

## Houston Historical Tours

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### Step-on Tour Guide Prices Based on Starting in Downtown Houston

A step-on tour guide is a person who steps on or enters the vehicle that you are providing for transportation along with a driver to conduct the tour. A step-on guide is cheaper than when one has to provide transportation, also. Many Harris County senior groups use step-on guides with the free Harris County precinct buses. Many houses of worship, retirement and community centers, and groups arriving from other cities and states have their own buses or vans. Remember to reserve one seat at the front of the bus for the tour guide. The tour guide needs to be able to give directions to the driver and have access to the microphone at the front of the van or bus.

Groups should provide their own speaker system to project the voice of the step-on guide. Under no circumstance should one expect a guide to spend the tour standing in the middle of a bus, holding onto chairs or overhead storage areas, rocking side-to-side, and yelling narratives for hours to the passengers. The tour guide should not be hoarse or in pain at the end of the tour. If you expect a guide to provide a public address system, an additional fee of \$10.00 to \$20.00 + sales tax per day will be added.

People frequently call us to create, customize, or plan their tour as well as to be the tour guide so remember you are paying for more than the hours of service from the guide. You also want a tour planner. Planning a unique tour usually takes 1 to 2 times longer than the tour itself. The price for planning a tour is at a rate of \$50.00 + sales tax per hour. Thus, a 4-hour tour would take between 4 and 8 hours to design, type, coordinate, and practice. The total for the planning of such a tour would be between \$200.00 and \$400.00 + sales tax.

Some tours have additional expenses for lunch, admissions, or donations. You may pay these directly to us or to the institutions that we visit.

#	Hours	Base	+ 15% Gratuity	Subtotal	+ 8.25% Sales Tax on the Base Amount	Total
1.	0.1 to 1.0	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$115.00	\$8.25	\$123.25
2.	1.1 to 2.0	\$200.00	\$30.00	\$230.00	\$16.50	\$246.50
3.	2.1 to 3.0	\$240.00	\$36.00	\$276.00	\$19.80	\$295.80
4.	3.1 to 4.0	\$280.00	\$42.00	\$322.00	\$23.10	\$345.10
5.	4.1 to 5.0	\$320.00	\$48.00	\$368.00	\$26.40	\$394.40
6.	5.1 to 6.0	\$360.00	\$54.00	\$414.00	\$29.70	\$443.70
7.	6.1 to 7.0	\$400.00	\$60.00	\$460.00	\$33.00	\$493.00
8.	7.1 to 8.0	\$440.00	\$66.00	\$506.00	\$36.30	\$542.30
9.	8.1 to 9.0	\$480.00	\$72.00	\$552.00	\$39.60	\$591.60
10.	9.1 to 10.0	\$520.00	\$78.00	\$598.00	\$42.90	\$640.90
11.	10.1 to 11.0	\$560.00	\$84.00	\$644.00	\$46.20	\$690.20
12.	11.1 to 12.0	\$600.00	\$90.00	\$690.00	\$49.50	\$739.50
13.	12.1 to 13.0	\$640.00	\$96.00	\$736.00	\$52.80	\$788.80
14.	13.1 to 14.0	\$680.00	\$102.00	\$782.00	\$56.10	\$838.10
15.	14.1 to 15.0	\$720.00	\$108.00	\$828.00	\$59.40	\$887.40
16.	15.1 to 16.0	\$760.00	\$114.00	\$874.00	\$62.70	\$936.70
17.	16.1 to 17.0	\$800.00	\$120.00	\$920.00	\$66.00	\$986.00