

Tour Guidelines and Expectations for All Tour Participants

Participants must be aware of the remote and difficult environmental conditions and terrain into which our tours travel. Participants must be able to traverse rugged terrain. This involves hiking considerable distances, scrambling over rocks and boulders, steep ascents and steep descents, walking in or over loose rock, and through dense brush. At any time of the year desert heat can be extreme.

In most cases medical help and trauma care are several hours away.

For your safety and protection please consider the following guidelines for all tours:

- Read the description of each tour carefully. Consider the length and difficulty of the tour carefully. Realistically consider your ability.
- Your safety and well-being on tours is your responsibility.
- Many of our tours are on privately owned land. Please be respectful of the landowner's rights and property at all times.
- Alcohol, firearms, and pets are not allowed on any tour.
- Tours are not suitable for small children.
- A few tours require that you bring a 4-WD high clearance vehicle. Your vehicle will be subject to harsh desert conditions. The Witte Museum Rock Art Foundation does not supply vehicles or arrange transportation if you do not have a suitable vehicle.
- Stay with the group and follow the instructions of your guide.
- For the safety of the group, tours may be canceled at any stage at the discretion of the guide.
- Few tours have restroom facilities. Be prepared to use the restroom outdoors.
- Please be alert when visiting the area near the Mexico/US Border. For the most current travel advisories and safety information, please visit the State Department Travel Alert web site at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/mexico-travel-warning.html>

What to bring and wear:

- Wear clothing appropriate to the weather and terrain. Long sleeve shirts and pants are helpful protection from the sun and desert plants.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and use sunscreen.
- An umbrella is good sun protection.
- Closed toed footwear with good traction is required on all tours. Leather soled cowboy boots don't work!
- A small backpack or fanny pack for your gear, water, and food.
- Bring plenty of water and drink frequently. Hydrate before the tour and bring full water bottles - 2 quarts per day minimum. You will not be allowed to participate without an adequate water supply.
- Bring lunch and snacks that do not require refrigeration.
- Walking sticks are helpful.
- Camera

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Witte Museum Reservations Desk: **210-357-1910**.