

## Spouse/Companion Tours

### **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Museum District Tour**

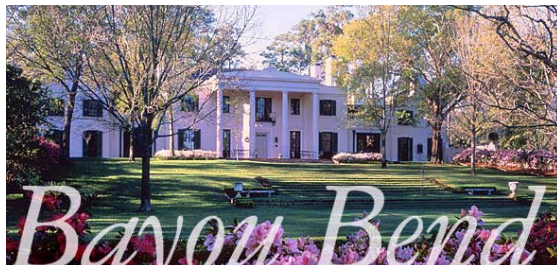
Enjoy a relaxing tour of the City before arriving at Houston's Museum District. Here you'll have access to the Museum of Fine Arts, the largest in the Southwest.



With over 60,000 pieces in its collection, it has more than 2.5 million visitors a year. You'll also visit the Museum of Natural Science established more than 100 years ago and features world class specimens. Includes lunch at a local restaurant.

### **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens Tour**

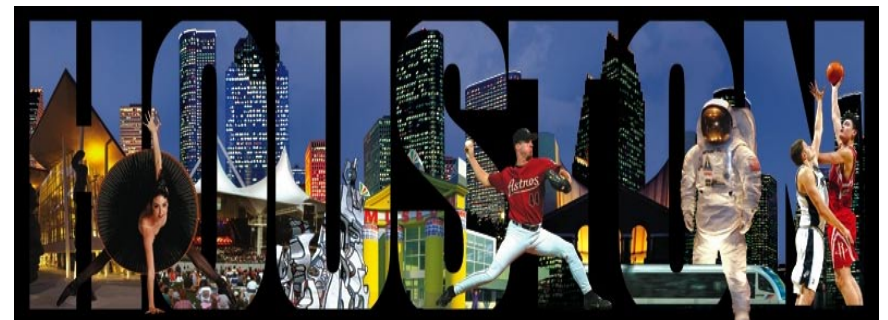
Bayou Bend is a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of the nearby big city. Nestled on 14 rolling, wooded acres in the posh River Oaks area, is the former home of local philanthropist Ima Hogg. The nine surrounding gardens were intended as outdoor "rooms" for living and entertaining and the interior of the house borrows 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 and customs from Colonial times to the Victorian era. A visit to Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens is like stepping through a doorway to our past. Includes lunch at the Post Oak Grill.



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# ***Houston, Texas***

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## Welcome to Houston, Texas

The Energy Capitol of the World, located just 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, Houston is a vibrant city, rich and diverse with fascinating sights, sounds and flavors.

As the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in the U.S., Houston has several distinctive districts, each with its own unique appeal. The city boasts with numerous top-notch restaurants and plentiful nightlife options as well as distinctive attractions. You can explore everything from outer space to the ocean.

### Hotel Information

The Omni Houston Hotel is centrally located in the prestigious Uptown Post Oak/Galleria shopping area. With over 375 stores and free shuttle service, you'll be just minutes away from the largest mall in Texas.



#### Reservations:

Omni Houston  
1-888-444-OMNI or  
713-871-8181

Four Riverway  
Houston, TX 77056

Room rate: US \$139  
Single/Double- mention Group Name  
"IEEE Transformers" to receive group  
rate.

A link is provided on the Committee's  
website for room reservations:  
[www.transformerscommittee.org](http://www.transformerscommittee.org)

## Wednesday Evening Social March 10, 2010 Goode's Armadillo Palace

Put on your boots, it's *RODEO* time! Enjoy a night full of southern hospitality, complete with Texas BBQ & Live Texas Music. Come try your hand on TORO the mechanical bull!



### Optional Tour

#### Sunday Morning, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Space Center Houston

This is a must for visitors of all ages and the official visitors' center for NASA's Johnson Space Center. See what's happening in Mission Control. Board a comfortable tram and enjoy a guided tour of NASA and try the "Land the Shuttle" simulator. Enjoy lunch at the Silver Moon Cafe.



### Lunch and Learn

#### Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Port of Houston

Enjoy lunch as Nynas presents "The Making of Transformer Fluids" followed by a spectacular waterborne tour of one of the busiest ports in the world. The M/V Sam Houston offers a leisurely 90-minute round-trip cruise along the Houston Ship Channel where sightseers can enjoy passing views of international cargo vessels, and operations at the port's Turning Basin Terminal.