

KRAFT & KLASSE
GRAND TOURING

THE BRONC

HIGHWAY 16 • KERRVILLE TO BANDERA

START / FINISH Fredericksburg, Texas	DISTANCE Approx. 115-125 miles	ALLOW About 5-6 hours with stops
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A Hill Country loop built around one of the region's most entertaining stretches of pavement: Texas Highway 16 between Kerrville and Bandera. The route pairs elevation changes and tight bends with cowboy history, the Guadalupe River and a traditional Bandera lunch.

01 FREDERICKSBURG → KERRVILLE TX-16 SOUTH | ~24 MI | ~30 MIN

Leave Fredericksburg on **TX-16 South** and stay on Highway 16 to Kerrville. The road drops from the Fredericksburg plateau toward the Guadalupe River valley. Treat this section as the warm-up before the more technical road south of Kerrville.

02 KERRVILLE / GUADALUPE RIVER TX-16 THROUGH KERRVILLE | OPTIONAL 10-15 MIN STOP

Continue through Kerrville on TX-16. If time allows, pause near the **Guadalupe River**. Kerrville is the transition point: once you leave town, Highway 16 quickly becomes narrower, hillier and considerably more engaging.

NOW THE BRONC BEGINS

Stay on TX-16 South from Kerrville toward Bandera. This is the centerpiece of the drive.

03 RIDE THE BRONC TX-16 SOUTH • KERRVILLE → BANDERA | ~25 MI

South of Kerrville, Highway 16 climbs and falls through rugged limestone country. Expect blind crests, decreasing-radius corners, elevation changes and sequences of bends that arrive quickly. **Drive smoothly, look well through each corner and leave yourself margin.** This road rewards rhythm and precision more than speed.

04 HILL COUNTRY PHOTO CHECKPOINT TX-16 SOUTH | SAFE ROADSIDE PULLOUT ONLY

Where a legal, fully paved pullout provides adequate visibility, take a short photo stop with the limestone hills as the backdrop. Never stop on the shoulder of a blind curve or crest.

BANDERA & THE RETURN

COWBOY COUNTRY • MEDINA RIVER • THE LONG WAY HOME

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BANDERA: COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

DOWNTOWN BANDERA

Highway 16 delivers you directly into Bandera. Pass through downtown and the historic courthouse area. The bronze National Rodeo Champions monument on the courthouse lawn makes a fitting first stop.

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LUNCH: OLD SPANISH TRAIL RESTAURANT

311 MAIN ST, BANDERA | SUGGESTED STOP: 60-75 MIN

Stop for lunch at **O.S.T. Restaurant**. Serving Bandera since 1921, it is the oldest continuously operated restaurant in Bandera County. Look for the John Wayne Room, western memorabilia and saddle bar. Chicken-fried steak and Tex-Mex are house specialties.

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EXPLORE BANDERA

FRONTIER TIMES MUSEUM • MEDINA RIVER | OPTIONAL 30-60 MIN

Choose a little extra Bandera time after lunch. The **Frontier Times Museum** at 510 13th St preserves frontier and cowboy history and is normally open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Or visit **Bandera City Park** at 1102 Maple St for a Medina River photo stop. Weekend and holiday park admission may apply.

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RETURN TO FREDERICKSBURG

TX-173 NORTH → COMFORT → US-87 NORTH

Leave Bandera on **TX-173 North** toward Comfort rather than retracing the Bronc. From Comfort, take **US-87 North** to Fredericksburg. This creates a true loop and gives the final leg a relaxed grand-touring character after the technical Highway 16 section.

ROUTE AT A GLANCE

FREDERICKSBURG	TX-16 S	KERRVILLE
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BANDERA	LUNCH	O.S.T. RESTAURANT
BANDERA	OPTIONAL	MUSEUM / MEDINA RIVER
BANDERA	TX-173 N	COMFORT
COMFORT	US-87 N	FREDERICKSBURG



Begin with adequate fuel. Highway 16 south of Kerrville is narrow and technical in places. Expect motorcycles, cyclists, wildlife and slower local traffic. Use extra caution after rain.

BEFORE YOU GO

Stay within your lane, respect posted limits and local residents, and allow faster traffic to pass when safe. Smooth inputs and good sight-line discipline make The Bronc far more rewarding than outright speed.

GRAND TOURING ETIQUETTE

Scan the QR code to open the principal route stops in Google Maps. Always follow current road signs, closures and conditions.