

Dallas



Rising from the Texas plains, embodying the energy and exuberance of its residents, the glittering steel and glass skyscrapers of Dallas speak of confidence and optimism in this bold, hard-working city. Yet there's more to Dallas than tall buildings, and the city knows how to unwind and refresh as well. From spring fields of vibrant purple Texas bluebonnets to tree-filled city parks, from an avid culture of sport to a lively music scene, the city offers a palette of engaging contrasts. The diversity of Dallasites' heritage adds nuance and richness to the cultural mix and throughout, the warm southwestern welcome makes visitors feel right at home.

Memorable Experiences

Sparkling Sights

Take in the city's dazzling skyline from the rooftop bar at The Joule Hotel.

Landmark Luxury

Browse exquisite goods at the original, flagship Neiman Marcus location.

Sweet Bites

Enjoy a fragrant Park County peach while exploring a Dallas Farmers Market.

Local Glory

Experience up-close action at a Dallas Mavericks home game.

Distinctive Details

The iconic Texas culinary tradition of barbeque is a culture all its own. Whether smoke-infused with hickory or mesquite, spicy hot, or touched with molasses, grilled meats always have a place at the table

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

Texas State Fair

Thrilling carnival rides on the fairway, nighttime parades, light shows and auto exhibits offer excitement, while agricultural, handcraft exhibits and classic fairground treats like funnel cakes and kettle corn provide sweeter attractions.

Destination Information

Country United States
State Texas
Elevation 430 feet
Population 1,240,499 (City) 6,145,037 (Region)
Language English



Area Code: 214
Country Code: 1



Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)

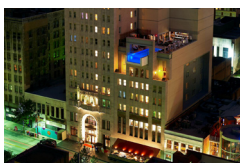


Transportation: Car, Taxi, Light Rail Train



US Dollar (USD)

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



The Joule

1530 Main Street
Dallas, Texas 75201
Phone: 214-748-1300



Culture

Bold architectural gestures dramatically punctuate city cultural institutions.

Highly Recommended



Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Housed within the Meyerson Symphony Center, an I.M. Pei masterpiece, Dallas' world-class symphony concerts resound within the sublime acoustics of the elegant and dramatic main performance space. Clad in rich African cherrywood, centered on the sculptural, statuesque concert organ, the hall is a magical enclosed world all its own. By contrast, the enveloping transparent outer spaces in which the glass-paned roof arcs out like the curve of a shell, dramatically framing the skyline, connects the center with the vibrant surrounding city.

Address: 2301 Flora Street
Phone: (214) 670-3600



Nasher Sculpture Center

Graced by live oaks and fountains, a stunning collection of work by such canonical artists as Auguste Rodin, Jean Arp, Alberto Giacometti, Jasper Johns and Donald Judd is sited in outdoor garden spaces and within innovative indoor galleries. Within a stone cube open to the sky, James Turrell's site-specific experiential piece Tending (Blue) showcases a vibrant interior colored light effects that juxtaposes strikingly with its natural surroundings.

Address: 2001 Flora Street
Phone: (214) 242-5100



Dallas Museum of Art

From the serene countenance of a third century Indian Buddha to the black and white ribbons of movement in Jackson Pollock's 1947 'Cathedral', the Dallas Museum of Art's collections are varied and comprehensive. Encompassing priceless works in contemporary, African, European, ancient Mediterranean, Asian, Pacific Island, and decorative arts, the renowned Museum combines an active curatorial mission with a progressive outreach into the community.

Address: 1717 N. Harwood Street
Phone: (214) 922-1200

Local Specialties



Meadows Museum

Brooding in ornate gilt frames, canvases in The Meadows Museum's collection of golden-age Spanish art are world-renowned, with dramatic paintings by Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco among the masterworks on display. Wave, a massive kinetic sculpture by contemporary Spanish artist and architect Santiago Calatrava, is the hallmark of the outdoor space, with scores of bronze-coated steel bars undulating above a black granite reflecting pool. The museum features further 20th century and contemporary sculpture, alongside an impressive body of work by regional Texan artists.

Address: 5900 Bishop Boulevard at Southern Methodist University
Phone: (214) 768-2516



Shopping

Storyed world-renowned names and modern design offer irresistible temptation.

Neighborhoods



Highland Park Village

Eggshell-smooth stucco walls, red tile roofs and clean 1930s lines create a pleasing visual rhythm in this National Historical Landmark development. Designed in a Mediterranean Spanish style, the shopping mecca was the first purpose-built shopping center in the United States and is ornamented with lush landscaping, brick walkways and ornate tilework. The locale boasts a superb mix of international names like D. Porthault, Escada and Chanel alongside such beloved local establishments as William Noble Rare Jewels and Avant Garden.

Address: Mockingbird Lane at Douglas Avenue

Phone: (214) 252-3063

Shops & Boutiques



VOD

Within the impeccably stocked racks and display tables of VOD, one finds a bracing mix of such established lines as APC., Luella, and Vanessa Bruno intermingling with such directional labels as Isabel Marant, threeasfour, and Jeremy Laing. Cultivating new talent is the declared passion of the trio of owners, and pieces found nowhere else in the city tempt here. As part of a dedicated customer service ethic, the boutique maintains a blog, keeping clients informed of new arrivals, upcoming-season previews and events.

Address: 2418 Victory Park Lane

Phone: (214) 754-0644



Forty Five Ten

Warm caramel walls and blond and-chestnut wood floors create an instantly comfortable, graceful mood, setting off sparkling glassware and creamy tableware. An exclusive, world-class selection of fashion, house wares, apothecary goods and jewelry fill the rooms of this legendary emporium, making Forty Five Ten the go-to source for fine design. The boutique's historic building features a sunny open-air courtyard cooled by the splashing waters of a sculptural fountain, which can be enjoyed at leisure from a table at T Room, a favored local destination for lunch.

