



Vicksburg High School

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San Antonio – 7 Days and 6 Nights

DRAFT ITINERARY – TRAVEL BY MOTOR COACH - ASSUME GAME DAY IS 12/29/25

DAY 1 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

Depart Vicksburg

1:00 pm Motor Coaches available for loading

2:00 pm Depart Vicksburg High School.

One the road. Rest stops and meal stops in route every 2~3 hours.

[Dinner on the road with Visa Card](#)

DAY 2 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

Arrival in San Antonio

[Breakfast on the road with Visa Card](#)

[Lunch one the road with Visa Card](#)

5:00 pm (Central Time) ETA Arrive in San Antonio. Hotel check-in is after 4:00 pm

[Dinner as a Group at TBA. Group restaurant options include: Hard Rock Café, Casa Rio, County Line BBQ, Dave & Busters, America's Incredible Pizza Company, Rio Rio Cantina, etc.](#)

7:00 pm Free time downtown

9:30 pm Return to the hotel

11:00 pm Dedicated hotel security on duty each night.

DAY 3 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

Battle of the Bands & Pep Rally

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.

am Battle of the Bands with Marching Competition and Parade Review. Take the opportunity to see what other marching programs around the country are doing. The winner of this field show will perform solo at the Alamo Bowl Pep Rally

[Lunch as a group or with Visa Card](#)

pm Alamo Bowl Pep Rally. Join the Alamo Bowl Fanfare as you perform for passersby along the legendary San Antonio River Walk

[Dinner as a group or with Visa Card](#)

10:00 pm Return to the hotel

DAY 4 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**Mass Rehearsal/Awards**

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel
am Start your day with your first mass band rehearsal. Join students, directors and top clinicians from across the U.S. as you begin rehearsing the Alamo Bowl Halftime Show Finale.

Lunch as a group or with Visa Card

pm Afternoon Free Time. Sightseeing suggest **Tower of the Americas, The Alamo** or other options listed below or do a **community service activity**

pm **Rodeo themed Dinner, Dance and Awards Ceremony at Pedrotti's Ranch (included).** Enjoy dinner with line dancing and roping lessons.

10:00 pm Return to the hotel

DAY 5 MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025**Game Day**

8:00 am Breakfast at the hotel.
am Final halftime show Full-dress Rehearsal.
pm Free afternoon. Enjoy the Alamo Bowl Festivities on the River Walk

Lunch as a Group or with Visa Card
Dinner with Visa Card at the game

8:00 pm Alamo Bowl Kick off. The winning field show marching band performs their show solo at the pre-game and then performs with all other bands at the halftime show finale.
11:30 pm Return to the hotel

DAY 6 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025**Sightseeing and Depart for Home**

9:00 am Breakfast at the hotel. Check out.
10:00 am Sightseeing activities tba. Suggest **Six Flags Fiesta Texas** or other options noted below.

Lunch with Visa Card
Dinner with Visa Card

5:00 pm Depart San Antonio. Rest stops and meal stops in route every 2~3 hours.

DAY 7 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025**Arrive Vicksburg**

Breakfast on the road with Visa Card
Lunch on the road with Visa Card
Dinner on the road with Visa Card

10:00 pm (Eastern Time) ETA Vicksburg High School

Travel times are estimated and will be affected by road construction and traffic conditions.
Note: Historically the Alamo Bowl is played on 12/28, 12/29 or 12/30. The schedule above is a sample timeline with a 12/29 game day. The actual schedule for the 2025 Alamo Bowl will not be published until June 2025. If the game is scheduled for 12/28 or 12/30, the timeline will change. Also, the optional Alamo Bowl Pep Rally is always two days before the game.



