



DAY TRIP TO PRAHA

From Flatonia · Fayette County, Texas



FARM AND RANCH



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LIVING COMMUNITY

A small community around an active parish church that welcomes visitors Monday to Saturday.

Praha is minutes from Flatonia and is one of the painted churches around Schulenburg. Visit on your own any weekday, or book a guided tour with the Schulenburg Chamber to see several churches in a day.

A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 9:30 a.m. Leave Flatonia on US 90 east, about seven minutes.
- ☐ 10 a.m. Inside St. Mary's. Take time with the painted ceiling, then walk the cemetery.
- ☐ 11 a.m. Drive on to the other painted churches around Schulenburg, or join a chamber tour.
- ☐ Afternoon Lunch in Schulenburg or Flatonia.

From Houston, allow about two hours each way. Leave by 7:30 a.m. to arrive mid-morning.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The painted ceiling.** Flury's vaults are the shot. A wide lens from the back of the nave takes in the whole ceiling.
- **The front walk.** The lamp-lined walk leads to the stone front and spire. The front faces south, so it is lit for much of the day.
- **The welcome sign.** The sign greets visitors partly in Czech.
- **During services.** Don't photograph during Mass.



USGS topographic map, 1901 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	4 mi, about 7 min each way from downtown Flatonia. From Houston: 107 mi, about 2 h 01 min.
OPEN	Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Praha closes at 3 p.m. on Saturdays. No tours on Sundays.
ADMISSION	The chamber lists no fee for visiting on your own. Guided tours start at \$18 a person plus a \$40 guide fee for one or two churches.
SELF-GUIDED	Groups of up to six can visit the churches on their own.
GUIDED TOURS	Book through the Schulenburg Chamber, 979-743-4514. Tours meet at 618 N. Main St., Schulenburg.
INSIDE	St. Mary's is an active parish. Keep voices down and stay out of the sanctuary during any service.
FOOD	None at the church. Eat in Flatonia or Schulenburg.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 29.66833, -97.06722 · 29°40'06"N
97°04'02"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/texas/praha/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.