

## ***Missions and Margaritas***

Wednesday, April 30, 12:00 –5:00 PM

Guests will board the deluxe motor coach and begin their drive down the mission trail. First stop will be ***Mission San José***. Viewed as the model among the Texas missions, San José gained a reputation as a major social and cultural center. Founded in 1720, the mission was named for Saint Joseph and the Marqués de San Miguel de Aguayo, the governor of the Province of Coahuila and Texas at the time. It was built on the banks of the San Antonio River several miles to the south of the earlier mission, San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo). The carvings on the church are notable features. The famous "Rose Window" is considered one of the finest pieces of Spanish Colonial ornamentation in the country. San Jose became known as the "***Queen of the Missions***." Its imposing bastions, granary, and magnificent church was



complex of stone walls, completed in 1782.

Continuing on we will see ***Mission Conception***. Originally founded in 1716 in what is now eastern Texas, the mission was one of six developed by Franciscans to serve as a buffer against the threat of French incursion into Spanish territory from Louisiana. After a tenuous existence and several moves, the mission was transferred to its present site in 1731. This handsome stone church was dedicated in 1755, and appears very much as it did over two centuries ago. It remains the least restored of the colonial structures within the Park. In its heyday, colorful geometric designs covered its surface, but the patterns have long since faded or been worn away.



Then it's off to "***The Alamo***" The most famous spot in Texas where 189 defenders fell on March 6, 1836, after repeated attacks by Mexican General Santa Anna's army. Located in the Heart of San Antonio, Mission San Antonio de Valero (***The Alamo***) was established in 1718 as the city's first mission and is widely recognized as a symbol of heroic courage in the struggle against oppression.

The last stop of the afternoon is "***Tortilla 101***" (cooking class with Blanca) in the Historic Sunset Station. Guests will learn how to make the perfect enchilada and the perfect margarita! Guests will be served Enchilada Verdes, Tex-Mex enchilada, Rice Borracho Beans, Salsa, Tostados and Tres Leches dessert along the perfect Margarita. Each guest will leave with souvenir recipe cards and the new found knowledge of the Perfect Margarita and Enchilada!