



# TRAVEL TEXAS™

## TEXAS ROUND-UP

Texas offers an amazing variety of landscapes, cultures and adventures across seven regions. Enjoy beautiful Hill Country scenery, beaches along the Gulf Coast, the forests of the Piney Woods, open prairies on the Panhandle Plains, cities of the Prairies and Lakes region and the stunning landscapes of the Big Bend Region. Texas truly offers a unique experience for all.

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## TOURISM SERVICES OFFERED

Texas Travel Guides  
Itinerary Planning Assistance  
Maps

Texas Image Database available at:

<https://travel.texas.gov/media-press/image-logo-footage/>

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## CLIMATE

Texas is a large and diverse state, the climate conditions can vary from one end to the other. Its terrain includes arid desert mountains, high plains, limestone hills, rich farmland, grasslands, marshes and deep forest. The state enjoys generally mild winters, though snow and ice can occur in the Panhandle. The summers are generally warm. In July, the average daytime high statewide is almost 96 degrees. Average annual rainfall varies from less than 9 inches in far West Texas to about 58 inches in parts of East Texas.

## TRANSPORTATION

The Texas Department of Transportation operates 12 travel information centers for the convenience of the traveling public. Professional travel counselors welcome visitors and provide a wealth of information and suggestions to make every Texas trip safe and pleasant.

The centers are open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily and from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. All centers are closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

For 24-hour highway condition information, call 1-800-452-9292 or visit [www.DriveTexas.org](http://www.DriveTexas.org).

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## ATTRACTIONS

Alamo  
 River Walk/Paseo del Rio  
 San Marcos Outlet Malls  
 Six Flags Over Texas  
 State Capitol  
 South Padre Island  
 Moody Gardens  
 Space Center Houston  
 Texas State Aquarium  
 Six Flags Fiesta Texas  
 San Antonio Zoo

Fort Worth Zoo  
 Fort Worth Stockyards  
 Big Bend National Park  
 Schlitterbahn  
 Morgan's Wonderland  
 SeaWorld of Texas  
 Palo Duro Canyon  
 Texas Motor Speedway  
 Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier  
 George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum



## Texas Travel Information Centers

**A**LL OF THE TEXAS TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS feature Texas photo ops and beautiful, park-like grounds, making them a great spot for a picnic or a rest stop. Clean, accessible restrooms; professional travel planning assistance; current road conditions information; and ample parking are available.



★ **AMARILLO**—With a design inspired by the region's ranches and canyons, this center features life-size longhorn sculptures. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **ANTHONY**—A jewel in the desert, this Southwest-themed center provides a welcome break from the road as you enter Texas from New Mexico. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **AUSTIN**—Located in the majestic 1857 General Land Office building on the Texas Capitol Grounds, this center offers historical and educational exhibits for all ages.

★ **DENISON**—This blackland prairie beauty features a handsome 27-foot Texas star. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **GAINESVILLE**—A monument to WWII heroes resides on the rolling grounds of this beautiful center. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **LANGTRY**—Experience Old West History at Judge Roy Bean's original Opera House and Jersey Lilly Saloon. Walking trails lead through a cactus garden centered around a working 1900 windmill.

★ **LAREDO**—Evoking the grace of an old Spanish mission, this center nestles among tropical ponds and fountains. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **ORANGE**—From a 400-foot boardwalk over the Blue Elbow Swamp, visitors can spot fish, turtles, and even the occasional alligator! Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **TEXARKANA**—Pine and cypress trees shade the extensive grounds of this center, whose interior is bathed in natural light. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **VALLEY**—Centrally located in Harlingen, this center serves as a gateway to the Rio Grande Valley. Fountains and palm trees provide a tropical setting for the handsome tiled building.

★ **WASKOM**—Deep in the Texas Piney Woods, this center features modern architecture with a spacious, airy feel. Restrooms are available 24 hours.

★ **WICHITA FALLS**—This cozy center offers access to the city's extensive hike-and-bike trail system, making it an ideal spot for stretching your legs after a long drive.

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# THE GRAND TEXAS TRAIL

## HOUSTON

### DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS:

Experience the best of Texas' largest city with Houston CityPass, the easiest way to see Houston's top eight attractions for one low price. Journey into space at the world famous **Space Center Houston**.

Be amazed in the Houston Museum District - start with the **Houston Museum of Natural Science** & experience the world's finest collection of gems, minerals & dinosaur fossils or visit the **Children's Museum of Houston**, the most visited Children's Museum in the U.S.!!

### DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Experience a century of pioneer living at the **George Ranch Historical Park**. Fill the afternoon with shopping at Houston's premier shopping mall, **The Galleria**, and shop to your heart's content!

End the day with a look at Houston's dramatic Downtown skyline with an underwater dining experience at the **Downtown Aquarium**.

## GALVESTON

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Galveston** offers 32 miles of relaxing beaches, superb restaurants, top resort hotels, marvelous downtown shopping, numerous antique stores, incredible art galleries, fabulous entertainment and one of the largest and well-preserved concentrations of Victorian architecture in the country.

