WELCOME TO DALLAS!

Warmest greetings from Big D! While this is by no means an exhaustive list of the many activities that Dallas/Fort Worth has to offer, it is meant to provide starting points for things to do in the city.

The city of Dallas covers approximately 343 square miles and, with an estimated population of 1,232,940, is one of the largest cities in the United States. Combined with Fort Worth and Arlington, the city of Dallas helps form the ninth-largest metropolitan area in the U.S. (according to the 2000 census), often referred to as the "Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex."

The city of Dallas is part of Dallas County, which also includes the "Park Cities" of University Park and Highland Park as well as all or portions of Addison, Coppell, Grand Prairie, Irving, Richardson, and other suburban communities. Fort Worth and Arlington are in the adjacent county of Tarrant.

In 2008, Fortune magazine named 24 companies from the DFW metro area - including Exxon Mobil, JCPenney and TXU - as Fortune 500 companies. The Metroplex is currently ranked fifth among metropolitan areas for Fortune 500 companies.

With many entertainment districts within a short distance of downtown, Dallas provides local history mixed with a melting pot of arts, culture, dining and more.

The following guide is designed to enable you to get the most out of your trip to Dallas:

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Getting There

Dallas/ Fort Worth International Airport (18 miles from Downtown Dallas) has direct flights to most major U.S. cities, including but not limited to New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia,

Pittsburgh, Boston, and San Francisco. Direct flights are also available to several international destinations in Europe, Asia, and the Americas. Dallas Love Field Airport (6 miles from downtown Dallas) also offers direct flights to several cities in the region and connecting flights to many other cities.

Dallas/ Fort Worth International Airport is a 30-minute taxi ride from the downtown Fairmont Hotel where the event will be taking place. A taxi from the airport to the Fairmont Hotel will cost about $50 one-way. Shuttles (Super Shuttle or Yellow Checker) can be reserved in advance and will cost around $25. (Prices are subject to change.) Public transportation from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (slower, but much cheaper + a scenic train ride!) is available by taking two free airport buses and a train (about $5). The first bus takes you from the airport to Remote South Parking, the next takes you to Centreport/DFW Airport Station on the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) line. The TRE train then takes you to Union Station on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) light rail in downtown Dallas, where you can walk directly to the Fairmont or transfer to the light rail. Schedules for the TRE train can be found at: http://www.trinityrailwayexpress.org.

For those arriving into Dallas Love Field Airport, public transportation via bus is provided by DART. Schedules can be found at: http://www.dart.org/schedules/schedules.asp. Taxis are also available at a cost of approximately $12.

Conference Site/Accommodations

The conference will be held at The Fairmont Dallas hotel. A reduced rate for the conference is set at $169 per night. The Fairmont Hotel is a stylish, classic Downtown Dallas hotel, located among plenty of options for fine dining, shopping, arts and entertainment. The official address is:

The Fairmont Dallas
1717 N. Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75201
http://www.fairmont.com/dallas

The Fairmont Dallas has 545 elegant, welcoming guestrooms and suites. Each room has high-definition, flat screen televisions, MP3 docking stations, and wireless, high-speed internet access is available throughout the hotel.

To reserve a room at The Fairmont Dallas, please do so in plenty of time before the conference and mention the special conference rate. To book the special conference rate online visit

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/legalhistory09.

You won't be able to get the conference rate at the hotel's regular website.

Alternative Accommodations

Alternative accommodations, still within reasonable proximity to the conference site, include:

Radisson North Central starting at $132 per night:
http://www.radisson.com/dallastx_centralexpy?s_cid=L6845357

- 4 miles from conference site
- 1 block from DART light rail
- 4 star hotel

Doubletree at Campbell Centre starting at $119 per night:
http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/DFWCNDT-Doubletree-Hotel-Dallas-Campbell-Centre-Texas/index.do

- 5.7 miles from conference site
-3.5 blocks from DART light rail, hotel shuttle dropoff/pickup available
-3.5 star hotel

Other neighboring Dallas hotels include:

La Quinta Inn/Dallas Uptown starting at $89 per night:
http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ512&propId=512

-2.5 miles from conference site
-1.2 miles from DART light rail, hotel shuttle unavailable
-2.5 star hotel

Clarion Park Central Hotel starting at $62 per night:
- http://www.clarionparkcentral.com/

-9.7 miles from conference site
-1 mile from DART light rail, hotel shuttle dropoff /pickup available
-3 star hotel

Other DFW-area hotels include:

Holiday Inn DFW South starting at $124 per night:
http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/dfwfw

- 18.6 miles from conference site
- 3/4 mile from TRE commuter rail, hotel shuttle dropoff/pickup available as well as shuttle transportation to/from DFW Airport
- 3 star hotel

Days Inn & Suites DFW Airport starting at $69 per night:
http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=14880

- 18.6 miles from conference site
- 3/4 mile from TRE commuter rail, hotel shuttle dropoff/pickup available as well as shuttle transportation to/from DFW Airport
- 2 star hotel

Note each hotel's proximity to the DART or TRE lines. If you are taking DART to the Fairmont, it is best to get off at Akard or St. Paul Station. If you are taking the TRE, you can walk to the Fairmont from Union Station, or transfer to either DART line at Union Station and then get off at Akard or St. Paul.

