

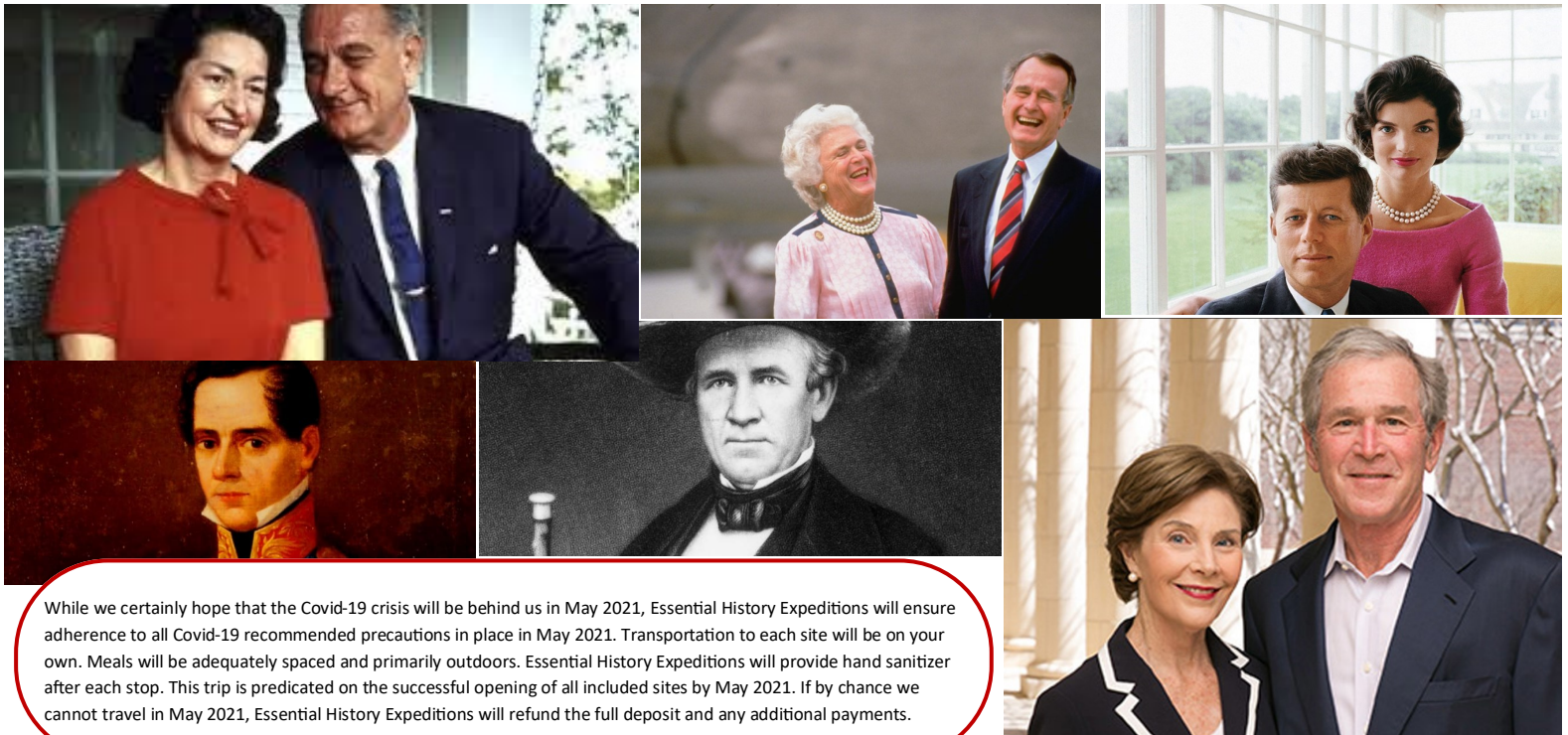


Texas Presidential History

A Travel Course for Alumni & Friends of SMU

MAY 17-22, 2021

Join SMU's Center for Presidential History's expert historians Jeffrey Engel and Brian Franklin as well as Essential History Expeditions' Brian DeToy for a week of fascinating history, filled with larger-than-life tales of intrigue, heroism, heart and grit. Join your SMU friends for a fun and stimulating educational adventure!



While we certainly hope that the Covid-19 crisis will be behind us in May 2021, Essential History Expeditions will ensure adherence to all Covid-19 recommended precautions in place in May 2021. Transportation to each site will be on your own. Meals will be adequately spaced and primarily outdoors. Essential History Expeditions will provide hand sanitizer after each stop. This trip is predicated on the successful opening of all included sites by May 2021. If by chance we cannot travel in May 2021, Essential History Expeditions will refund the full deposit and any additional payments.

SIX DAYS OF IN-DEPTH GUIDED TOURS. THREE EXPERT HISTORIANS. SIX+ PRESIDENTS WITH TEXAS-SIZED CONNECTIONS.

