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All That and a Dr Pepper Float Tour

Two Day Itinerary



Day One

Waco Tourist Information Center

Located at Exit 335B off IH 35- Allow 20 minutes for rest stop and welcome reception including complimentary cookies and coffee.



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum

Located next door to the Tourist Information Center – Allow 1.5 hours to tour. The official State Hall of Fame for the oldest state law enforcement agency, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum houses historical artifacts detailing the history of the Texas Rangers. From their cowboy hats to their silver stars, to guns, saddles and pop culture. A great place to gather great Texas souvenirs!

Allow 20 minutes for driving and loading time.

Oakwood Cemetery

Located on South 5th Street – Allow 45 minutes to tour.

Once the site of a race track, Oakwood Cemetery is now the final resting place for many eminent Texans. Several Texas governors, United States Senators, Congressmen and military officers, University presidents, writers, philanthropists and business leaders have been laid to rest inside this historic cemetery. Our Step-on guide (upon request) will regale you with stories of the famous and infamous.

Allow 15 minutes for driving and loading time.

Armstrong Browning Library

Located on the Baylor Campus – Allow 1 hour to tour.

The historic and personal artifacts of the great British Victorian poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning are arrayed in this museum, along with 61 stained glass windows that depict themes from the Brownings' poetry. The building itself is an architectural masterpiece filled with rare books, Elizabeth Browning's original furnishings, paintings and an extensive Wedgwood china collection.

Allow 15 minutes for driving and loading time.



Lunch Time!

Let Susan help you select an appropriate restaurant for your group.

Allow 15 minutes for driving and loading time

The Earle-Harrison House (circa 1858) & Pape Gardens

Located on 5th Street – Allow 1 hour to tour.



The Earle-Harrison House & Pape Gardens

This Greek Revival-style mansion stands as the only antebellum home open to the public in Waco. The Earle-Harrison House is prized for the beauty of its botanical garden and grounds, as much as for the house itself. Stretching over five acres, the groundskeepers tend to the blooming flowers, lily pond, towering live oaks, manicured lawns, fragrant herbs, fresh vegetables and breathtaking 75 foot rose arbor.

Allow 10 minutes for loading time.

Waco Suspension Bridge and Cameron Park

Located on University Parks Drive – Let our step-on guide tell you about the historic Waco Suspension Bridge and beautiful Cameron Park. Allow 45 minutes for the scenic drive.



Historic Homes - East Terrace (circa 1872)



Located just across the street from Cameron - Allow 45 minutes to tour.

One of the most beautiful homes in Waco, East Terrace enjoys an open view of the peaceful Brazos River, and offers a rare Texas example of Italianate Villa architecture, with arched windows and thin columns along the front of the house.

Allow 20 minutes for driving and loading time.

Waco Mammoth Site

Located on Steinbeck Bend – Allow 1 hour to tour.

“The Nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Pleistocene mammoths.”

– National Park Service

Though the first bones at site were discovered in 1978, the site remained closed to the public until the end of 2009.



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Dinner

After dinner, Waco offers visitors many theatrical and musical options. For a list of the various theaters and arts related opportunities, please see our Calendar of Events.

Day Two

Cameron Park Zoo



Located on 4th Street – *Allow 2 hours to tour the Zoo.*

From the comical antics of the Gibbons, to the state-of-the-art herpetarium and the Brazos River Country exhibit, the Cameron Park Zoo should not be missed.

Allow 20 minutes for driving and loading time.

Art Center Waco

Located on the McLennan Community College Campus – *Allow 1 hour to tour.*

Since its inception in 1972, Art Center Waco has been a training ground for many new artists, as well as a showcase for the works of more established artists. In addition to the works displayed inside, the Art Center is home to The Sculpture Walk, which has over 35 works of art and takes advantage of a magnificent view of the Brazos and Bosque River valley.

Allow 30 minutes for driving and loading time.



Homestead Heritage (Lunch and Tour) Located 11 miles North of Waco - *Allow 2 hours to tour the community.*

This faith-based community honors and teaches the art of fine craftsmanship. Here you will enjoy a delicious lunch from their deli, featuring the freshest ingredients, including homemade breads, pastries, and ice creams. After lunch, you can watch demonstrations of a blacksmith forging metal into works of art, lovely pottery making, and fine wood furniture being made using traditional methods of joinery. While you are there, enjoy a hayride or watch a herding demonstration.

Allow 30 minutes for driving and loading time

Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute

Located at 5th and Mary Street - *Allow 1 hour to tour the museum and 30 minutes to enjoy the Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain.*

Keep the good times rolling with a little 'pop' culture! Learn the story of how Dr Pepper was created in 1885 through an animatronic, life-size Dr. Charles Alderton. Try out the numerous interactive exhibits, watch old Dr Pepper commercials, see how the drink was bottled, and enjoy a cold Dr Pepper float inside the restored turn-of-the-century soda fountain.

Allow 20 minutes for driving and loading time

Texas Sports Hall of Fame

Located on University Parks Drive - *Allow 1 Hour for self-guided tour of museum.*

Learn about the Texas athletes who have distinguished themselves both on and off the field and arena inside the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. This museum complex will engage visitors as it pays tribute to some of the Texas sports greats.

Allow 20 minutes for driving and loading time.

Mayborn Museum Complex

Located on South University Parks Drive – *Allow 1.5 hours to tour.*

The Mayborn Museum Complex includes natural history exhibits, walk-in dioramas, exploration stations, a Waco Mammoth Exhibit where guests can walk on a see-through floor to look down upon casts of the Columbian mammoth bones displayed exactly as they were unearthed at the Waco Mammoth Site, and a 13-acre historic village.

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