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## Dallas Arts and Architecture Global Journey May 15 – 22, 2018

- This Journey will be held during the Dallas Symphony Orchestra-led 4th annual Soluna International Music & Arts Festival - a European-style collaborative festival involving multiple arts organisations. More information about the 2017 festival can be found at <https://www.mydso.com/soluna>
- Much of the festival is focused in the Dallas Arts District which, at 68 acres, is the largest contiguous arts district in the USA [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arts\\_District,\\_Dallas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arts_District,_Dallas)
- A study by the non-profit organisation, Business Council for the Arts, found there has been a dramatic growth in the arts and culture industry in North Texas [https://www.dallasnews.com/arts/arts/2017/06/28/new-national-study-says-north-texas-now-third-largest-arts-economy-nation?utm\\_campaign=Echobox&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook#link\\_time=1498701970](https://www.dallasnews.com/arts/arts/2017/06/28/new-national-study-says-north-texas-now-third-largest-arts-economy-nation?utm_campaign=Echobox&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#link_time=1498701970)

- Six different Pritzker Prize-winning architects have designed buildings in Dallas and the Arts District. Plans for this Journey include expert-led tours of the Arts District, downtown Dallas and the art deco State Fairgrounds, docent-led tours of art museums to include the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth and performances of music, plays and dance.

- To show the ethnic diversity of this city, we plan to include meals at various ethnic restaurants.



*The Pritzker Prize is considered architecture's equivalent to the Nobel Prize. Dallas actually has the best architecture per square mile of any American city. The argument rests on density. The arts district of this Texas metropolis boasts designs by six Pritzker Prize winners:*

*I.M. Pei - Meyerson Symphony Center, Fountain Place and Dallas City Hall*  
*Rem Koolhaas - Wyly Theatre*  
*Renzo Piano - Nasher Sculpture Center*  
*Norman Foster - Winspear Opera House*  
*Philip Johnson - Thanks-Giving Square*  
*Thom Mayne - Perot Museum of Nature and Science*

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- At present, the total approximate cost for the week is \$850 including FFI fees.
- Ambassadors should speak English, be able to walk up to two miles and stand for museum visits and tours.
- Home hosting will be provided by members of Friendship Force Dallas and the customary welcome and farewell parties will be included. We plan, also, to hold small group dinners in member homes to give us a chance to mingle with each other in an intimate setting.
- Average temperatures in Dallas in May are 65 - 84 F or 29 - 19 C.