Alternative accommodations can be found in downtown Dallas within walking distance of the Fairmont Hotel; however, prices vary greatly based on the star rating of the hotel.

Practical Information

The city is served by rail, several airlines and inter-city bus companies. Several networks of freeways operate within the city, the main ones being Interstates 20, 30, 35, 635, US 75, and the Dallas North Tollway. Dallas's public transportation system, DART, currently has two main light-rail lines, the Red and the Blue. A third light-rail line, the Green Line, is scheduled to open in September 2009. Fares depend on your travel distance. There are also numerous DART buses as well as a free trolley service. DART provides a trip planner on their website that will tell you exactly how long your trip will take and how much the fare will cost. Their website is http://www.dart.org/fares/fares.asp. The TRE commuter rail provides service between Dallas's Union Station and downtown Fort Worth.

Dallas is quite spread out, and therefore it is generally not practical to walk from downtown to other areas of the city. However, if you are planning on staying within the downtown limits, then walking may be feasible.

Shopping options in downtown Dallas include the historic Neiman Marcus. The West Village shopping center is within a minute's drive, or a short light rail or trolley ride, from downtown. The two nearest malls are NorthPark Center and the Galleria Mall. Both offer hundreds of boutiques and department stores for your shopping pleasure. Highland Park Village is America's oldest shopping center, with fine restaurants as well as numerous shops. Other shopping centers include The Plaza at Preston Center, Uptown's charming antique and art galleries, Snyder Plaza, and Lovers Lane boutiques.

Dallas: A Brief History

While Dallas is relatively young when compared to many cities, its past is as colorful and eventful as any.

In 1839, John Neely Bryan, a lawyer from Tennessee with a taste for adventure, wandered into the area. He was impressed with what he believed to be the perfect ingredients for a trading post and eventually a town: plenty of raw land, Indians with whom to do business, and the river. He laid claim to 640 acres and sketched out a town, designating a courthouse square and 20 streets.

Despite some adversity, the young city grew. A "can-do" spirit helped bring the railroads to the area in the 1870s, Southern Methodist University in 1915, Dallas Love Field Airport in 1927, and the Texas Centennial Exposition in 1936. Herbert Marcus, Sr., his sister Carrie Marcus Neiman, and his brother-in-law A.L. Neiman found great commercial success in 1907 with the opening of the flagship Neiman Marcus department store.

In 1930, C.M. "Dad" Joiner struck oil 100 miles east of Dallas. With the discovery and development of the East Texas Oil Field -- the largest petroleum deposit on earth at the time -- Dallas became a center of oil-related activity. Although Dallas County has never had a working oil well, the region's role as the financial and technical center for much of the state's drilling industry has been as good as gold. Commerce and industry have followed suit, adding to the city's success and progress.

The 1960s was a time of turmoil in many U.S. cities, and Dallas had its share. The lowest point in Dallas history came on Nov. 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on a downtown street. The event cast the city in an awful light, as people throughout the world asked, "What kind of place is Dallas?"

Although history would show that Dallas itself was not to blame, the people of Dallas took it hard and entered a period of deep self-evaluation and introspection. Under the leadership of Mayor J. Erik Jonsson, the city gradually regained its self-esteem.

In step with the civil rights movement throughout the 1960s, and after the destructive blow of Kennedy's assassination to the city, Dallas was recognized for being one of the most peaceful and law-abiding U.S. cities throughout the process of desegregation and subsequent integration:

http://mgagnon.myweb.uga.edu/students/3090/04FA3090-poole.htm

Football's Dallas Cowboys began their march to fame in the 1960s, as did entrepreneurs such as Ross Perot and Mary Kay Ash. The Dallas Market Center continued to grow, and Six Flags Over Texas opened in nearby Arlington.

But most importantly, it was in 1965 that the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth agreed to build an airport to serve the entire region. With the opening of giant DFW International Airport in 1973, John Neely Bryan's dream of a major inland port was finally realized.

As the 1980s came to a close, Fortune Magazine named Dallas/Fort Worth – the site of many major corporate relocations -- the No. 1 business center in the United States. Dallas also gained international attention as a dominant force in the convention, meetings, and tourism industry. Dallas is one of the leading convention destinations in the U.S., due to the city's outstanding convention and meeting facilities, world-class accommodations, numerous restaurants, and endless variety of entertainment and recreational opportunities.

