general stores. Have lunch at Hye Market's kitchen garden, or purchase homemade goodies for a picnic on a table under the trees at The Sculpture Ranch.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Visit [The Sculpture Ranch](#) on 290 just outside of Johnson City. A life-sized silver bull, sculpted by local artist Bettye Hamblen-Turner, marks the turn to Flat Creek Road. Drive 5.3-miles through the rolling hills and grazing cattle to The Sculpture Ranch. The ranch is open Thursday through Sunday from 12-6 pm, and by appointment only during the week. Explore the 14,000-square-foot indoor gallery and walk, bike or drive their 2 miles of trails to view over 100 monumental outdoor sculptures. The sculptures are available for purchase so you can enjoy one on your own property too!

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Spend your afternoon at leisure visiting [William Chris Vineyards](#) (reservations recommended). The walking tour starts in the 100 year old farm house tasting room, to the early 1900s cemetery, and down the vineyards to the oak grove. On weekends in the afternoon, listen to live music on the shady deck and enjoy a glass of wine.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Return to Rose Hill Manor to relax before heading out to the scenic drive to [Alamo Springs Cafe](#) for one of the best burgers in Texas.

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

End your night relaxing at Rose Hill Manor in your luxurious accommodations.

DAY 6

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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