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JFK TRIBUTE

On November 9, 2012 Fort Worth unveiled a tribute for President John F. Kennedy in downtown's **General Worth Square** to commemorate Fort Worth's place in history and President Kennedy's last speech. President Kennedy spent the final night of his presidency in Fort Worth at the Hotel Texas after giving a speech to the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. The tribute includes an eight-foot bronze sculpture as well as visuals and audio recordings.

The **JFK Tribute** in Fort Worth tells the story of the first half of November 22, 1963 and in the telling, resurrects the President's themes that captured the spirit of his time. Located at the southeast corner of Main and 8th Streets, in downtown's **General Worth Square**, the JFK Tribute is sited approximately where President Kennedy delivered his outdoor address. John F. Kennedy, the eight-foot bronze sculpture, was created for Fort Worth by Texas sculptor Lawrence Ludtke, N.S.S. and R.A.S., in 2001, cast in bronze in 2009 and was installed in November 2012.

Hotel Texas: An Art Exhibition for the President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy

Presently known as the **Hilton Fort Worth**, Hotel Texas is where President Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy spent their last night together. In preparation for the President and first lady's arrival, a group of prominent Fort Worth residents united to convert an otherwise plain hotel room into an extraordinary experience.

Suite 850 in the Hotel Texas was transformed into a top-notch art gallery adorned with an exceptional array of world-class artwork, creating the ultimate private art show. The organizing group of Fort Worthians turned to museums and private collections to assemble twelve paintings and four sculptures including Thomas Eakins' oil painting "Swimming," Pablo Picasso's bronze "Angry Owl" and Vincent van Gogh's oil painting "Road with Peasant Shouldering a Spade." The works on display for the President and first lady were not only a snapshot of art tastes in 1963, but also a representation of the cultural riches that were in Fort Worth at the time.

At least 14-16 of the works that dressed Suite 850 in Hotel Texas will be on display at the **Amon Carter Museum of American Art** in Fort Worth from **October 12, 2013 to January 12, 2014** in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of JFK's death. The exhibit will also feature photographs, videos and archival materials including images of the suite prior to the couple's arrival.

In JFK's Footsteps: Fort Worth to Dallas Itinerary

Explore the tributes, museums and landmarks that commemorate the life and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

- ◆ Stay overnight in downtown **Fort Worth** at the **Hilton Hotel** (formerly Hotel Texas) where JFK and the first lady spent their last night together.
- ◆ Browse the displays in the **Hilton Hotel** that detail JFK's visit to **Fort Worth**.
- ◆ Admire the **JFK Tribute** in **General Worth Square**, including an 8-foot bronze statue, visuals and internet based teaching guides.
- ◆ Hop aboard the **TRE (Trinity Railway Express)** the commuter train that connects Fort Worth to Dallas.
- ◆ In downtown Dallas, see the **Grassy Knoll** and visit the **Texas School Book Depository** and **Sixth Floor Museum**, all in **Dealey Plaza**.
- ◆ Catch the **TRE** back to **Fort Worth**.
- ◆ Enjoy museums, shopping, dining and nightlife in dazzling downtown **Fort Worth's Sundance Square**. See a show at **Bass Performance Hall**, **Four Day Weekend** or sip on a nightcap at **Scat Jazz Lounge** — all within walking distance of the **Hilton Hotel**.



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