



Revolutionary Road

Exploring the Landscape of the Texas Revolution

June 12 - 16, 2022

A Guided Historical Tour
with Andrew Torget, PhD

- Walk revolutionary battlegrounds.
- Tour historic missions.
- View monuments and artifacts.
- Enjoy onsite lectures.

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\$1,560
per member

This Price Includes:
4 Nights in 2 Hotels & All Meals
Transportation by Chartered Bus

Entrance Fees for Historic Sites
Dr. Torget's Custom Trip Booklet
Tour Guide Headphone System

Trip Overview

This trip will step into the era of the Texas Revolution (1835-36), providing a personal tour of the coming, fighting, and aftermath of that famous war that continues to shape Texas. UNT History Professor Andrew Torget will lead us on a chartered bus tour through iconic sites – such as the San Antonio missions, the Alamo, Goliad, San Felipe de Austin, and the San Jacinto battlefield – as we make our way through the landscape of the Revolution, exploring the full grittiness of the Revolution and life along the far-flung Texas frontier.

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Meet Your Tour Guide



Andrew J. Torget, PhD, is a historian of nineteenth-century North America at the University of North Texas, where he holds the University Distinguished Teaching Professorship. An award-winning speaker, he has been featured at Harvard, Stanford, Rice, Duke, Johns Hopkins, and the Library of Congress. The author and editor of five books, his most recent, *Seeds of Empire*, won twelve book prizes and awards and was hailed by *Texas Monthly* as “the most nuanced and authoritative rewriting of Texas’s origin myth to date.” In 2018, he set a Guinness World Record for the World’s Longest History Lesson by lecturing on Texas history for 26.5 hours straight, which was seen online by more

than 30 million people. In 2020, he was awarded the Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award from the Texas State Historical Association. In 2021, the *Dallas Morning News* named him a finalist for their “Texan of the Year” award for the “uncommon, inspirational impact” of his work.

What is OLLI at UNT?

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of North Texas offers non-credit courses, educational events, and trips designed by and for adults age 50 and better. We are a vibrant community of curious minds, adventurous hearts, and welcoming members. Our courses are taught by active and retired university faculty and other experts.

Learn more at olli.unt.edu.

Dr. Torget’s OLLI Course Evaluations:

“Never enjoyed a history course so much in my entire life! And I was a history major in college! Andrew Torget made the class a living history lesson that we could envision and experience with our own eyes. For once, this is the way history should be taught.”

“Professor Torget excels at organizing his presentation from his extensive knowledge into a smooth flowing and interesting educational presentation. He is great in delivery with high energy and class rapport. He leaves me wanting to hear more.”

“Andrew Torget is one of the favorite presenters here and he never disappoints.”



Revolutionary Road Itinerary

Day 1 - Sunday, June 12

Travel to San Antonio

We begin our adventure by traveling together from Denton to our hotel in downtown San Antonio, where we will enjoy a private lecture as Professor Torget sets the scene for the Texas Revolution and why it matters in North American history.

Day 2 - Monday, June 13

San Antonio Missions and Gonzales

Today we explore the long road to the Texas Revolution, tying together the Spanish, Indian, Mexican, and American roots of the conflict. In the morning we'll tour Mission San José as a window into life in Texas under the Spanish empire and early Mexican nation. During the afternoon we'll travel to Gonzales, the site of the first fighting of the Texas Revolution, where we'll tour the battleground, see the famous "Come and Take It" cannon, and examine the outbreak of the war in October 1835.

Day 3 - Tuesday, June 14

Battle of Bexar and the Battle of the Alamo

Today we explore how the Revolution quickly consumed San Antonio in the aftermath of Gonzales. In the morning, we'll walk the "Battle of Bexar" in historic downtown San Antonio, where Texas rebels battled street-by-street in December 1835 to defeat troops loyal to Santa Anna, and visit San Antonio's historic San Fernando church (believed to house the ashes of Alamo defenders). During the afternoon, we will immerse ourselves in the coming, fighting, and aftermath of the Battle of the Alamo, as you enjoy a personal guided tour of the battleground site, the experiences of Alamo defenders, and the desperate final fight on March 6, 1836.

Day 4 - Wednesday, June 15

Goliad Massacre and the Runaway Scrape

Today we explore the terrifying aftermath of the fall of the Alamo and the panic that gripped Texas as Santa Anna's army marched eastward. In the morning, we will travel to Goliad and tour the site of the Goliad Massacre, where James Fannin and 400 Texas soldiers were captured in the Battle of Coleto Creek and executed. During the afternoon, we will travel to San Felipe de Austin, the capital of Stephen F. Austin's Anglo-American colony, and explore the infamous "Runaway Scrape" where thousands of terrified Texans scrambled to escape Santa Anna's oncoming armies.

Day 5 - Thursday, June 16

Battle of San Jacinto and Return to Denton

On our final day of the tour, we explore the San Jacinto battleground and the improbable victory that Sam Houston and his ragtag Texas army achieved against Santa Anna's forces on April 21, 1836. We will take a personal tour of the campsites for both armies, explore the battlefield and the fighting in depth, and enjoy the remarkable artifacts of San Jacinto Memorial Museum. During the afternoon, we will make our way back to Denton.