Recommended attractions include: **The Broadway Beauties**: 1859 Ashton Villa, 1892 Bishop's Palace, 1895 Moody Mansion which portray early 20th century family life among Galveston's elite; **The Grand 1894 Opera House** ranked among the nation's finest historical theaters; the **Texas Seaport Museum & 1877 Tall Ship Elissa** highlighting the history of the **Port of Galveston**; The Great Storm documentary detailing the 1900 hurricane which killed 6,000 and changed the Island's history; the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum; the Railroad Museum in the restored Union Depot; Harbor Tours offering dolphin watching; **Moody Gardens** featuring an aquarium pyramid, a 3-D theater, tropical rainforest pyramid, and a ride-film theater; and the year-round **Schlitterbahn Waterpark** - the first facility of its kind, and a wonderful family destination.







## SAN ANTONIO

### DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS:

Explore the **San Antonio River Walk** either with a leisurely stroll under the shade of grand cypress trees or aboard a narrated river boat tour.

A few steps away, visit **the Alamo**. Explore one of the five mission (Mission San Antonio de Valero, Mission San José, Mission Concepción, Mission San Juan and Mission Espada) which represent the largest concentration of Spanish colonial missions in North America and have been named a **World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**.

Shop the largest Mexican market north of the border—Market Square also known as **El Mercado**. Dine at **Mi Tierra Café** and get a taste of traditional Tex-Mex cuisine.

### DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Treat your rugged side to a taste of the Wild West with a day on an area dude ranch. Ride horseback through the beautiful Hill Country and fulfill your dreams of becoming a real cowboy.

In the evening, take a stroll along the **River Walk** and enjoy a variety of entertainment. Sit back and listen to the sounds of mariachis echoing across the city.

## AUSTIN

### DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS:

The “Live Music Capital of the World,” **Austin**, has inspired talents from the realms of country to jazz to pop. It’s a true amalgamation of the American music scene. With over 200 music venues in downtown Austin, we’re sure you’ll find just the right tune.

### DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Experience Austin with a guided city tour highlighting the history of this beautiful Texas city.

Explore Texas history at the **Texas State Capital** followed by a visit to the **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum**, interactive exhibits & a multi- sensory **Texas Spirits Theater** that brings the myths and legends of Texas to life.

Get ready for outdoor adventure; Austin offers the perfect environment for enjoying the best of nature and adventure. Bask in the Texas warmth at **Lady Bird Lake** as you enjoy a kayak, canoe or boat ride.







## AMARILLO

### DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS:

Start with an authentic cowboy breakfast at a guest ranch.

Shop for boots, tack and other Western wear at several outlets in town, from custom shops to large retailers.

Visit the **Panhandle Plains Historical Museum**, just 15 minutes south of **Amarillo**, with over 2 million artifacts.

### DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Explore **Palo Duro Canyon** with over 30,000 acres of trails, camp sites, wilderness and cabins on the rim with views second to none. On a summer evening enjoy a steak dinner before a performance of the renowned outdoor musical drama "TEXAS."

Don't miss the collection of Indian artifacts and dance performances at the **Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian**.

Get your kicks along Historic **Route 66**. Amarillo is the only major Texas city on the "Mother Road."

## FORT WORTH

### DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS:

Walking tour of downtown and **Sundance Square**, visit **Fire Station #1** with 150 years of **Fort Worth** history, and visit nearby **Sid Richardson Museum of Western Art**.

Explore the **Amon Carter Museum** featuring American art and the **National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame** in the **Cultural District**.

Visit the **Chisholm Trail Mural** followed by some legendary western cuisine.

### DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Celebrate the American West when you visit the **Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District**; 125-acres and 15 square blocks of western tradition

See the world's only twice daily longhorn cattle drive and meet the Drivers of the Fort Worth Herd.

Shop for authentic cowboy gear and dance the night away at **Billy Bob's Texas**, the largest Honky Tonk in the World!





# DALLAS

## DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS:

Begin your day enjoying some fresh air at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden as you stroll through 66 acres of the beautiful grounds. Visit the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Shop in the West Village, an outdoor shopping area with The Rustic, a live music venue, restaurant and bar, just steps away.

Enjoy authentic BBQ at legendary Pecan Lodge and explore murals and art installations in Deep Ellum. Visit The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza to learn about the life and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. Visit Wild Bill's Western Store in the West End for souvenir shopping. Get a great view of Dallas from the Reunion Tower GeO-Deck. Enjoy an evening in Uptown at one of Dallas' legendary nightclubs along McKinney Avenue and Cedar Springs Road or cheer on the NBA Dallas Mavericks and NHL Dallas Stars at the American Airlines Center.

## DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS:

Start with breakfast at the Dallas Farmers Market and then stay to look for some fun treats and gifts to bring home. Venture into the Dallas Arts District and visit the Dallas Museum of Art and the Nasher Sculpture Center. Have lunch at Klyde Warren Park's iconic food trucks.

Explore the 11 exhibit halls at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science for hours of fun for kids and adults. Download the Margarita Mile app and taste your way through Dallas' best and most brazen margaritas across the city, from tableside creations at Beto & Son in Trinity Groves to the home of the frozen margarita machine at Mariano's Hacienda. Dine at notable restaurants by celebrity chefs before heading to a performance at the Wily Theatre, Winspear Opera House or Meyerson Symphony Center. Round off the day with live music at one of Deep Ellum's live music venues.



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