

## **San Antonio, TX**

**April 24- 29, 2023**

What a great time we shared. First day after arriving in San Antonio - The Alamo. The next day, the Museum of the Pacific (WWII), Fredericksburg and a German lunch with klosch blonde beer, the LBJ Ranch (like stepping back to my teenage years), BBQ dinner and country music at Pedrotti's. A quiet morning visit to a Japanese tea garden was such a peaceful experience, a visit to the Institute of Texan Culture with a wealth of information from our Chickasaw guide. Lunch and shopping at The Mercado, an interesting architectural wander down a lively street in the German King William Historic District, decked out for Fiesta (much like we do for Mardi Gras), a relaxing drink with friends (old and new) before our dinner at Casa Ole and a San Antonio River Walk boat tour.

Lots of swollen ankles from that long day, but we were rested and ready to begin our last day in San Antonio starting with the missions, particularly San Jose, a final stop at SAS shoe outlet and factory where some bought shoes and others returned to bygone days enjoying 5 cent popcorn, 25 cent Coke and \$4 buckets of old-time candy favorites like peanut butter logs, caramels, root beer barrels and butterscotch.

Then we took to the road for the long drive home including an overnight in Houston where several of us enjoyed a last taste of Mexican at Pappy's, a short walk from the hotel.