



Your Adventure In

Dallas

A city that attracts scores of business travelers also leaves plenty to explore off the clock. For starters: Outstanding food, ample green space, and a wealth of public art. Before sharing our favorite spots, we want to learn more about you. So, are you an...



URBAN EXPLORER

Study Worldly Wonders

Deliberately off-kilter and topped by a green roof of native Texas grasses, the eye-catching exterior is the first marvel you'll encounter at the [Perot Museum of Nature and Science](#). (The building is working on three green-building certifications, including LEED.) Inside, 11 exhibition halls span five levels. Among the highlights: a 55-foot-long running wall, where you can race a moving image of a cheetah in real-time, and an 85-foot replica of an Alamosaurus, the world's only complete skeleton of the dinosaur.

Storied Stops

Four venues brimming with history

Sixth Floor Museum Trace the life of President John F. Kennedy from childhood to assassination, which evidence suggests was carried out from the sixth floor of this building.

George W. Bush Presidential Center This presidential library and museum includes a moving exhibit detailing the events of September 11, 2001.

Granada Theater Built in 1946 as a movie house, this Art Deco concert hall now sets the stage for musicians like the Black Keys.

Dallas Heritage Village Stroll through a blacksmith shop, saloon, and nearly 30 other buildings from the city's early years at this living history museum.

Built to Last

Architecture worth exploring

Fair Park The nation's largest collection of exposition-style Art Deco architecture can be found here. Explore it during the state fair, through October 19.

Reunion Tower This 50-story icon is topped with a web-like dome, home to an observation deck and a Wolfgang Puck restaurant.

Dallas Arts District See more buildings designed by Pritzker Prize winners in one contiguous location than anywhere else in the world.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURER

Get Some Fresh Air

White Rock Lake was constructed in 1911 as a water source for Dallas. Today, it's the city's most serene spot for cycling, running, and walking. Spanning more than 1,000 acres in East Dallas, this lush respite is ringed by a 9-mile asphalt loop. Since only nonmotorized boats are allowed on the lake, calm waters beckon canoers, kayakers, and stand-up paddleboarders. Rent a watercraft at **White Rock Paddle Company**.

Go Alfresco

Three more outdoor escapes

Klyde Warren Park This new, buzzing expanse, built atop a downtown freeway, hosts food trucks, fitness classes, and musical performances.

Dallas Farmers Market A portion of this local fixture reopened in August after a five-month renovation. The highlight? A stage for live music and chef demonstrations.

Trinity River Audubon Center An elevated path winds through prairie, wetland, and forest habitats at this peaceful nature preserve.

Make a Move

The best spots to hike, bike, and jog

Trinity Skyline Trail This nearly 5-mile stretch along the Trinity River debuted in June and offers stellar downtown views.

Katy Trail Parts of this path—which runs from Victory Park to Knox-Henderson—are made of recycled rubber, a boon for runners.

Oak Cliff Nature Preserve Take the DART Red Line to Westmoreland Station, and discover 8 miles of mountain-biking terrain.



FOODIE

Sample Innovative Eats

Looking for the cutting edge of Dallas' culinary scene? You'll find it in a former truck terminal just over the Trinity River from downtown. By funding fledgling restaurant concepts, [Trinity Groves](#) gives up-and-coming chefs a stage on which to show off their talent. Choose from 13 venues slinging everything from lobster corn dogs (Resto Gastro Bistro) to bacon toffee (Kate Weiser Chocolate). The catch? Each has 18 months to prove their success before they either secure a spot or clear out for the next big thing.

When In Texas

Sink your teeth into the city's best 'cue

[Pecan Lodge](#) What began as a catering company out of the back of a pickup truck has exploded into the holy grail of barbecue in Dallas. Get there early.

[Lockhart Smokehouse](#) Here you'll find sausage shipped from the legendary Kreuz Market in Lockhart, Texas, served on crumpled butcher paper.

[The Slow Bone](#) Besides the ribs, the prime attractions here are the sides and desserts. Think sweet potato casserole, cornbread pudding, and silky sweet-tea pie.

[Smoke](#) With dishes like coffee-cured brisket and smoked pork chops, chef Tim Byres brings high style to smoked meat.

What's Brewing

Our favorite local craft beers

[Mosaic IPA](#) Named for the hops variety used in it, this strong and smooth IPA from Community Beer Company goes down easy.

[Velvet Hammer](#) This Imperial Red Ale, with hints of caramel and brown sugar, is the crown jewel of Peticolas Brewing Company.

[The Temptress](#) Lakewood Brewing Company's imperial milk stout possesses a full body and rich chocolate flavor.

ART ENTHUSIAST

Explore Urban Art

To get to Dallas' most artistically vibrant neighborhood, take the [DART](#) Green Line to the Deep Ellum station. Here, kaleidoscopic murals beautify aging brick exteriors, and striking sculptures transform streetscapes. Tour this creative hotbed with one of the area's most respected graffiti artists, [Jerod "DTOX" Davies](#), who crams as much backstory on the local aerosol art scene as he can into an hour, followed by a spray-paint stenciling class at his studio.

In Good Shape

Three standout spots to seek inspiration

Nasher Sculpture Center More than 300 sculptures, including Joan Miró's "Moonbird," rise above the grassy grounds of this modern-art mecca's garden.

NorthPark Center Mark di Suvero's "Ad Astra" commands an atrium in this high-end mall. Also on display: works from Frank Stella and Andy Warhol.

Kettle Art Gallery A creative space run by volunteering artists, this Deep Ellum gallery shines a light on emerging local talent.

Sleep On It

Book a room at one of these art-filled hotels

The Joule This posh spot's sculpture garden touts Tony Tasset's 30-foot "Eye." Inside, ogle works by other contemporary artists.

Omni Dallas Hotel On-site kiosks allow you to request works directly from the local artists behind this hotel's 6,500 pieces of city-themed artwork.

Hotel ZaZa On October 22, photos by Lithuanian artist and filmmaker Jonas Mekas are revealed at this Uptown hotel's art house.

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