

3 Day/4 night Trip Itinerary

Cost: \$1000 per person

Total Days: (Marathon, TX to Marathon, TX) :3 days, 4 nights

Group size: 4-12

Instructor/Client Ratio: 1 to 4

Meeting Place: Marathon, TX (The Gage Hotel)

Accommodations: (included in price)

1 night at Marathon Motel in Marathon, TX (Night 1)

2 nights at Dead Horse Mountain Ranch (Night 2 & 3)

1 night at Marathon Motel (Night 4)

Amenities:

Marathon, TX: Hidden Dagger reserves rooms at the Marathon Motel which is included in the price of your trip. Price adjustments can be made for those who reserve their own accommodations for Night 1 and/or 4.

The Ranch: The Lodge and Rock House both include heaters, running water, showers, toilets, beds, stoves, tableware, cooking utensils, and refrigerators.

There are multiple sleeping arrangements at head quarters. Small houses, campers, and platforms for tents are available.

Minimum age: 10

Multi-sport activities: hiking, backpacking, jeep/side by side rides

Note: Depending on the group and/or individual, an optional overnight backcountry camp can be included.

Day by Day (3 day trip)

Day 0/Night 1: Arrive in Marathon, TX (on your own) and check into the Marathon Motel between 3- 6pm (Hidden Dagger will reserve room/s in advance.) Our entire group will meet for a welcome dinner at the *12 Gage Restaurant* located at the *Gage Hotel* at 6:30 pm for introductions and an overview of the next 3 days.

Day 1/Night 2: Meet at the *Marathon Motel* at 7:30 am with luggage needed for the next 3 days. (Note: personal and rental vehicles will remain parked in Marathon at a specified location). Embark on the 2 hour scenic drive with a Hidden Dagger Instructor. On the road, view the southernmost extension of the Rocky Mountains and the many spectacular geological features that have made West Texas a geologist's mecca.

Once at the Dead Horse Ranch headquarters, unpack, meet the rest of the instructors, and have lunch at the Lodge, overlooking the international border and the beautiful Sierra del Carmen mountain range located in Mexico. After lunch, explore the surrounding area. Enjoy dinner with an open bar at the Lodge at 7pm, socialize, star gaze, and head to bed.

Day 2/Night 3: Meet for coffee, tea, and breakfast at 8 am in the Lodge. Day hike to Escondido Canyon. Enjoy lunch on the trail. Take a jeep ride and explore different sections of the property, learning the diverse plant and animal life, human history, and discover how modern ranchers survive and thrive in this remote desert. Overnight camping optional. Dinner, drinks, and a fire at 7pm.

Day 3/ Night 4: Breakfast at 8am at the Lodge. Pack up. Take a jeep ride to explore Balanced Rock Canyon and the surrounding area.

Have lunch and head back to Marathon, TX by 3pm. Arrive in Marathon by 5pm. Say our goodbyes!

***Itineraries are subject to change due to circumstances that could risk the safety and/or well being of our group.**

Packing List Guide(3 Day Trip)

*There are no washers or dryers at the Lodge, however hanging lines are present for drying if needed.

- 2-3 pairs of wool socks for hiking
- 1-3 pairs of hiking pants
- rain pants
- synthetic long underwear
- 2-4 pairs of underwear (preferably synthetic)
- hiking boots (preferably waterproof/resistant)
- comfortable camp shoes and/or extra pair of tennis shoes
- sleep ware
- synthetic short sleeve and/or long sleeve tops
- sun shirt
- fleece jacket
- coat or down/puffy jacket
- rain jacket
- wind breaker
- swimsuit
- sun hat
- warm beanie
- gloves
- trekking poles/walking stick

Optional: Gaiters (helps protect against cactus), sock liners

- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine products...)
- Contact solution with case, glasses (if applicable)
- Personal medication
- **Life saving medication is required** i.e. inhalers, albuterol, epi pens

*make sure prescription is not expired and is full

- sunscreen
- insect repellent
- binoculars
- camera
- at least 2-2L water bottles and/or camelback
- day pack
- personal snacks/drinks
- passport(if you decide to visit Mexico)

Optional: personal pillow, books, watch

Overnight Backpacking Pack List (if applicable)

*in addition to a portion of the materials above

- long underwear
- fleece pants
- wool or fleece long sleeve
- 50L or more backpacking pack
- sleeping bag <20 degree bag preferred
- sleeping pad (inflatable or foam)
- tent with rain fly
- headlamp

optional: fleece liner for sleeping bag, extra layers