



Spouses/Companions Tour

Tuesday, March 8, 2010

Bayou Bend Tour

Bayou Bend is a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of the nearby big city, and nestled on 14 rolling wood acres in the posh River Oaks area, this former home of local philanthropist Ima Hogg now serves as the decorative arts wing of the Museum of Fine Arts. Architect John Staub built Hogg's pink stucco dream home with the idea of "adding pleasure to living." His innovative design is carried through into the nine surrounding gardens. The Diana Garden which features "walls" of yaupon hedges is the best example of this concept.



The interior of the house burrows heavily from Northern architectural traditions. An ideal setting for Hogg's extensive collection of art and antiques, 28 room settings depict the changes in America's taste, style & customs from Colonial times to the Victorian era.

Miss Ima passed away in 1975, but art historians rank her collection of American silver, ceramics, furniture, paintings, and works on paper among the nations finest.

Following the Bayou Bend Tour, guests will enjoy a 3-course lunch at Post Oak Grill.



Itinerary:

- 9:15 am Depart Omni Hotel
- 9:30 am Guided tour of homes & gardens
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Post Oak Grill
- ~2:30 pm Return to Omni Hotel