

#1 Wed. & Thur. Mobile Workshop Orientation Tour – *Discover El Paso (Bus Tour)*

Wed., 2:00 pm or Thur. 2:00 pm Capacity: 45 Ticket: \$60



Be one of the first to sign-up for our Orientation Tour of beautiful El Paso (**choose Wednesday or Thursday afternoon**). El Paso was one of the first cities in Texas and the U.S. to adopt a comprehensive plan! In 1925, the El Paso City Council adopted *The City Plan of El Paso, Texas*, which became the blueprint for urban planning in El Paso for most of the last century. Join us on an orientation tour that builds off the plan to help you get to know El Paso and its history. First, you will see the City's earliest neighborhoods, including the historic Sunset Heights Neighborhood overlooking Downtown, the tree-lined Rim Area Neighborhood, and Kern Place Neighborhood with its irregular street grid and parks nestled in hills adjacent to the Franklin Mountains. El Paso is known for its spectacular views of sunsets, mountains, and the Rio Grande Valley. Learn about the history of three states and two nations as we travel along Rim Road and Scenic Drive and stop at several scenic overlooks in the Franklin Mountains. Learn about how El Paso's first comprehensive plan promoted a diverse park system, streetcar system, and street grid with narrow roads and boulevards. Our tour will conclude with visits to McKelligon Canyon Park and Memorial Park as highlighted in the 1925 comprehensive plan to promote preservation of El Paso's Chihuahuan Desert ecosystem. Finally, learn about El Paso's contributions to Texas, including being home to the state's longest continuously active public library system and oldest continuously cultivated land, being the first city to host a meeting between the presidents of US and Mexico, and having the first Texas university to win an NCAA Men's College Basketball Championship in 1966.

#2 Mobile Workshop – *Montecillo SmartCode Tour (Bus & Walking Tour)*

Thur. 9:00 am Capacity: 45 Ticket: \$60



Join us on a tour of El Paso's first SmartCode community featuring masterfully envisioned urban planning and design. Montecillo offers inspired city living with a mix of residential, retail, and office uses in a compact plan that promotes walking and bicycling with narrow streets and beautiful public spaces. Learn about the process in developing and implementing El Paso's SmartCode zone and how it led to numerous SmartCode developments in El Paso that promote apartments, townhomes, dining, shopping, and entertainment. Our tour will include discussion of residential housing types, street design, entertainment districts promoting shopping and gathering, and planned future amenities, such as a water park and hotel. Learn about the opportunities and challenges of implementing form-based codes that promote walkable neighborhoods and placemaking in Texas.

#3 Mobile Workshop – Union Plaza Entertainment District (Walking Tour)

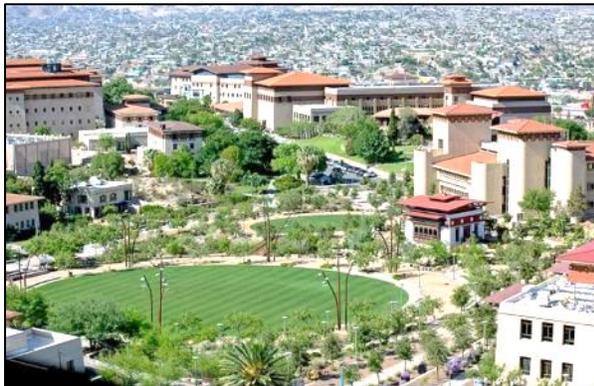
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Practice with a purpose! Play with a passion! Join us a walking tour of Union Plaza Entertainment District, which features Southwest University Park and the historic Union Depot. Named “Best New Ballpark” in 2014 by Baseball Digest and awarded “Best View in the Minors” by Minor League Fans in 2018, Southwest University Park showcases El Paso’s rich railroad history and famed baseball legacy dating back to the 1880s and 1890s. It is home to El Paso’s Chihuahuas baseball team, one of 30 Triple-A teams in the nation, and the El Paso Locomotive FC, one of 27 United Soccer League teams in the U.S. Our tour will continue to the Union Plaza Entertainment District, comprised of historic warehouses, businesses, apartments, and nightlife. Alleys have been activated with street amenities to provide connectivity within this historic, mixed-use district. We will also visit Union Depot, which opened in 1906 and served as a strategic railroad hub for trans-continental trains between California, Texas, the Southwest, and Mexico. The station was designed by Daniel Burnham, who served as architect for Union Station in Washington, D.C. Today, Union Depot is home to Amtrak’s Texas Eagle and Sunset Limited routes and the Texas Tech University College of Architecture in El Paso.

#4 Mobile Workshop – UTEP Campus Transformation (Trolley & Walking Tour)

Fri. 9:00 am Capacity: 40 Ticket: \$60



Hop on a trolley with us for a tour of University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), the second oldest academic institution in the University of Texas System. UTEP is nestled along the hillsides between the Franklin Mountains and Rio Grande and is only university in the U.S. whose distinctive architecture is derived from Bhutan’s breathtaking craftsmanship and El Paso’s unique architectural legacy. For decades, asphalt parking lots occupied much of the land spanning UTEP’s academic buildings, with a constant flow of vehicles. That changed in 2015 following an award-winning plan that transformed the campus from an automobile dominant environment into a community landscape. The campus now supports walking, bicycling, and mass transit while promoting native trees and vegetation of the Chihuahuan desert. The crown jewel of the Campus Transformation Project is the 11-acre Centennial Plaza, which is one of the largest outdoor spaces in the Southwest promoting interaction between students, professors, staff, and the community. Our tour will include the Lhakhang, a gift from the people of Bhutan to the U.S. The building showcases Bhutanese artistry with intricate murals and figures that help tell the story of the history of Bhutan.