Hearing Assistance



Our bus will be equipped with a microphone and speakers for Professor Torget's onboard lectures. He will also wear a microphone while we visit historic sites so that travelers can listen through special headphones that OLLI at UNT will provide.

Activity Level

This tour requires average physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days containing more leisure time. Travelers should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances on paved sidewalks and some uneven ground. Travelers will be able to explore some sites at their own pace.

Travel Insurance Information

The price of this trip does not include individual travel insurance. We recommend that travelers purchase their own individual travel insurance for this trip. Below are examples of some insurance agencies that offer domestic travel insurance plans:

- Travelex Insurance
- TravelSafe Insurance
- insuremytrip
- Allianz Travel
- Travel Guard

Departure & Bus Information

Departure: All trip participants must make arrangements to be dropped off at **1716 Scripture Street, Denton, TX 76201** on Sunday, June 12 to board our bus. No traveler vehicles can be left at our Scripture Street location during the trip.

Luggage: Each traveler is limited to one bag that will be stored under the bus and one small carry-on bag that must fit underneath your seat or in the overhead storage compartments.

Bus: Our bus will have a restroom. Some complimentary snacks and water will be available on the bus.

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton

San Antonio Riverwalk Downtown

3 nights: June 12 - 14

125 E. Houston St.

San Antonio, TX 78205

Embassy Suites by Hilton Houston West

1 night: June 15

16435 Katy Freeway

Houston, TX 77094

All rooms will typically contain 2 queen size beds, whether single or double occupancy. Please indicate on your reservation form if you will be sharing your room with another traveler.

Meals & Dietary Restrictions

The price of this trip includes all meals (breakfasts, lunches, and dinners). Please indicate any dietary restrictions or food allergies on your reservation form so that we can make appropriate arrangements for your meals.

Special Accommodations

Please indicate any special accommodation requests you may have on your reservation form. You may also contact us at olli@unt.edu or **940-369-7293** to inquire about our ability to accommodate your request.

Health & Safety Policies

At the time of printing, OLLI at UNT has no mask requirements for this trip. The University of North Texas complies with the orders of the State of Texas Governor's Office related to public health mandates.

The sites we visit may have their own health and safety policies, which we will communicate to travelers in advance.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

After submitting your reservation form, if you find that you will no longer be able to attend this trip, you must notify OLLI at UNT of your cancellation in writing. If your cancellation is received prior to the deadline below, you will be eligible to receive a refund of any fees paid. After the deadline, no refunds will be issued.

Refund Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022

Credit card refunds will be issued to the card used for your original payment. If you pay by check, the university will require additional information, such as a completed W9 form, in order to issue your refund by check.

OLLI at UNT has planned the Revolutionary Road trip for your educational entertainment and convenience. Should circumstances beyond his control prevent Dr. Torget from leading this trip, we reserve the right to obtain a substitute tour guide.

Payment Deadlines

Deposit Deadline: \$500 due upon reservation

Full Payment Deadline: Monday, May 2, 2022

Questions?

Contact olli@unt.edu or **940-369-7293**.

Revolutionary Road Reservation Form

This form must be delivered in person (not by mail) to OLLI at UNT staff at **1716 Scripture Street, Denton, TX 76201**. Our office is open between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Mondays through Fridays. We close for all holidays observed by UNT.

Traveler Information PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

**required field*

First & Last Name*

Mailing Address*

Mobile Phone*

Email*

Emergency Contact Name & Phone*

Your emergency contact needs to be someone who is not traveling with you.

Dietary Restrictions, Allergies, or Other Special Accommodation Requests

Hotel Room Reservation

Single Occupancy **Double Occupancy**

If you are making a reservation for a double occupancy room, please write your roommate's name in the field below. Your roommate will also need to submit their own reservation form, even if they are your partner or spouse.

Roommate's Full Name

OLLI at UNT Membership Required

This trip is being offered exclusively to members of OLLI at UNT. An active membership is required to reserve your place on the trip. If you are not currently an OLLI member, select from the membership options below and include your membership fee with your trip deposit.

\$55 Pay Per Course Annual Membership

\$85 All Courses Included Annual Membership

Check the box beside the organization of which you are a member.

UNT Retiree Association

Flower Mound Senior Center

UNT Alumni Association

The Grove at Frisco Commons

Denton Senior Center / ALH

U.S. Armed Services Veteran or Spouse

\$150 All Courses Included Annual Membership

I am already a current member of OLLI at UNT.

T-Shirt Size All participants will receive a custom trip-themed shirt.

Small **Large** **2XL**
Medium **XL**



Payment We accept all major credit cards and payments by check.

Deposit: \$500 Due with this form.

Plus OLLI at UNT Membership Fee (if applicable)

Remaining Balance: \$1,060 Due by Monday, May 2.