Presidential history runs deep in Texas, from the birthplaces of Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Baines Johnson to the foundational stories of LBJ, George HW Bush and George W Bush. From the Presidents of the Republic of Texas era to the last moments of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Presidential history in the Lone Star State is, indeed, Texas-sized, with three Presidential Libraries and Museums residing here. The SMU Center for Presidential History and Essential History Expeditions have teamed to offer an in-depth examination of Texas presidents

This trip features in-depth guided tours and lectures for all sites, all admission fees, all lodging and meals as detailed on the itinerary. Airfare and daily transportation not included. Pricing for alumni/friends: \$1,995 double occupancy (\$500 single supplement). This trip does not include a tax deductible donation for student programming. However, the CPH is always grateful for donations for student programming.

Texas Presidential History Daily Itinerary

Monday, May 17: LBJ at Home

- ◆ Arrive at LBJ Ranch National Historic Site in Stonewall no later than 1pm
- ◆ Visit the Ranch and Texas White House, the home of President Johnson and a center of political activity for more than 20 years
- ◆ Lodgings in central Austin OR remain overnight at a Hill Country Winery resort and spa (final location to be determined)

Tuesday, May 18: LBJ in Austin

- ◆ Visit LBJ Library & Museum on University of Texas campus
- ◆ Visit the Texas State Capitol Building and grounds
- ◆ Other sites may include the French Legation (Embassy to the Republic of Texas), and the Harry Ransom Center on the UT campus—home to numerous world-renowned artifacts, books and other treasures as well as the Woodward and Bernstein Watergate Papers for another look at presidential history
- ◆ Lodging in Austin: The Omni, InterContinental or Driskill

Wednesday, May 19: Texas Independence

- ◆ Drive to Washington-on-the-Brazos and visit the State Historic Site where Texas Independence was proclaimed in March 1836 while the siege of the Alamo raged in San Antonio de Bexar
- ◆ Discuss leadership in the Republic of Texas era, including the relations between three men who were presidents that year—David Burnet, Santa Anna and Sam Houston
- ◆ Drive to Huntsville and visit the Sam Houston Memorial Museum on the campus of Sam Houston State University
- ◆ Lodging night in College Station: The George (or comparable)

"You simply will not find a better "team" than Sheryl and Brian. Sheryl's attention to detail is unsurpassed - her goal is your comfort at all times. Brian's expertise and his ability to share his depth of knowledge and commitment to our country in a way anyone can understand is truly a gift not to be missed.

Sheryl's compassion for her fellow travelers overflows -she anticipates your every need and is ready to provide whatever it is you need. I simply cannot imagine choosing any other leaders now that I know what an educational trip can provide. If you are considering a trip - don't miss this organization. If you do, you will miss something to treasure for the rest of your life!"

—Friend of SMU

Thursday, May 20: George HW Bush

- ◆ Visit the George HW Bush Library & Museum on the campus of Texas A&M University; if possible, we will have members of the administration join us to share lessons and stories
- ◆ Visit the TAMU campus for discussions of university presidents James Earl Rudder (WWII Ranger commander at the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc) and Sul Ross (Civil War general and later Texas Governor)
- ◆ Lunch at the University Club in Rudder Tower (indoor permitting)
- ◆ Lodging night in College Station: The George (or comparable)

Friday, May 21: John F. Kennedy

- ◆ Drive to Dallas
- ◆ Visit Dealey Plaza and the 6th Floor Museum and discuss JFK
- ◆ Visit the nearby site of the 1910 lynching of Allen Brooks for discussion on race and the presidency
- ◆ Lodging night in Dallas (home for some, The Beeman or comparable for others)

Saturday, May 22: George W. Bush

- ◆ Visit the George W. Bush Library and Museum on the campus of Southern Methodist University; if possible, we will have members of the administration join us to share lessons and stories
- ◆ Visit Oak Lawn Park (formerly, Lee Park) for discussion on presidency, race, Texas and Civil War
- ◆ Final group dinner and talk, and end of expedition

"I would not, ever, take a history-focused trip with anyone else! Brian is a walking encyclopedia, and Sheryl the most competent and caring person I know. Having worked with them for several years now on several trips, I can say without reservation that they are THE BEST and we will be happily planning and taking more trips with them in years to come!"

—Jeff Engel, Director, Center for Presidential History, SMU

***Testimonials based on SMU D-Day Normandy trip**

For more information, email the Center for Presidential History at cphinfo@smu.edu or call 214.768.3210

Visit www.historyexp.com for comprehensive daily itinerary & lodging and meal information

Pricing: Alumni/friends: \$1,995 per person, double occupancy; \$500 single supplement

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Itinerary subject to minor changes**

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Essential History Expeditions' president, expert historian and guide, Lt Col (Ret) Brian DeToy, PhD served as Director of the Defense & Strategic Studies program at the United States Military Academy, West Point from 2007-13. He has appeared in numerous documentaries for programming such as History, Discovery, A&E and Military channels.

Brian Franklin is Associate Director of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University. His research explores the interaction between religion and politics in American history.