Dallas has made great progress in moving beyond the sad history of racial segregation. In 1994, the late Judge Barefoot Sanders declared the Dallas Independent School District to be desegregated, commending the district on the achievements of its magnet-school programs. The following year, Dallas elected its first African-American mayor, Ron Kirk, who would later become the U.S. Trade Representative. In the 2008 election, Dallas County voted decisively for Barack Obama, the first African-American presidential candidate to be nominated by a major political party.

As the 21st century advances, Dallas continues to build on its strengths: friendly people, entrepreneurial spirit, flair for style and innovation, mild climate, excellent accessibility, and outstanding quality of life. Visitors and residents alike enjoy exceptional opportunities.

Tours

Helicopter Tours:

What better way to see Dallas than by helicopter? Take an outstanding flight over Fair Park, Downtown, American Airlines Center, Texas Stadium and the Galleria. See landmarks of Dallas from a new vantage point, a great idea for newcomers to Dallas. The tour will last for 30 minutes and has several departures during the day. Tours can be arranged at www.bigdtours.com.

Assorted Tours:

All in One Tour Services offer several different types of tours around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. All in One Tours can be reached at 214-698-0332. Tours include, but are not limited to, the following:

Features sights such as the log cabin of John Neely Bryan (the founder of Dallas), the Old Red Courthouse, Dealey Plaza, the grassy knoll and the JFK assassination site, the JFK Memorial, West End Historic District, Dallas City Hall, Pioneer Plaza, Farmer's Market, Old City Park, the original Neiman Marcus store, Thanksgiving Square, Arts District, Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, McKinney Avenue, homes in Highland Park, and much more.

Tour includes admission to the Sixth Floor JFK Museum which explores the life and legacy of John F. Kennedy... plus a "Dallas Highlights Tour."

Ft. Worth, located 35 miles west of Dallas is affectionately known as "Cowtown." Your guided city tour includes such sights as the Water Gardens, Sundance Square, the cultural district, and a tour through Billy Bob's of Texas (the world's largest honky tonk). You'll see a cattle drive of longhorns that parade right down Exchange Blvd. This tour concludes in the historic Stockyards where you will have time to browse the shops, belly up to the bar on "saddle" bar stools and eat dinner at a choice of a variety of eateries (all on your own).

Major Sites

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Dallas Tourist Information Center:
Relive the city's past with a visit to the Old Red Courthouse, site of the Dallas Tourist Information Center in the Downtown Historic District. The Center features touch-screen information stations, Internet access stations, a viewing room to see Dallas videos and a full staff available every day of the week. Around the corner, you will find John Neely Bryan's Cabin, the reconstructed home of Dallas' founder. Just a stroll away is the popular West End, Dealey Plaza and the DART Light Rail.
Where: The Downtown Historic District is in the block enclosed by Market, Elm, Commerce and Houston Streets, 214-571-1301

Crow Collection of Asian Art:
The Crow Collection of Asian Art contains more than 600 paintings, objects of metal and stone, and large architectural pieces from China, Japan, India and Southeast Asia. More than 300 works are on display in the galleries, including precious jade ornaments from China, delicate Japanese scrolls and a rarely seen 28-by-12-foot-tall sandstone facade of an 18th-century Indian residence.
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays
Where: 2010 Flora St., 214-979-6430

Dallas Museum of Art
Downtown > Central Business District
1717 North Harwood St.
(214) 922-1200
The Dallas Museum of Art's collection includes American masterpieces by Church, O'Keeffe and Wyeth, contemporary art by Pollock, Rothko, Warhol and Lichenstein, European and impressionist art by Renoir, Van Gogh, Cezanne, and Monet, and art of the Americas, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. Special temporary exhibits are on display throughout the year. Open: Tue-Sun. 11:00am - 5:00pm, Thurs. 11:00am - 9:00pm. Closed Mondays. Admission: Adults $10.00, Senior Citizens $7.00, Students with school I.D. $5.00 Children under 12 are free.

Art Garden:
Enjoy the Sculpture Garden at the base of the statuesque Trammell Crow Center in downtown. More than 20 statues from the French masters, including Rodin, reside in this peaceful setting with cascading waters and beautiful gardens.
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays
Where: Downtown, 2010 Flora St., 214-979-6430

Outdoor Sculpture Tour:
Discover more than 30 distinctive sculptures on the sidewalks of downtown. Along with pieces from the 19th century, there are contemporary works, including a painter capturing magnificent Dallas on canvas.

