

HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club

Springtime in Fredericksburg, Texas 2021

- Dates:** Orientation meeting Saturday, March 27th 5:30 pm. Riding Sunday, March 28 – Friday, April 2 with departure Saturday, April 3
- Leaders:** Kurt Arehart and Tina Vessels **SAGs:** Kathleen Schindler and Carol Nies
- Rating:** Intermediate Miles 36-60/day with 1,600 to 3,800 feet of climbing
- Riders:** 26
- Price:** \$1,490 double occupancy, \$2,235 single supplement. Deposit \$ 200
Balance due by January 10, 2021
- Cancellation:** Revised [cancellation policy](#) with \$75 fee. Trip insurance is recommended.

Overview

Willkommen to Fredericksburg, a small slice of German-Texan heaven taking us back in time! Our spring training rides offer over 500 miles of paved country roads and acres of abundant wildflowers in the Texas Hill Country. We plan to capture the stunning seasonal wildflowers on hilly terrain, bucolic country lanes, and picturesque ranch roads. Many are open range roads with longhorns, sheep, chickens, pigs and goats coming up close and personal. Fredericksburg is the cycle capital of Texas. This will be a fixed base tour, at Fredericksburg Inn and Suites. Breakfast TBD due to Covid conditions. It is an easy walk to art galleries, boutiques, museums, music venues and the many restaurants for which Fredericksburg is famous. Spring warm up means Spring-like weather with average day temperatures between 40 and 70 degrees and dry. Fredericksburg is located 70 miles west of Austin (recommended airport) with transportation to and from the airport on your own. Bike transport to and from Denver is available. We are a tandem and ebike friendly tour.



Itinerary

Saturday, April 27: Arrive and check in orientation meeting at 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 28 – Friday, April 4: Daily rides with sag stops and lunch will be provided. Distances will range from 45-60 miles and daily climbing will range from 1,600 to 3,800 feet.

One day our ride will include a visit to Luckenbach, Texas, memorialized by Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings.



The Willow City Loop is the queen cycling attraction in Gillespie County. Always pretty, the spectacle of the loop peaks during wildflower season in mid/late spring when it glows in a blaze of natural glory.

The Little Switzerland Route is 36 miles and 2,000 feet of climbing, a real slice of the Hill Country. The first climb of the route, Gypsum Mine Summit leads you to an actual Gypsum Mine, which provides some visual interest, if not beauty. Then drop rapidly into the hills and dales of Little Switzerland. One climb of note, L'Alpe Pe-

tite, lies in wait in this region.

One day of riding will take us along a route where we will be able to sample the local wines. Sprinkled throughout the Texas Hill Country are over 50 wineries and vineyards as well as a bourbon distillery and three craft breweries. These wineries have been producing a variety of quality wines that have won both state and national honors. Each winery and vineyard has its own distinct personality, some featuring courtyards with spectacular views while others offer quiet patios with lush shade.

For participants who would like to add extra nights at the hotel, the rate is \$229 Friday and Saturday with minimum stay, and \$129 Sunday through Thursday. To add nights contact Fredericksburg Inn and Suites directly: 1-800-997-0202 210 S. Washington St. Fredericksburg, TX 78624 fredericksburg-inn.com

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