

# Arts, Culture & History Tour Itinerary

## (2-Day Tour)

### Day 1

Start off the morning with a fascinating tour of the Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria at the Corpus Christi Science & History Museum and learn why Columbus is so important to the heritage of the Coastal Bend. Tour the oldest shipwreck that was found nearby in the Gulf of Mexico and learn about the struggles settlers experienced as countries fought over the lands of South Texas throughout the ages. Hop next door to the Art Museum of South Texas and see their collection of over 1,300 works in their permanent collection, plus their several traveling exhibits that discover the art of history, heritage and culture in the five-state region in various media. Next, take a stroll back in time with a tour of twelve Victorian homes at Heritage Park, just a few blocks from the Art Museum of South Texas. Find examples of the harmony that can be found between the historic and the modern in architecture and reminisce about your own roots as you discover Corpus Christi's. Swing by the Texas Surf Museum and get the record straight about Texas surfers who are just as dedicated as any other surfer in the world, with a collection of over 30 boards, surfer, art and memorabilia. Once everyone is filled-up on fresh seafood for lunch at one of the many fine eateries downtown, near the Texas Surf Museum begin an afternoon of site-seeing and adventure with the Public Bayfront Art Tour. This free and interactive tour provides a variety of opportunities to see murals, statues and galleries that all tell a rich story- mixing history and art about Corpus Christi.

### Day 2

Begin the day aboard the USS Lexington, the most famous aircraft carrier in U.S. Naval history on Corpus Christi Beach. Get lost on the multiple decks and levels with so much to see as you step back in time and experience patriotic feelings of pride for the sacrifices these men made for our country. Breathe in the fresh salty air as you walk along the flight deck and see over 20 vintage airplanes and catch a movie in the three-story MEGA theater during the tour. Head over to the Centennial House, the oldest standing structure in Corpus Christi that was built in 1849, and learn about the life and vision of Col. Henry Kinney, who is said to be the founder of Corpus Christi. See why the site would have afforded the residents a commanding view of the city's most important commercial pier, Mann's Wharf. Take a short drive after lunch and head to Rockport, known as one of the top ten art communities in the country for an afternoon full of art galleries and eclectic shopping. Discover local artist's masterpieces and see world-renowned artwork.