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If Game Day is on 12/28 below is a sample of how bowl game activities may look:

12/26 Pep Rally (optional) - completed by 5pm

12/27 Rehearsal 9am-12pm, Field Show & Parade Review (optional) 1:30pm, Sightseeing

12/28 Rehearsal 9am-12pm, Game Day with 6:30 kickoff bands return to stadium by 4:30pm

12/29 Sightseeing (most groups do Six Flags), Awards Ceremony (Pedrotti's Ranch)

12/30 Depart for home

Suggested Sightseeing Options in the San Antonio Area:

Six Flags Fiesta Texas [Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio - Thrill Capital of South Texas](#)

Sea World San Antonio [SeaWorld San Antonio Theme Park - Texas Animal Attractions](#)

San Antonio Zoo [San Antonio Zoo | So Much to See & Zoo! \(sazoo.org\)](#)

Tower of the Americas [Tower of the Americas - Dining and Entertainment Venue](#)

The River Walk [San Antonio River Walk \(thesanantonioriverwalk.com\)](#)

Natural Bridge Caverns [Cavern Tours – Natural Bridge Caverns](#)

San Antonio Missions [San Antonio Missions National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

Estimated Pricing Based on Three Motor Coaches

Price Based on 157-165 traveling	\$1807
Price Based on 148-156 traveling	\$1834
Price Based on 139-147 traveling	\$1864
Price Based on 130-138 traveling	\$1899
Price Based on 121-129 traveling	\$1939
Price Based on 112-120 traveling	\$1985

Increasing the number of occupied seats on the motor coach decreases the cost per person.

Proposed Payment Schedule

12/15/24 Payment #1- \$400

1/30/25 Payment #2- \$400

3/30/25 Payment #3- \$400

5/30/25 Payment #4- \$400

9/30/25 Payment #5- Balance

DRAFT INCLUSIONS

Included in the cost of the trip are the following:

1. Transportation by chartered highway motor coaches
2. Alamo Bowl Game World Strides 4 Night Program
 - a. Performance in the Alamo Bowl Halftime show
 - b. Battle of the Bands Field Show contest (winners perform during pre-game)
 - c. Performance opportunities during the Alamo Bowl Pep Rally
 - d. Alamo Bowl game tickets
 - e. Rodeo Themed awards ceremony at Pedrotti's Ranch
 - f. 4 nights hotel accommodations at the Doubletree
 - g. Commemorative Patch
3. Breakfast at the hotel each day
4. Visa Gift Card for meals on travel days and on your own meals in San Antonio
5. Meals on travel days as described above – assume \$50 per travel day, BLD
6. Meals in San Antonio as described above – assume 8 meals at \$30 per meal, LD
7. Sightseeing options tba – for now we have assumed Tower of the Americas, The Alamo, time permitting and Six Flags Fiesta Texas as noted above
8. Explorer Tours Tour Manager for the trip
9. Hotel room for tour manager
10. Gratuity for motor coach drivers
11. Hotel Rooms for Motor Coach Drivers
12. Dedicated hotel security each night from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM
13. All taxes and gratuities – except hotel maid – suggest \$2 per room per day.
14. Member National Tour Association

Notes:

Explorer Tours highly recommends all tour participants purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to protect the investment in their trip. A link to Travel Insured International will be provided to the group leader to be distributed to the students via email. Through this link, a student travel policy may be purchased. The policy has optional "Cancel for any Reason" coverage. The policy must be purchased by the individual traveler **within 14 days of making their first payment to the school** in order to qualify for time sensitive benefits. The purchase deadline is at the discretion of Travel Insured International and may change. It is up to the traveler to make themselves aware of the policy terms. The purchase of Trip Cancellation Insurance is between the traveler and Travel Insured International. Explorer Tours will not become involved in any claim or dispute between the purchaser and the insurance company.

Explorer Tours will make ground transportation arrangements for the group only. Individuals desiring alternate plans are responsible for making their own arrangements including ground transfers. Explorer Tours cannot be responsible for, or assist in, making any individual transportation arrangements outside the group tour. Explorer Tours representatives cannot transport individuals in rental cars.

Every attempt will be made to negotiate all contracts to maintain the price as quoted. Explorer Tours, however, reserves the right to pass on price differences including but not limited to fuel surcharges it incurs from airlines and motor coach companies.

This itinerary has been prepared specifically for Vicksburg High School and is intended for their use only. Please do not share with other tour operators, tour companies or travel agencies.