FOLLOW THE RIO:
A Tour from Las Cruces, NM to San Antonio, TX through Big Bend National Park

- Big Bend National Park
- Chile Pepper Institute, Las Cruces, NM
- White Sands National Monument, Las Cruces, NM
- Mexican Cuisine
- Folklorico Dancer
- Museum of Western Art, Kerrville, TX
- River Walk, San Antonio, TX
- The Alamo, San Antonio, TX
- The Rio Grande River

Las Cruces, NM to San Antonio, TX through Big Bend National Park
Over-night Chisos Mountain Lodge

Day 1
Arrive El Paso, Texas International Airport and transfer to Las Cruces, New Mexico.
Kick off your tour with one of the following activities:
- Get held-up Old West style by bandits on horseback.
- Toast with a margarita at your welcome reception.
- Visit Historic Mesilla and dine at La Posta or Double Eagle Restaurant.
- Laugh through the late show at the Boba Cabaret.

Over-night in Las Cruces

Day 2
Spend the day discovering the gems of Las Cruces and southern New Mexico.
- Start with a guided tour of the 47 acre Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.
- Grab a box lunch and board the bus to White Sands Missile Range and walk through its Museum and Missile Park.
- Sink in the sand when you spend the afternoon at White Sands National Monument. gypsum white dunes as far as the eye can see, its mysteries uncovered by your ranger guide.
- Return to the city for dinner at one of our newest and hippest independently owned restaurants.

Over-night in Las Cruces

Day 3
Transfer to Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa.
- Leave the highway and join the Texas Mountain Trail in Van Horn where you can visit movie sets, the Clark Hotel Museum or the beautifully restored Hotel El Capitan.
- Continue to Marfa where you meet your step-on guide, Jim Glendinning, author and radio personality. He will point out sites like the Presidio County Courthouse and Hotel Paisano, headquarters for the 1956 film ’Giant’.
- Continue through Presidio to Fort Leaton State Historic Site, a massive adobe fort restored to show frontier life after the Mexican War.
- Cowboy dinner at Star Gazer Mesa.

Over-night Lajitas Resort

Day 4
Transfer to Big Bend National Park.
- Stop briefly in Terlingua Ghosttown home to the Trading Company bookstore, La Sirena Gallery and Starlight Theatre Restaurant & Bar.
- Today we enter Big Bend National Park. This gem of the national park system encompasses more than 800,000 acres in southwest Texas.

Over-night Chisos Mountain Lodge

Day 5
Transfer to Kerrville, Texas.
- Overnight at the famous YO Ranch Resort - The hotel is rich in character and filled with antiques, artifacts and remembrances of an era 100 years past.
- Dinner at Mamacitas where you can enjoy a wonderful meal before ‘hitting the hay’ in preparation for tomorrow’s big day.

Over-night at YO Ranch Resort

Day 6
Spend the morning in Kerrville before leaving for San Antonio.
Choose to visit either the:
- Museum of Western Art or the Hill Country Museum.

Depart for San Antonio for a day of discovery...
- Buckhorn Saloon and Museum where you can enjoy lunch at the oldest continually operating business in San Antonio.
- Tour the Alamo known for the 189 defenders that held out against Mexican General Santa Anna’s 2,000 troops.
- Explore the San Antonio River Walk either with a leisurely stroll under the shade of grand cypress trees or aboard a narrated river boat tour.

After checking into the hotel and resting, enjoy a fabulous meal at...
- Boudro’s private dining room - Boudro’s is an experience to savor, embracing all the flavor of our regional heritage.

Over-night in San Antonio

Day 7
Today we will spend the day seeing some of the wonderful sites in and around San Antonio.
- Mission San Jose - The Queen of the largest chain of Spanish Colonial Missions in the country.
- SAS Shoe Factory and General Store - The one of a kind General Store and Tour have become regular stops for tour buses from all over the country.
- Lunch at Mi Tierra – Dine at this famous restaurant for a taste of traditional Tex-Mex cuisine.
- Shop the largest Mexican market north of the boarder – Market Square is also known as El Mercado. Discover imported pottery and local artisans.

Return to the hotel for free time until dinner and a live stage show. (Choice of several restaurants)
- San Antonio Rose Live – a Branson style Country Western show.

Over-night in San Antonio

Day 8
Depart for home.

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