Address: 4510 McKinley Avenue

Phone: (214) 559-4510



Haven

A glossy ebony vase in spiky sea-urchin form needs no flowers to complement its lines. A mahogany-colored bowl hand-lathed from burlwood embodies the essence of wabi-sabi, the concept of imperfect beauty. The exquisite pieces on offer at Haven are largely handmade and utterly unique, so that a piece on the showroom floor is the only one in existence. Owners John Bassignani and Jon Tutolo select furniture, art, textiles, glassware and tabletop objets that emphasize texture and color, and change seasonally.

Address: 3699 McKinney Avenue, Suite 305

Phone: (214) 954-1515



Cuisine

Southwestern traditions meet international influences in a culinary blend.

Acclaimed



Charlie Palmer at the Joule

Sleek textures and earthy woods cast a welcoming ambiance, reflecting the rugged yet sophisticated cuisine found, as classic American steakhouse dishes are given an updated approach. Caramelized scallops and crisp pork belly are touched with a cassis reduction and bison rib-eye steak is lightened with organic watercress salad. An emphasis on perfect wine pairings is further explored in the adjacent wine shop, Next Vintage. There, the restaurant's select wine list and advice from the master sommeliers is available for home enjoyment.

Address: The Joule
Phone: (214) 261-4600



Abacus

With the air of a sleek modern gentleman's club, the decor sets the mood at Abacus. The transcendent fusion cuisine of acclaimed chef Kent Rathbun draws on a lifetime of experience and purposeful travel researching flavors from all over the world. Pacific Rim, Creole, Southwestern and Mediterranean influences emerge in such dishes as butterscotch-miso glazed Kobe short ribs with shiitake mushroom and charred-scallion vinaigrette, or grilled king salmon accompanied with chipotle-ramp spoonbread and asparagus touched with verjus butter.

Address: 4511 McKinley Avenue
Phone: (214) 559-3111

Indigenous Flavors



Stephan Pyles

In the heart of the Dallas Arts District, a thoroughly Texan melding of contemporary and traditional textures provides a refined setting for master chef Stephan Pyle's modern spin on southwestern cooking. Bold, expansive flavors and aromas from South America, Spain, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean are drawn together with indigenous Texan traditions. Such perennial favorites as bone-in cowboy ribeye with red chili onion rings and mushroom ragout are complemented by a stellar assortment of refreshing ceviches, creative gazpachos and other mezze.

Address: 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 200
Phone: (214) 580-7000



La Duni Latin Cafe

Warm caramel and amber walls exemplify the welcoming approach at La Duni, embracing a Latin American tradition of hospitality. The fare, an artful blend of New and Old World flavors, brings an enticing journey to the table. Authentic favored plates include tacos de picanha, beef loin strips brightened with molcajete salsas, silky avocado, and cucumber-lime salad, and roasted pollo al ajibe, with champagne-citrus and pan juices. Creative cocktails bursting with fresh juices and justly famed pastry round out the meal.

Address: 4620 McKinney Avenue
Phone: (214) 520-7300



Noteworthy

A wealth of arts and thrilling sport and leisure suit the city's outside personality.

Adventure



Mesquite Championship Rodeo

A fiery bull explodes from the chute, twisting and bucking as a rider tries to hang on for eight crucial seconds. During the summer months of June through August, the cowboy traditions live on in exciting, pulse-quickening sports including steer wrestling, bronco riding, barrel racing, chuck wagon races and bull riding. At this prestigious stop on the rodeo circuit, cowboys vie for a season of championship glory under the bright lights of the arena. Families, as well as rodeo fans, are welcomed with a petting zoo and pony rides for the children.

Address: 1818 Rodeo Dr, I-635 at Military Parkway

Phone: (972) 285-8777

Local Charms



Dallas Arboretum

In spring, snow-white dogwood blossoms with bright green centers hover over the lush plantings while in autumn, the grounds explode in richly colored chrysanthemums. Pleasing vistas are artfully framed in the many flower-bedecked garden rooms and outdoors in graceful and whimsical fountains. An appealing locale for the casual visitor and the horticulturalist alike, the Arboretum offers inspiration for landscape design as formal layouts contrast with more naturalistic settings.

Address: 8525 Garland Road

Phone: (214)515-6500

Neighborhoods



Dallas Arts District

Home to renowned performing and visual arts organizations including the Dallas Museum of Art, Nasher Sculpture Center, Crow Collection of Asian Art and the Dallas Symphony, this vibrant arts district is the epicenter of cultural life. The proximity of the many arts organizations encourages exploration and discovery, and promises to grow with the recent opening of two more architecturally striking additions, the Wylie Theatre and the Winspear Opera House.

Address: Centered at the intersection of North Pearl and Flora Streets

Recreation



White Rock Lake

Lushly endowed with oak, pecan and cottonwood trees casting welcome green shade, this urban oasis in the heart of the city provides a wealth of leisure activities. Nine miles of trail welcome bicyclers and hikers, with ample opportunity for picnicking. The cooling waters of the lake itself play host to anglers of sunfish, bass and catfish, while sailboats are available for rent at shoreside piers. The lake is also known for its molten, shimmering sunsets, and as a refuge for wildlife, with hundreds of bird species found here.

Address: 8300 East Lawther Drive

Phone: (214) 670-8740