

Hello Cruisers!

I am pleased to report that at this time, the cruise is still ON.

Tom Green county, of which San Angelo is the county seat, as of Monday, has only had 84 cases of Covid-19, with ONE fatality. San Angelo, proper is a little over 100,000 population. With a few slight modifications to our routine, we shouldn't have any issues.

Yesterday, cruiser co-chairperson David Gill and Pat, along with Ann and myself, ran the route, checking for spots along the way for spots along the way that can handle pit stops. It's a 225 mile drive from the CubeSmart parking lot in Benbrook to the area of San Angelo where the motels are, so if we start out with a full tank of fuel, the only thing we'll need to stop for is "pitstops."

San Angelo is pretty much back to normal. Fort Concho is offering self-guided tours, and by the end of next month, may be offering guided tours. Either way, it's open for tours. <https://fortconcho.com> We took a short stroll through Eggemeyer's. It's completely open for business. https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g56609-d7679413-Reviews-Eggemeyer_s_General_Store-San_Angelo_Texas.html I didn't want to recommend eating at the Western Sky Steakhouse, without trying it to see if it is still as good as it was, so we had a late lunch there yesterday. The answer is YES, it's still great after all these years. David, Pat and myself shared KC For 2 (it was 32 ounces). After eating all we wanted, I brought at least 1/3 of it home (in the ice chest I took with us, in anticipation). Ann ordered a SMALL Chicken Fried Steak, and didn't eat it all. They will have NO PROBLEM seating us, with the only restriction, as of now, having 6 people per table. <http://www.westernskysteakhouse.org/index.php> I recommend the Saturday dinner meal at Western Sky Steakhouse.

For the Friday evening meal, I recommend Miss Hattie's Restaurant and Cathouse Lounge. It has a unique atmosphere and great food. Ann's 25th high school reunion dinner was held there. They will have no problem seating us, again with 6 people per table... at this time. <http://www.misshattiesrestaurant.com> Currently, Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum is NOT giving tours. However, they should be giving tours by the time of our cruise. If they aren't, I was told they could open, just for our group. The only possible restriction is that they may require masks because of the "close proximity" in the actual museum. <http://misshatties.com> The Railway and Heritage Museum is open. They would love to see us come visit with them. https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g56609-d8326425-Reviews-Railway_and_Heritage_Museum_of_San_Angelo-San_Angelo_Texas.html . There are 14 historic murals on various buildings in the downtown area, many painted by local Cleburne artist Styfle Read. This will be an "on your own" attraction. I will try to have a map for you of all the locations. <https://www.historicmuralsofsanangelo.org/index.html> I am still evaluation possible places to go and things to see while we're there.

Now, what I need from you. I need for each of you receiving this email, to reply to me and let me know whether you are still going **or not**, for three reasons. Number one, I need to have a close number for museums and restaurants, so they will know how many to expect. Number two, I need to know how many rooms we will need. If there are any cars that require two rooms, I need to know that, too. Third, depending on how many (if any) drop out, I'm going to open it back up to the membership, so if anyone's situation has changed they can still attend.

I hope to hear from all of you very soon.

Thanks for your assistance,
Norman