Nasher Sculpture Center
2001 Flora St.
(214) 242-5100

The Nasher Sculpture Center is one of the few institutions in the world devoted to the exhibition, study and preservation of modern sculpture. The Nasher Sculpture Center provides an urban oasis of art and nature. The Center consists of a 54,000-square-foot building designed by architect Renzo Piano featuring the art collection of philanthropist and collector Ray Nasher and his late wife, Patsy, and a two-acre sculpture garden created by landscape architect Peter Walker. The garden features settings that frame the outdoor works and include stone walls and walkways, ponds, scattered groves of trees and small meadow areas. The Nasher Collection is considered one of the foremost collections, private or public, of 20th-Century sculpture in the world.

Comprised of more than 300 pieces, the collection features works by Calder, de Kooning, Kelly, Matisse, Miro, Picasso, Rodin and Serra, among many others. The collection has been presented at major museums across the United States and the world. The Center occupies a full city block in the Dallas Arts District, adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art. Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 11:00am - 5:00pm, Thursday 11:00am - 9:00pm. Closed Mondays. Admission: Adults $10.00, Seniors $7.00, Students $5.00

Spanish Art at the Meadows Museum:
The Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University has the most comprehensive collection from the Spanish masters outside of Spain. There are also special exhibitions, a sculpture garden and the tree-lined SMU campus is an eye-catcher itself. Call about special exhibits.
When: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm; Thursdays until 8:00pm; Sundays 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Where: 5900 Bishop Blvd., 214-768-2516

Freedmen's Cemetery:
Less than one mile north of downtown Dallas is the Freedmen's Cemetery, a pre-Civil War burial ground in what was once a small community formed by African-American freedmen in the mid-1860s. This landmark features bronze figures cast by artist David Newton.
Where: North Central Expressway between Lemmon Avenue and Hall Street, 214-670-3284

Pioneer Plaza Cattle Drive:
Bronze, larger-than-life steers and their cowboy escorts move along Pioneer Plaza, adjacent to the Dallas Convention Center. This bronze cattle drive is located on the actual Shawnee Trail Drive of the 1850s and is the largest bronze monument of its kind in the world.
Where: Downtown, Young and Griffin Streets

City Hall of Fame:
Dallas' City Hall is a site to see. Famed architect I.M. Pei designed the inverted-wedge shaped building, which is one of the most distinctive structures in all of Dallas. The plaza is home to one of Henry Moore's largest bronze sculptures.
Where: Downtown, 1500 Marilla St., 214-670-3687

John F. Kennedy Memorial:
Dallas pays respect to one of its darkest times, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated during his 1963 visit. Designed by Kennedy family friend Philip Johnson, the John F. Kennedy Memorial is an open-roofed, concrete-walled monument symbolic of an open tomb. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza is located on the sixth and seventh floors of an early 20th-century warehouse known in 1963 as the Texas School Book Depository. Opened on Presidents Day 1989, the Museum has since welcomed more than 6 million visitors from around the world—people of all ages seeking information and understanding about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Museum tours are self-guided.
Where: Downtown, Main and Houston Streets

The Hall of State:
3939 Grand Avenue, Fair Park
(exception-special exhibitions), 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays; and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. 214-421-4500
Texas history is alive at the Hall of State. Beneath the magnificent gold-leaf Great Seal of Texas, or among the bronze statues in the Star State. You may visit the world's greatest example of Texas Art Deco architecture by taking our online virtual tour. Built by the State of Texas for the 1936 Centennial celebration, the Hall of State has been the choice site for events honoring presidents, heads of state and other dignitaries for more than 60 years.

Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park:
1515 South Harwood St
Tuesday - Saturday: 10 AM to 4 PM
Sunday: Noon to 4 PM
Nestled in 13 wooded acres just south of downtown Dallas, Dallas Heritage Village provides visitors, young & young at heart, a unique museum experience. Dallas Heritage Village is a living history museum portraying life in North Texas from 1840-1910. The museum is composed of 38 historic structures& boasts a working Civil War era farm, a traditional Jewish household, elegant Victorian homes, a school, a church & commercial buildings.

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center:
The acoustically renowned Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, designed by I.M. Pei, is yours to tour on select Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1 p.m. (Please call in advance for monthly tour schedule, as tours are subject to change with rehearsals and performances.) Discover the 4,535 pipes on the Herman W. Lay Family Organ–the $1.36 million organ crafted by C.B. Fisk Inc., which is truly an acoustical wonder!
Enthusiastic and experienced volunteer docents are available to welcome visitors for one-hour tours detailing points of interest throughout the Meyerson.
Where: Downtown, 2301 Flora St., 214-670-3600

Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
8525 Garland Rd., Texas, 75218
(214) 515-6500
The Dallas Arboretum is nestled on the southeast shore of White Rock Lake in East Dallas. Home of the Southwest's largest outdoor spring floral festival, Dallas Blooms, the Arboretum is a nationally recognized display garden featuring fabulous floral color in beds throughout the year.
Located on 66-acres on the historic Everette DeGolyer and Alex Camp estates, just minutes from downtown Dallas, the Dallas Arboretum is truly an urban oasis. Over the course of the year, the Arboretum will attract between 325,000 and 350,000 visitors to its finely manicured grounds. Whether visitors come for a weekly respite or from locations around the country, and often around the world, they will find the garden areas listed below resplendent with seasonal color.
General: Adults, $8. Seniors 65 and over, $7.Children, ages 3 – 12, $5. Children 2 and Admission: under, free. On-site parking, $5.
Hours: The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is open to the public year-round 9am to 5pm

Uptown and West Village:
Dallas' popular Uptown District is exploding with new residential and retail centers, with a variety of elements coming together for a shopping, dining, and entertainment experience that will appeal to all types of tastes. This popular destination is also conveniently accessed from the Fairmont Hotel (the ASLH conference site) via a restored "M Street Trolley" that runs frequently and is free of charge.

Dallas World Aquarium
1801 North Griffin Street
(214) 720-2224

Come explore the newly expanded Mundo Maya exhibit, the rainforest and the mammoth aquarium that features 80,000 gallons of saltwater exhibits including sharks, stingrays, and hundreds of reef fish all in living coral reef ecosystems.
Exotic plants and creatures from around the world inhabit The Dallas World Aquarium, where you can explore a South American rainforest or take a walk through a water tunnel surrounded by reef life from the Continental Shelf. Observe monkeys, stingrays, piranhas and penguins. Restaurant, cafe and gift shop.

West End Story:

What was once a warehouse and an old candy and cracker factory has been reborn into a tourist's delight. Downtown's West End Historic District, great for browsers, features a plethora of specialty shops, plus a variety of restaurants and clubs. Summertime nights in the district are often filled with the sound of free concerts.
Where: Downtown/Market and Munger Streets
Event hotline: 214-741-7185 or 214-748-4801
Where: Uptown, McKinney Avenue and Routh Street, 214-922-9622

Dallas Farmers Market:

From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week (except special holidays), local farmers display and sell a mouth watering and eye-pleasing selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, herbs and floral plants at the Dallas Farmers Market. A perfect open-air market to leisurely stroll, take in the colorful, glorious sights.
When: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. daily Where: 1010 S. Pearl St., 214-939-2808
Open 7 days a week: 10:00am-5:00pm

Reunion Tower at Hyatt Regency
300 Reunion Boulevard East
(214) 712-7145
A 68-second elevator ride propels visitors 55 stories to the top of the Hyatt Regency's Reunion Tower for a breathtaking 360-degree view of Dallas. An easily recognizable landmark for Dallas and a dramatic addition to the evening skyline with its lighted dome and flashing light show, the tower has a public observation deck as well as Antares restaurant and the Dome cocktail lounge that rotate at the rate of one revolution every 55 minutes.
Observation Deck hours: Sun-Thurs 10:00am-10:00pm, Fri-Sat 9:00am-

11:00pm. Call first hours may vary. Admission: Adults $2.00, Children $1.00.

Fountain Place:
Waters dance and leap skyward at downtown's Fountain Place. At the base of this dramatically sculpted 1.2-million-square-foot office tower of green reflective glass lies an oasis of colorful flowers, waterfalls, 172 bubbler fountains and a central fountain. The latter is one of the world's most complex fountains and consists of 360 computer-driven water jets. Designed by the acclaimed architectural firm of I.M. Pei & Partners, Fountain Place has received international recognition.
Where: Downtown, 1445 Ross Ave. at Field Street, 214-855-7766

Giving Thanks:
Thanksgiving Square – private, interfaith and educational – welcomes people of all nations, cultures and religious traditions. A unique chapel and exhibition promoting a spirit of Thanksgiving featuring a meditation garden, bells and fountains make this the "Home of American Thanksgiving."
When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays
Where: Downtown, Pacific, Bryan and Ervay Streets, 214-969-1977

1A Retail Renaissance:
The looking is free, but the buying may be hard to resist! Visit many of the city's fine centers and stores such as the renowned Galleria Dallas – modeled after Milan's fashion forward masterpiece, NorthPark Center – where you can enjoy more than 235 world-class specialty stores and restaurants – and Highland Park Village – the first planned shopping center in the United States.

