

Set out on a fascinating journey through the desert of West Texas for an unforgettable stay in Marfa. Immerse yourself in the landscapes that inspired hundreds of brilliant sculptures and installations and learn more about the vibrant artistic community built by Donald Judd and his minimalist contemporaries. Wake up to beautiful sunrises and take in the dramatic sunsets as you explore the region. Compliment your adventures through the desert with a stay in Houston, Texas, a city with a wealth of Modern and Contemporary artwork and see fascinating works by artists such as Dan Flavin, Mark Rothko, and Cy Twombly. Join us for an enriching voyage to see remarkable contributions made by some of America's greatest artists.

## Itinerary Overview\*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019**

### Arrivals

Fly to Midland airport, take a private group transfer to Marfa, and enjoy an enchanting welcome dinner.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019**

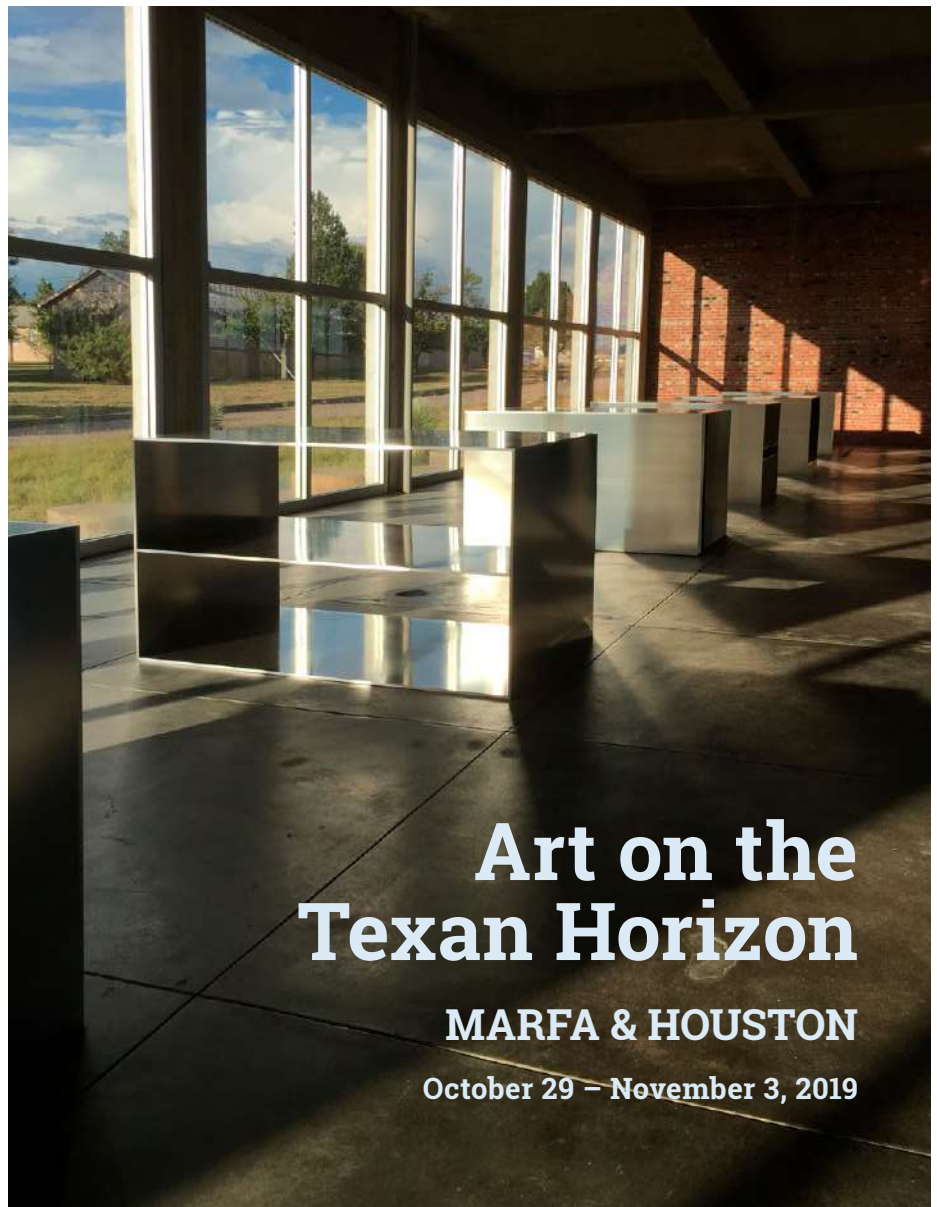
### An Insider's Marfa

Begin the day at Donald Judd's compound, which houses a collection of his works, follow a guided tour in downtown Marfa to learn more about the man who became this great figure of American Minimalism, and visit vibrant and eclectic local galleries.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019**

### Conversations with Nature

Take a scenic drive to the Chihuahuan Nature Center, enjoy breathtaking views of the mountains and rock formations of the area, walk through the Botanical Gardens, and have a lovely outdoor picnic in a beautiful setting. This afternoon, return to Marfa for a guided tour of the Chinati Foundation, including Donald



# Art on the Texan Horizon

**MARFA & HOUSTON**

October 29 – November 3, 2019



Judd's series of aluminum sculptures, Dan Flavin's light installations, and Robert Irwin's *From Dawn to Dusk* sunset experience.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

## Prada Marfa & Skyspace Houston

This morning, watch the sun as it rises over Prada Marfa, the infamous sculpture by the European duo Elmgreen and Dragset. Take in beautiful views of the desert en route to the El Paso airport for a short flight to Houston. View James Turrell's "Twilight Epiphany" Skyspace light sequence at sunset.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

## Splendors of Houston's Museums

Visit the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston beginning with a private tour of Bayou Bend, a beautiful home containing one of the largest collections of American decorative art, before heading to the main campus to discover the museum's Modern art and design collections. See the Menil Collection, another illustrious museum, renowned for its Surrealist works. Begin with a guided tour through highlights of the Modern art collection before heading to the Cy Twombly Gallery to see the artist's permanent installation created for the museum. Then, revive the spirit of Marfa and admire Dan Flavin's final installation at Richmond Hall. Step inside the Rothko Chapel, a nondenominational sanctuary and meditative space commissioned by John and Dominique de Menil to hold paintings by the artist.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

## Departures

Spend the morning visiting private homes of Houston collectors who have scoured the globe for unique pieces. In the early afternoon, travel to the Houston airport for independent return flights.

*\*NOTE: Itinerary details are subject to change.*

TOUR COST:

Land Package ..... \$3,895  
Single Supplement ..... \$795

## Special Experiences

Meet the owner of a local artist studio in Marfa.

Tour the unparalleled Chinati Foundation, the great minimalist playground of Donald Judd and his contemporaries.

Marvel at James Turrell's "Twilight Epiphany" Skyspace and contemporary masterpieces of some of America's greatest artists.

Gain access to private art collections in Houston.

See the incredible Prada Marfa installation during a sunrise over the expansive landscape.



## PRE-REGISTRATION for VMFA Marfa & Houston

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