

Spouses/Companions Tour (Revised)

Monday, March 8, 2010

**Houston City Tour, Medical Center Tour
and Butterfly Center**



HOUSTON CITY TOUR

You will sample the excitement of this truly international city.

From the impressive downtown Theater District to the historic Rice University Campus, this bus tour highlights some of the green spaces and skyscrapers that coexist in downtown Houston.



CITY OF MEDICINE, THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

The Texas Medical Center started with a dream to create a medical center, where people from all walks of life could have access to the best health care in the world. In a few short decades it has grown into one of the world's finest medical complexes. This bus tour will explore the Medical Center's 800+ acres by bus. This "City of Medicine" has produced several of the most remarkable achievements in medical history. It is where one of the first, and

still the largest, air emergency service was created; a very successful inter-institutional transplant program was developed; and more heart surgeries than anywhere else in the world.

THE HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

The Houston Museum of Natural Science is one of the most visited natural science museums in the South. Highlights include the Cullen Hall of Gems and Minerals which beautifully showcases 600 of the world's finest quality natural mineral specimens. In the newest addition to the Museum, the McGovern Hall of the Americas, discover life in the Americas before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors. In the newest addition to the Museum, the McGovern Hall of the Americas, discover life in the Americas before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors. The Life Through Time Paleontology Hall offers a chance to experience Prehistoric and Ice Age life through actual fossils, photomurals and displays.



COCKRELL BUTTERFLY CENTER

This three-story glass structure is adjacent to the main museum, home to thousands of exotic live butterflies, insects and plants, the Cockrell Butterfly Center is designed to be interactive, with the insects fluttering among and occasionally landing on visitors.



Itinerary:

9:15 am	Depart Omni Hotel
9:15 - 11:30	Guided bus tour of Houston City and The Texas Medical Center, with a photo-op stop at the Waterwall
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch, either at Mia Bella or Trevisio Restaurant
1:15 - 2:30	Museum of Natural Science (with optional guided tour)
2:30 - 3:15	Cockrell Butterfly Center
~3:30 pm	Return to Omni Hotel