Retail Tale:
Discover how Dallas' outstanding shopping reputation began with the opening of Neiman Marcus in the early 1900s. More than 100 years later, the Flagship Neiman Marcus in downtown Dallas remains a ready-to-wear couture legend. The downtown Dallas store features a museum on the fifth floor, which tells the Neiman Marcus story in the highest of style.
When: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays
Where: 2628 Main St., 214-741-6911

Fort Worth

In Fort Worth, you can explore many museums that are world-famous for the beauty of their architecture and the quality of their collections. The Fort Worth Cultural District, home to five wonderful museums in a relaxing, park-like setting is a great place to start your tour. Throughout the city, you'll also find museums devoted to Western heritage and Fort Worth's colorful past.

Amon Carter Museum
817-738-1933
3501 Camp Bowie Blvd.
The Amon Carter Museum was established through the generosity of Amon G. Carter Sr. (1879–1955) to house his collection of paintings and sculpture by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell; to collect, preserve, and exhibit the finest examples of American art; and to serve an educational role through exhibitions, publications, and programs devoted to the study of American art.

Kimbell Art Museum
817-332-8451
3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard
In its short history of some 35 years, the Kimbell Art Museum has come to occupy a distinctive place in the international community of museums. A small collection of less than 350 works, acquired at a time when the supply of great masterpieces was thought by many to be drying up, the Kimbell has nonetheless become a byword for quality and importance at the very highest level.

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
817-738-9215
3200 Darnell Street
The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth is dedicated to collecting, presenting, and interpreting international developments in post–World War II art in all media and creating a welcoming environment for its public appreciation. The Modern maintains one of the foremost collections of modern and contemporary art in the central United States and hosts major traveling exhibitions.

Texas Civil War Museum
817-246-2323
760 Jim Wright Freeway North
See the largest collection of Civil War artifacts west of the Mississippi at the Texas Civil War Museum. Among the exhibits is the largest collection of flags in the state of Texas. You can see Civil War weaponry and uniforms, fascinating period artifacts, a huge collection of Victorian-era dresses, and a special theater presentation about Texas' role in the Civil War. You can even taste hardtack, a major food source for soldiers in the war. This museum is a treasure trove for anyone interested in Texas or Civil War history.

Log Cabin Village
817-926-5881
2100 Log Cabin Village Lane
Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of 19th century Texas!

Nestled on three acres in historic Forest Park, Log Cabin Village consists of nine historic structures dating back to the mid-1800s. Texas history comes to life through the authentic log homes and artifacts, blacksmith shop, one-room schoolhouse, smokehouse, water powered gristmill and herb garden. Interact with historical interpreters as they demonstrate various frontier chores like candle making, spinning, weaving, and more.

Stockyards Museum
817-625-5082
131 E. Exchange Ave.
See how Fort Worth became "Cowtown" at this enjoyable museum. It tells the story of the Fort Worth Stockyards Company and the meatpacking industry in Fort Worth. Located in the historic Livestock Exchange Building.

Fort Worth Stockyards
817-624-4741
130 E. Exchange Avenue
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Fort Worth Stockyards' National Historic District is a great place to celebrate the romance and mystique of the American West. You can take in a thrilling rodeo. See the world's only daily cattle drive. Hear live country stars. Sip a cold brew in an authentic saloon. Two-step the night away. Shop for authentic cowboy gear. And dine on satisfying Texas-style cuisine. If you like, you can even take a guided tour of the entire area.

Stockyards Championship Rodeo
817-625-1025
121 E. Exchange Avenue
For thrills and spills, this is one of the best rodeos around. Events include bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, calf roping, and more. Rodeos every Friday and Saturday night in the Cowtown Coliseum.

National Cowgirl Museum
817-336-4475
1720 Gendy St.
The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring women of the American West who have displayed extraordinary courage and pioneer spirit. The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is Located in the Fort Worth Cultural District, it features interactive exhibits, fascinating artifacts, a traveling exhibit gallery, a multi-purpose theater, and a wild-west-show-themed gift store. In the awesome grand rotunda, you can learn about the trailblazing women in the cowgirl museum's hall of fame.

Botanic Garden
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. at University Drive
817-871-7686
The oldest botanic garden in Texas, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden contains thousands of native and exotic species of plants in over 100 acres of gardens and natural settings. Visit many specialty gardens, including the 10,000-square-foot Conservatory, the Rose Gardens, and the Japanese Garden, a 7.5-acre haven of peaceful beauty, featuring waterfalls and pools filled with Koi fish surrounded by beautiful foliage.

Fort Worth Water Gardens
General Information: 817-871-5755
1502 Commerce St.
The Fort Worth Water Gardens is a beautiful and refreshing oasis adjacent to the Fort Worth Convention Center. Designed by Phillip Johnson, the Fort Worth Water Gardens is an architectural and engineering marvel to be enjoyed any time of the year. Visitors can experience a variety of water features as they wander through this relaxing urban park.

