

2025 Early Ford V8 Texas Tour Itinerary

This will be an informal driving tour going down many scenic back roads and visiting many historic locations with significant Texas history. Feel free to deviate from the suggested route if you see something along the way that catches your eye, if you want to take a more direct route on higher speed roads, or if you want to do only part of the activities.

Lunch and dinner will be on your own each day, except for Saturday evening. The suggested routes will include being in a town with restaurants at lunchtime.

Wednesday, 9 April

Drive to Gonzales

See the “Come And Take It” cannon museum and other local interesting stops.

Pass through Shiner on the way back with the option to tour the Shiner Brewery, visit a quilt shop, etc.

Approximately 75 miles for Wednesday’s suggested route

Thursday, 10 April

Drive to Goliad

See the Presidio la Bahía, the Mission Espíritu Santo, and the courthouse with hanging tree outside.

Visit the Chisolm Trail Heritage Museum in Cuero

Approximately 160 miles for Thursday’s suggested route

Technical seminar Thursday evening on Columbia Overdrive Axle controls

Friday, 11 April

Drive to San Felipe de Austin and to LaGrange

See the re-creation of Austin’s Colony on the Brazos River.

Pass through Wallis on the way to San Felipe de Austin, and pass through LaGrange on the way back.

We are working on visiting a great car collection after lunch.

Approximately 180 miles for Friday’s suggested route

Ice cream social on Friday evening.

Technical seminar on Friday evening showing a 296 cubic in flathead V-8 in the rebuild process (or if that isn’t working out, a transmission overhaul, or whatever interesting mechanical assembly we are fixing at the time)

Saturday, 12 April

Drive to painted churches around Schulenburg

See beautiful painted churches around Schulenburg and drive over the historic “Piano Bridge”.

Approximately 70 miles for Saturday’s suggested route

Supper together (not a formal banquet) on Saturday with a fajita buffet and cheese enchiladas at the restaurant next to the host hotel.

Truck and trailer parking is on-site. Tow vehicles and trailer are to be parked on the sides of the gravel drive next to the host hotel, or in the grass lot behind the Pizza Hut. Please do not park *both* your tow vehicle and your old Ford in the hotel parking lot.