Nature Center & Refuge
817-237-1111
9601 Fossil Ridge Rd.
At the Fort Worth Nature Center and refuge you can explore the Texas wilderness that greeted the first pioneers. You'll see native wildlife and plants — including buffalo, white-tailed deer and Texas wildflowers — as you discover 25 miles of trails at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge. The 3,500-acre sanctuary is located just 10 miles from downtown Fort Worth. The Hardwicke Interpretive Center includes nature programs, exhibits, and a library.

Fort Worth Zoo
817-759-7555
1989 Colonial Pkwy.
The Fort Worth Zoo has been ranked as the No.1 attraction in the entire Dallas-Fort Worth area and No.19 among the "50 Overall Top-Rated Attractions" in the entire United States by the Zagat Survey U.S. Family Guide. Tree-shaded, winding paths lead to large, lush exhibits that allow you to get close to an amazing variety of creatures – from primates to parrots, from rhinos to raptors. Don't miss Texas Wild!, an

8-acre exhibit that takes you on a spectacular journey through the various regions on the Lone Star State.

Sundance Square
817-255-5700
One of the most exciting and pedestrian-friendly downtown areas in America, Sundance Square is 35 historic blocks where people play, work, and live. You can browse specialty boutiques, dine in restaurants from casual to elegant, wander through an art gallery, see a movie or live theatre performance, or take in a show at Bass Performance Hall. An award-winning model of urban redevelopment, Sundance Square is popular with both locals and visitors. Parking is free all day on weekends and on weekdays if you arrive after 5 p.m.

Websites with Other Information

The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex has much more to be offered than could be listed above. For more information on sites in both Dallas and Fort Worth, please see any of the following websites:

www.visitdallas.com
www.dallas.com
www.fortworth.com/index.shtml
www.tripadvisor.com
www.guidelive.com

Dining in Dallas

$ = Inexpensive, Entrees under $8
$-$$ = Inexpensive to moderate, Some entrees under $8, Others $8-15
$$ = Moderate, Entrees $8-$15
$$-$$$ = Moderate to expensive, Some Entrees $8-15, Others $15-$25
$$$ = Expensive, Entrees $15-$25
$$$-$$$$ = Expensive to very expensive, Some Entrees $15-$25, Others $25 and up

Restaurants Within Walking Distance

El Fenix $$
1601 McKinney Avenue - 214-747-1121 - (.31 miles from hotel)
El Fenix has been serving the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex the best in TexMex Cuisine since 1918. Taste what true TexMex is all about.

Sor Irlandes Mexican Grill & Patio Bar $$
1525 Main Street - 214-744-9400 - (.41 miles from hotel)
Constructed between 1892 and 1895, Sol Irlandes' building remains one of the oldest standing structures in Downtown Dallas. The restaurant serves delicious TexMex specials and has a patio bar downstairs and two 92" screens showing all the sports you can handle.

Stephan Pyles Restaurant $$$$ - 1807 Ross Ave. – 214-580-7000
Legendary Chef Stephan Pyles introduces New Millennium Southwestern Cuisine — a global tapestry of tastes, flavors, aromas and textures from Texas, South America, Spain, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean. All foods, including breads, are prepared on-site with an emphasis on organics and freshness. Only one block from the Fairmont, this fine dining establishment is one of the most well-known Dallas restaurants.

Corner Bakery Café $
600 N. Pearl St., #101 - 214-969-0507 - (.31 miles from hotel)
Delightful sweets, savory panini, crisp salads, and hearty bowls of soups and pasta.

Landry's Seafood $$-$$$
306 N. Market Street - 214-698-1010 - (.66 miles from hotel)
Sensational fresh fish and seafood selections from mouthwatering entrees and appetizers to assorted salads and seafood platters.

Y.O. Ranch Steakhouse $$-$$$
702 Ross Avenue - 214-744-3287 - (.46 miles from hotel)
Named after the famous Y.O. Ranch, enjoy one of the nation's finest steakhouses in Texas-themed dining rooms. Black Tiger Shrimp, Crab Cakes, and amazing cuts of beef.

The Palm $$-$$$
701 Ross Avenue - 214-698-0470 - (.46 miles from hotel)
Celebrating over 20 years in the West End of Dallas, the Palm Restaurant is the ultimate destination for prime beef, traditional Italian fare and jumbo Nova Scotia lobsters.

Victory Tavern $-$$
2501 N. Houston Ave., Suite 100 - 214-432-1900 - (.73 miles from hotel)
Located across from Dallas' American Airlines Arena, the Victory Tavern is popular among Dallas locals, tourists and traveling businesspeople. Unpretentious contemporary American grille serving steaks, chops, premium burgers, and high-end sandwiches.

Public Transportation/Taxi Recommended

Blue Mesa Grill $$ - 7700 W Northwest Hwy Ste 740 - 214-378-8686
A Southwestern restaurant serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch.

Texas Land & Cattle $-$$ - 3130 Lemmon Ave. – 214-526-4664
Texas Land & Cattle restaurants are reminiscent of an authentic Texas ranch house with large fireplaces and hand-peeled split logs. The menu features a selection of high quality mesquite-grilled steaks, our famous smoked sirloin, chicken, ribs, fish, shrimp and many delectable combinations.

MoMo's Pasta $$-$$$ - 3312 Knox St - 214-521-3009
Like a friendly neighborhood trattoria you might find in Naples or Venice, Momo's serves fare passed down through generations. Certainly the city's most ambitious and authentic Italian restaurant. - Possibly the best and most authentic Italian restaurant in Dallas. -

La Duni Latin Café $$-$$$ - 4620 McKinney Ave - 214-520-7300
Dallas' warmest and most inviting
Latin flavored coffee house and restaurant.

Terilli's Dallas $$-$$$ - 2815 Greenville Ave - 214-827-3993
Terilli's, which has been open for over 20 years, continues to attract savvy diners interested in great food, live jazz, and tons of fun!

Hibiscus $$$-$$$$ - 2927 N Henderson Ave - 214-827-2927
Classic steak and seafood restaurant, over 25 restaurants nationally. Salads, Vegetables & Potatoes, Lobster, Italian Specialties, and Steak and Chops.

Texas de Brazil $$$$- 2727 Cedar Springs Rd - 214-720-1414
Turn your card to green and prepare to be swarmed by a troop of carvers generously serving various cuts of sizzling cuts of beef, lamb, pork, chicken, and Brazilian sausage. These delicious cuts are slow roasted over an open flame and accompanied by garlic mashed potatoes and sweet fried bananas. Enjoy a dessert selection, then relax with an after dinner drink, espresso, or hand rolled cigar. With service, feasting, and an ambience as such, it is more than fine dining...it is Texas de Brazil. Fixed buffet price of $42.99 per person.

Al Biernat's $$$-$$$$ - 4217 Oak Lawn Ave - 214-219-2201
Al Biernat's is much more than a great steakhouse! Our menu rises above the traditional grill menu, with popular entrees such as Pan Seared Sea Bass over Lobster Risotto, Australian Cold Water Lobster Tail, Veal OssoBucco, Colorado Lamb Chops or Elk Filet. The extensive wine list offers over 650 rare selections and a sommelier's expertise. Al Biernat personally greets you at the door to ensure your delightful dining experience. Come see why Al Biernat's is known as one of the best restaurants in the world.

Arcodoro and Pomodoro $$$ - 2708 Routh St - 214-871-1924
Arcodoro & Pomodoro Ristoranti Italiani are now consolidated under one roof in the heart of Dallas' fun Uptown district located at 2708 Routh Street. The results of this union are stunning and will capture the diner's imagination. The new location is the culmination of all that is Sardinian. It is here that you truly experience the Farris brothers' Sardinian heritage through their cooking.

Dining in Fort Worth

Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House $$$-$$$$ -812 Main St- 817-877-3999
Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House is located in downtown Fort Worth at 812 Main Street. We are just walking distance from the Convention Center, the Radisson Hotel and just minutes from Sundance Square and the Renaissance Worthington Hotel.

8.0 $ - 111 E Third St - 817-336-0880
Dinner, dancing and pretty people. 8.0 serves up a great lunch, a rocking dinner and late night schmoozing. Located in the historic Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth, 8.0 offers a unique and flavorful menu, wine list, as well as a special drink menu to satisfy every palate. Combine all that with the best live music in Fort Worth and 8.0 becomes the place to be!!!!!!

Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant $$ - 2201 N Commerce St - 817-626-4356
If you ask any Dallas or Fort Worth resident - heck, any Texas dweller, for that matter - what his or her favorite Mexican food restaurant in the state is, you have a good chance of hearing the answer, "Joe T. Garcia's." The famous restaurant makes the list of any Texas restaurant guide's recommendations for the Dallas-Fort Worth area not only for its sizzling Tex-Mex but also for its atmosphere.

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Historical Archives

For those who wish to do research while in the DFW area, a number of prominent historical archives are available. These include the National Archives – Southwest Region in Fort Worth, the Dallas Historical Society, and the DeGolyer Library at SMU, including the Archives of Women of the Southwest**.** SMU's Underwood Law Library also features an extensive rare book collection assembled by Professor Joseph McKnight. For more information, please call:

National Archives – Southwest Region: 817-831-5620
DeGolyer Library: 214-768-3231
Dallas Historical Society: 214-421-4500
Underwood Law Library: 214-768-3216